



Annual Report 2021- 2022

*Our community * Our Strength *

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Message from President



Namaste. As it has come towards the end of my presidency in NAV. It has been an absolute privilege and pleasure to represent NAV as its president from 2020 to 2022; as an executive member prior from 2018 to 2020. My journey in NAV has been quite an experience to say the least with many ups and downs, and stumbles in between. I cannot emphasize enough, how I could not have made it this far without the unconditional support of my Wife and Family.

In the years when many projects have had their plans “stalled and stilled” NAV has been able to achieve quite a lot. Most of our major projects took place, good times were had, good relations were built with many Multicultural Communities within Victoria, an opportunity to work alongside Victorian Multicultural Commissioners, Department of Health and Human Services, Multicultural Business Leaders, and many Community Leaders. Along with these achievements I was also honoured to have had the opportunity to learn, be guided and work beside NAV Founder members, all Former Presidents, Advisors and all Victorian Nepalese and Multicultural Community Leaders. As our members had worked so hard during our time in NAV, especially in the COVID era. We were able to celebrate NAV’s monumental 25th Anniversary making it the highlight in our year.

NAV have a committee that strives and works positively to promote community connection with all multicultural community organizations. During the peak of COVID we have had to adapt to run some of our projects. The year ahead is still clouded with COVID uncertainty but generally there is more optimism. I look forward to an interesting year ahead for NAV’s upcoming milestone through projects and experiences for the new executive committee.

Executive Committee: The committee were able to contribute their valuable time and energy to the best of their capability. The committee is a mixture of members with a long association with NAV and more newly arrived members. This keeps the committee fresh. Individuals in our committee have different personalities which at times may balance each other. The initiatives followed through or in progress are testament to a committee that can achieve momentum and cohesion. I thank all my committee members most sincerely for the support they give to me as president and to each other.

NAV Founder members/ Former Presidents/ Advisors: NAV is a historical and broad Nepalese organization in Victoria. Committee work is only ONE part. Our relationship with NAV's Founder Members, Former Presidents and Advisors is most important. With their expertise, I was honoured to be guided, consulted and receive tremendous support. I have realized that well communication and interaction between all respected leaders and executive members is essential. Massive support from them during our management of our significant milestone 25th Anniversary project was an important element.

NAV Projects: NAV has achieved numerous projects despite the unfortunate covid peak times. NAV has received grant of \$... from the Victorian Government and Victorian Multicultural Commissions which assist us to provide not only our Nepalese Communities but also many Multicultural Community across Victoria who were in-need. Along with distributing relief packages, we were able to provide relevant virtual and face-face information sessions on Covid Vaccinations. NAV managed to create different types of Covid vaccination Information which includes providing information with 'translated' videos for non-English speaking individuals within our communities to have a better understanding. Link will be attached for reference.

Links are here:

NAV YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCbqJv6ZFZlQd1Vn22ZOdV3A

Website: www.nav.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/nav.victoria

Instagram: [instagram.com/nav19.97](https://www.instagram.com/nav19.97)

NAV Radio: www.facebook.com/melbourne.chautari

Mental Health support is very crucial, especially during that time; therefore 3 to 4 days mental health session was formed, and hotlines contacts were also provided. We received an abundance of positive feedbacks and participants were appreciative.

Skills & Opportunities: Working with the Foundation on our shared interests is also important. NAV is fortunate to have connections with skilled experienced group of individuals who are ambitious within our Nepalese community. Different types of multicultural sports and team were formed such as Cricket, Soccer, Golf, Badminton, and Cultural Performance Team. I hope we continue to provide opportunities for such great talents to continue to showcase their abilities and skills.

Promotion & Achievements: Throughout my years in NAV 2020 – 2022, activities have been strongly promoted. NAV have a strong following on Facebook, official Website and YouTube Channel. We aim to update our social media and Website as frequently as possible with relevant information from the Victorian Government and Community Information. We think we have the

balance right in the number of emails sent to members and complimentary feedback has come through appreciating being informed.

NAV gave plenty of prominence in Multicultural community by attending events. I would also like to mention NAVs' programs and activities would have not been successful without the support of our community members, volunteers, and our valued sponsors. NAV would like to extend our gratitude to Victorian Government, Victorian Multicultural Commissioners, Hume City Council, Moreland City Council, Darebin City Council, Brimbank City Council. Sincere thanks also go to The Consulate General of Nepal to Victoria, ECCV, FeNCAA, NRNA Victoria and all other Nepalese Community Organizations across Victoria for their ongoing support. I would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. Lok Rai, Dr. Tilak Pokharel, Mr. Ranjan Baidhya & Dr. Anupam Pokharel & their team for their continuous commitment to keep the community radio program operational through Melbourne Chautari for 19 years.

We are currently in the process to join all 4 Balchautari school under NAV. Our aim is to teach all four school the same syllabus. We appreciate all school's coordinator and parents for their understanding, time, and efforts. As mentioned above NAV has achieved several projects, please refer to the accompanying report attached that gives in-depth information.

Attachment file below please follow us our website, YouTube channel, Facebook and Instagram for more details.

25th Anniversary flashback:

NAV's 25th Anniversary was held on 3rd April 2022, participation by Ministers, Victorian Multicultural Commissioners, DHHS staffs, Multicultural Community and Business Leaders, and Nepalese Community Leaders within Victoria an example of our mutual support and mutual interests. NAV 25th Anniversary souvenir booklet was exhibited on day of celebration by The Hon. Ros Spence (Minister for Multicultural Affairs). It has information and highlights of NAV's achievements and history since it officially established in the year of 1997 however, it is to be noted NAV was unofficially established in the year of 1993. The booklet is the result of hard-work and celebration of all Nepalese and Multicultural of Victoria. It contains personalized messages from Australian Prime Minister, Premier of Victoria, Leader of Opposition, Ministers, VMC, Embassy of Nepal, Consulate General of Nepal to Victoria, all other valuable Community Leaders and all our valuable community business leaders in Victoria.

NAV'S History: The Nepalese Association of Victoria has completed 25 years of its establishment, a rare milestone achievement for any communities' organizations. The journey of 25 years conveys the history of Nepali community settlement in Victoria and their

contributions. The name Nepalese Association of Victoria was endorsed after discussion with prominent community members of the Nepali community at the time, from its initial proposed name 'Nepalese/Gurkha Community' in a meeting held on June 19, 1994. The community's desire to make an inclusive organization to represent all people of Nepali descent living in Victoria was the primary reason for agreeing to the above name.

The main objective of the organization identified was to unite and work for the community wellbeing and promote our cultural diversity for the benefit of all Nepalis living in Victoria. It decided to do so by organizing meetings of Nepalis and take necessary action to address their problems. The meeting also outlined the rules and regulations for the organization. It was decided that to become member of the organization, a person should have resided in Victoria for at least three months with legal visa status of residency and or citizenship. You will be able to receive more information on NAV's official website.

Volunteer Recognition: We are extremely lucky to have great numbers of volunteers to help NAV reach its goal. Our volunteers spent their dedicated time and energy distributing food relief packages to those in need. We were able to reach the wider parts of Victoria such as Ballarat, Bendigo and Shepperton because of them. We were also able to work along with other Multicultural organizations during these hard times. These joint efforts strengthen NAV and other organizations as we appreciate the inputs that different sources bring to our organization and with wider involvement, we increase the impact of our efforts.

Having volunteers participating in varieties of sports events and awareness program such as covid information session and mental health made a huge impact. They have been recognized and appreciated especially in our 25th Anniversary where we delivered a "certificate of appreciation and token of love" for their tremendous support.

Summary: In the past 2 years, we had some members leave and some join the organization in NAV. As some members who had decided to leave the organization, were not able cope with the pressure and the expectation that comes with working in NAV. This resulted in taking a bit of time for me to fill this void within the team. Although I felt a bit of pressure in that setback. In my opinion, this is understandable as it is important to note, NAV is a voluntary organization and people do have other priorities. Majority of members joined NAV to gain opportunities and learn and I hope they were able to attain what they expected from NAV. Despite the hindrance, we worked hard and with the support of Victorian Government's grant approved, we were able to go through many projects and came out successful.

Membership: There has been an increase in life-time memberships this year **30th June 2022**

Life Members - 139

Active Members – 711

Active & Inactive members Total - 2077

Overall, I would like to mention it has been an honour to have been given the opportunity to serve as the president for NAV 2020-2022. I was able to witness NAV reach the wider community of Victoria, built great relationships with our Government, VMC and all other Multicultural Communities in Victoria. To be a part of this journey is absolutely remarkable.

I would like to congratulate the newly elected executive committee for their successful tenure. I hope you enjoy the years ahead and become richer for your involvement with NAV.

Ram Gurung,

President of the Nepalese Association of Victoria Inc.

Executive Committee 2020-2022

- **NAV Executive Committee 2020- 2022**
 - President: Mr. Ram Gurung
 - Vice President: Mr. Prem Raj Upreti
 - Vice President: Miss Lalisha Thapa
 - Secretary: Er. Bimlesh Kumar Ranjitkar
 - Treasurer: Dr. Yakindra Timilsena
 - Joint Treasurer: Mr. Hem Raj Chalise
 - Joint Secretary: Miss Punam Gurung

- **Executive Members:**
 - Mr. Krishna Chalise
 - Mr. Nabin Shrestha

Members who have resigned from the executive committee

- Mrs. Man Maya Gurung
- Mr. Sudip Shrestha
- Mr. Bidur Sharma Giri
- Mrs. Ganga Acharya

Advisory Committee

President Council

S.No.	Name	Year of Commitments
1	Dr. Raju Adhikari	1997 - 2001
2	Mr. Ranjan Baidhya	2003 - 2007
3	Dr. Deepak Raj Panta	2007 - 2009
4	Mr. Bom Yonjan	2009 - 2014
5	Mr. Sudhir Shakya	2014 - 2016
6	Dr. Anupam Pokharel	2016 - 2018
7	Mr. Tara Gaire	2018 - 2020

(All past presidents, from 1 to 7 in the above list, are members of the presidential council as per NAV constitution-2016).

NAV Honorary Advisors: -

1. Mr. Chandra Yonjan, Honorary Consulate General of Nepal to Victoria
2. Dr. Shesh Ghale

NAV Counsellor Advisors: -

1. NRNA ACC : Mr. Hari Khadka
2. ANMC President : Mr. Rajesh Acharya
3. Didi Bahini Samaj Victoria : Dr. Jamuna Parajuli
4. NAV Bal Chautari : Mr. Surendra Sedhai

NAV Advisory Committee: -

1. Mr. Jog Limbu
2. Dr. Surendra Rauniyar
3. Mr. Deepa Rai
4. Mr. Durga Acharya
5. Mr. Som Gurung
6. Mr. Narayan Kafle
7. Ms. Madhuri Maskey
8. Mr. Ganesh Paudel
9. Mr. Keshav Kandel
10. Mr. Lok Raj Paudel
11. Mr. Mahadev Dhanuk
12. Mr. Sunil Mainali
13. Mr. Suraj Khatri

14. Mr. Sunil Bhandari
15. Mr. Lal Prasad Kandel
16. Mr. Parsuram Sharma Luitel, NAV Project Coordination Advisor

Details of NAV Activities in Financial Year 2021 / 2022

START OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021 and END of the June 2022

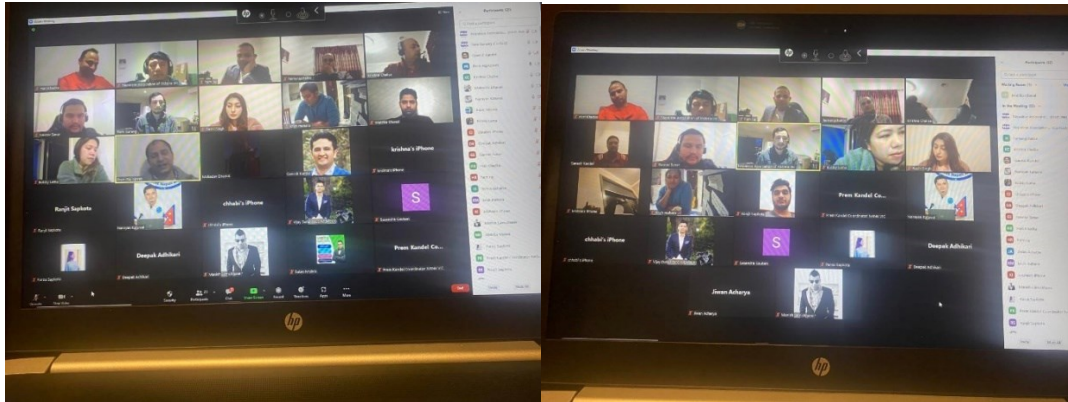
10/07/2021 Saturday @ 9am to 1300pm. NAV Schools Curriculum (Face to face) discussion session and Covid Vaccination information collaborated with DPV Health. All schools and Parents are attended in that session. **Program coordinator by Mr. Krishan Chalise.**



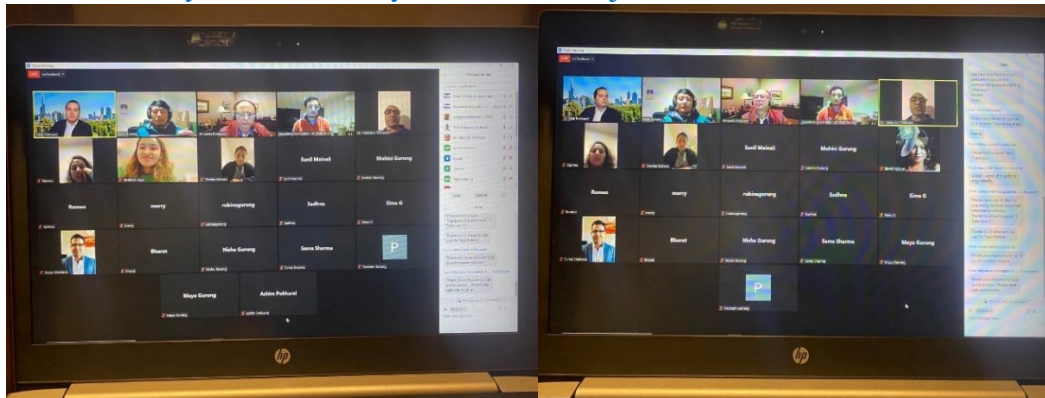
1. **10/07/2021 Saturday @ 1400-1800pm.** NAV organised Covid-19 Vax information session (face to face) collaborated with DMNC. It was great and very informative session more than 60 people get benefits from that session. Mernda Jindi Community Hall. Facilitator DHHS Manager Dr. Mohmmmed Mohideen and management by Parsu Ram Sharma. **Program Coordinated- Hem Chalise.**



2. **14/08/2021 Saturday@1700- 1900.** NAV and NRNA Victoria meet, greet & introduction session was grateful. Conclusion was work together help each other.



3. **15/08/2021 Sunday@1800- 19.30.** Zoom online, NAV & Shiny Mind Australia Collaborated “Managing Menta Health in repeated Lockdown”. Live streaming from NAV Facebook page. It was many peoples get benefits from this program around the global. Psychiatrist Dr. Anupam Pokhrel & Moderator Dr. Tilak Pokhrel.
[Coordinator by NAV Secretary Bimlesh K Ranjitkar.](#)



4. **29/08/2021 Sunday@1900-2100.** NAV organised the Covid updated information session with Victoria Nepali Community A Q&A session. Live streamed from NAV Facebook page more than 10k viewers and it was absolutely risen lots of questions and answers. Moderator Dr. Raju Adhikari with all other Doctors panellists are there. Dr. Chandra Dipak Pokhrel, Dr BK Subedi & New generation Dr. Sambridhi Adhikari.
[Program Hosted by Prerana Malla Program co-hosted by Bimlesh Ranjitkar.](#)

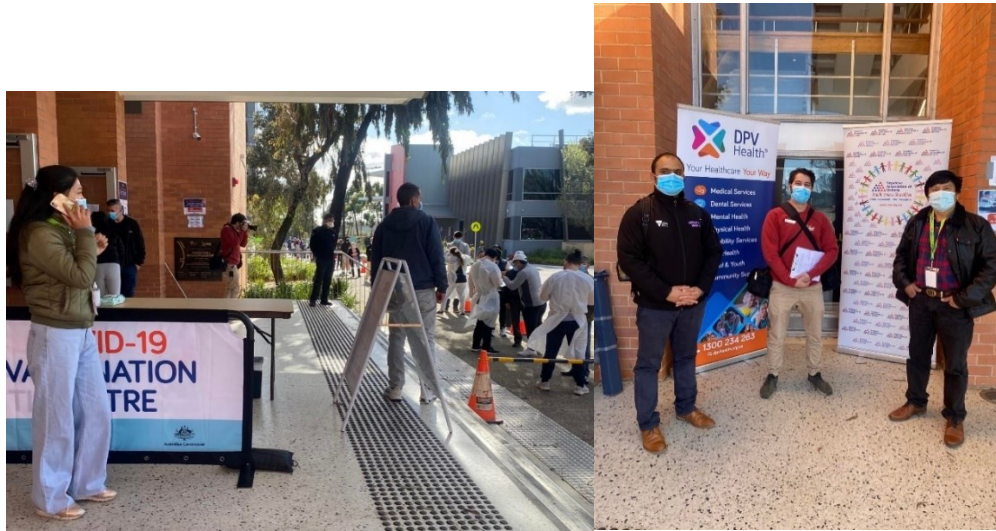


5. **11/09/2021 Saturday @ “NAV MEGHA TEEJ SANJH 2021”** We had planned since few months but cancelled due to Covid-19 Lockdown. NAV has released Well Wishes Videos from Minister Ros Spence MP, VMC Viv, Nepal Consulate Mrs Laxmi Yonjan, all Victorian Women Leaders and top Artists from Nepal. It was Great example we have achieved during Covid restriction well wishes including more information about Covid pandemic situation as well.

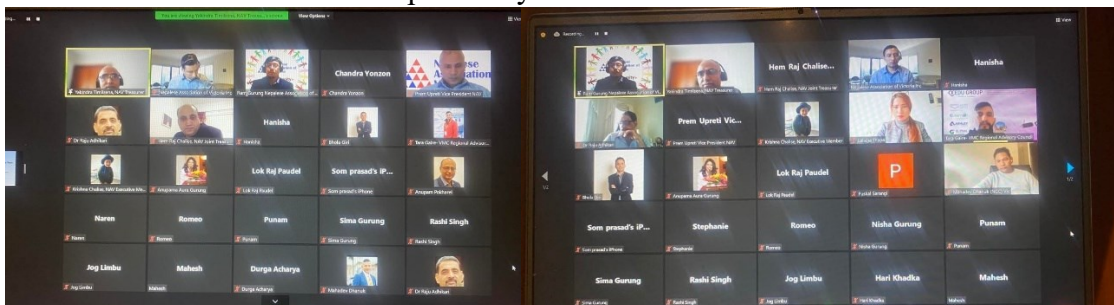
YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QlqYtT2UZOE>



6. **12/09/2021 Sunday @ 9am to 1400pm.** NAV has organised the Vaccination hub collaborated with DHHS and DPV Health organisation. It was Very successful program more than 50 members get vaccinated on that days more on continuously working with DHHS supporting our community to encourage vaccinated in Broadmeadow Community Centre. Coordinated by President Ram Gurung.



7. **22/09/2021 Wednesday @ 9 am to 1200.** NAV went as supporter only for encourages our Nepali community Hazel glen Campus. Coordinated by President Ram Gurung
8. **1st, 2nd & 3rd October 2021.** Epping Secondary Collage NAV has promoting and encourages to our Nepali community. Coordinated by President Ram Gurung
9. **24/10/2021 Sunday 1st AGM @ 6pm to 8pm.** NAV first Annual General Meeting minutes from 2020 has been passed by AGM members.



10. **31/10/2021 Sunday @ 5pm - 9pm.** Deewali and Chhath pooja collaboration with Farwest Nepalese Society of Victoria. Suvakamana and Covid Vaccination information session online Zoom DPV Health Coordinated by Dr. Yakindra Timilsena

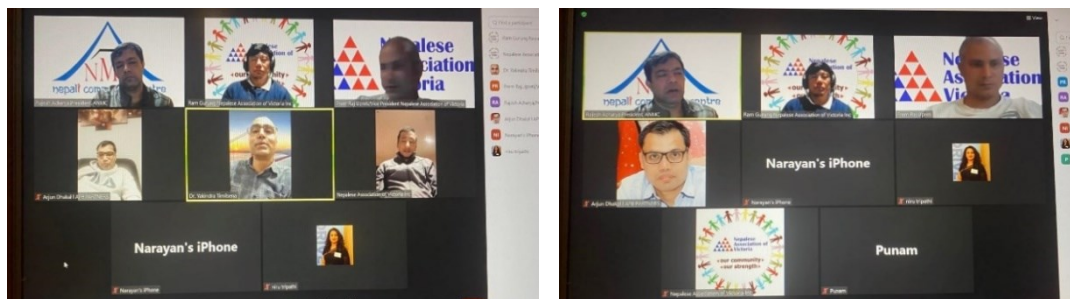
11. **10/11/2021 Wednesday 2 6pm 7.30pm.** Chhath Parve celebration support to Madhesi Community Victoria.NAV support & Coordinated Covid Vaccination session. Coordinated by Ram Gurung



12. **13 & 14/11/2021 – 2nd NAV Multicultural Soccer Tournament** Multi Dynamic presents collaboration with RWC 2 Coburg Cycling club ground 34 Charles st. Coburg. Coordinated by VP Prem Upreti



13. **18/11/2021 Meet & Greet Program with NAV and ANMC.** NAV and ANMC meet and greet program, it was discussion about how to support funding program ANMC concept was came through both teams agreed to help for fund raising campaign program



in future. Coordinated by Ram Gurung

14. **21/11/2021 Via Zoom.** Open discussion with all Victorian Nepali communities NAV's 25th Anniversary celebration. We had huge discussion and get positive feedback from various community leaders. Coordinated by Ram Gurung



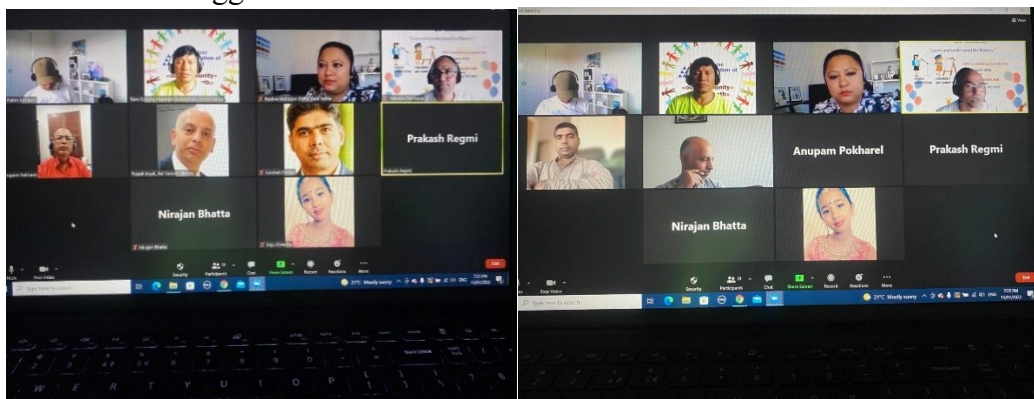
15. **04/12/2021 Gala Dinner Refugee Community Victoria.** Attend in Gala Dinner for Supported from NAV show our Nepali community organisations inclusiveness in multiculturalism.



16. **05/12/2021 Senior Citizen AGM.** Attend and support from NAV, Support and respect our seniors' citizens and senior community leaders.



17. **15/01/2022 Online Zoom.** Open discussion with all Victorian schools about speech competition all Nepali schools. We had open discussion with all Nepali schools how to make successful speech competition on the Australia Day. from Victoria take their feedback and suggestion



18. **26/01/2022 Australia Day Celebration.** Speech competition, blood donation supported by NAV in collaboration with RWC, support to Community Response Australia by NAV participation to show our unity, diversity and multiculturalism support from a NAV representative.



19. **09/01/2022 17th NAV Cup Cricket 2022 start.** NAV Cup cricket starts today, a total of ten club participating. This Tournament will two month long. Coordinated by Prem Upreti



20. **20/02/2022 Charity Match.** Charity match is organising with different sectors, NAV team, NRNA Vic Team, Community & Business leaders, Real Estate team, Educational and administrative, Community Nobel entrepreneurs. NAV raised \$5000 and handed over to ANMC support.
21. **26/02/2022 Historical Meet and Greet with.** Veterans, Past President, Founder members, Founder advisors' interview, past experiences, and some advice (making short historical documentary)



22. **09/03/2022 Pipal Tree Plant in ANMC land.** NAV has planted the Pipal Tree in ANMC Land 100 Duncans Lane, Duggers Rest Vic 3427 on 9th March 2022 which is involved with all communities' leaders on the day.





23. **13/03/2022 Separaton Nepalese Community Holi Festival.** NAV President involved with other team members to assist and personal contribution to the Holi Festival in Shepparton Nepalese Community.



24. **19/03/2022 NAV President:** attended show our Nepalese solidarity in VMC Gala dinner with few other members from Nepalese Communities.



25. **27/03/2022 President** attended and support to same day NRNA Victoria Fustal and Kandel Consultancy Cup 2022.



26. **03/04/20-22** NAV Significant Milestone & Historical Silver Jubilee Celebration 2022.

NAV celebrated the Silver jubilee anniversary of its establishment with a great multicultural showcase program. The event was attended by a host of dignitaries Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Youth Hon Ros Spence representing Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews, VMC Chair Ms Vivienne Nguyen, Federal and State MPs, FECCA, EECV representatives, Mayor, Council members, CALD Communities leaders, and Nepalese communities. 370 people attended the event on the night representing different government departments, CALD communities, and the community at large.



27. **17/04/2022 President** attend & support to Community Response Australia organised the Multicultural Melbourne Festival Carnival 2022 outdoor program.



28. **1/05/2022 Sunday 11th NAV Multicultural Grace Presents Golf Cup:** Yarra bend Golf Course Fairfield Vic 3078



29. 15/05/2022 - 25th Anniversary Volunteers appreciation program



30. 29/05/2022 Sunday International Everest day celebration with Fencaa



31. 09/06/2022 Thursday Radiothorn Program- we rise fund \$1677.11



1. Education and training activities:

- Melbourne Chautari and Radiothon
- NAV Bal Chautari, Thomastown
- NAV Bal Chautari West
- Balbikash Pathshaal DMNC
- NAV Balchautarai Wyndham West

Note: All NAV Schools are teaching one curriculum and formed one group which is supervision & coordinated by NAV. Each school 2 representative in that team to run schools.

- Melbourne Chautari – we build up next level of Radio every week giving awareness information through Melbourne Chautari, which is all credit goes to Dr. Tilak Ji, Lok Rai ji, Ranjan Baidhya ji and all Melbourne Chautari team. And fully support from our executive team.

2. Cultural, Sports & awareness Activities:

NAV Official YouTube channel link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kukVkaZ6DqM>

1. NAV Teej 2022 (We have made planned but new team will continue)
3. Bal Diwas 2022- we couldn't celebrate, but we celebrate Speech competition through virtual in Australian Day 26th January 2022 it was all Victorian Nepalese Schools are participated which is grand successful and great achievement.
5. NAV 25th Anniversary- NAV significant milestone 25th Anniversary held on 3rd April 2022 it was grand successful and, which is we made early planed since 2020.
6. NAV Cup cricket 2022- we continue that we had total 10 team.
7. NAV 11th Grace Presents Golf Tournament 2022- We went to next level that multicultural, and we had MOU signed with Grace international migration & visa services to keep running this program to active our sports lovers.
8. Advisors & former presidents Meet and Greet virtual Program.

3. Awareness Program – in Association with NRNA Victoria:

- Covid-19 Awareness sessions – Covid-19 Awareness information session face to face program collaboration with 7 local communities in Victoria which is Grant provided by Victoria Government
- Covid 19 Vaccination encouragement Videos and awareness short videos through our official YouTube channel, website, and social media
- Mental Health 5 session - Jointly collaborated with Shiny mind Australia & ANPL

4. Other Community Support:

- Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre
- Consulate General of Nepal to Victoria
- NRNA Victoria
- All Nepali Communities in Victoria.

Since COVID-19 Outbreak started in Victoria members of the community got affected and most of the vulnerable groups are international students/temporary residents. Most of the international students that have arrived recently have not been in the workforce. NAV has received 3 phases Grant which is PRMC-1 PRMC-2 & PRMC-3 and Brokerages Grant-1 & Brokerage Grant-2 so its huge successfully we managed. NAV started to provide essential groceries and shopping assistance for all multiculturalism in Victoria included Ballarat and Shepparton. Around 3000 peoples bead get benefits from this. The support we provided to those venerable people are:

- I hope new team will be continuously working together in COVID-19 Taskforce in Victoria.

Thank you and Namaste again,

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