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'New Year Nepal Samvat 1141 observed in London'

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Every year Nepal Samvat and Mha Puja celebration is a very looked forward event of Pasa Puchah Guthi UK, London. This year, with ongoing pandemic and the lockdown in the UK, Pasa Puchah Guthi UK (PPGUK) London celebrated New year of Nepal's original era Nepal Samvat 1141 by organising an 'Online Nepal Samvat 1141' celebration between 2pm-5pm (GMT) via Facebook. Around 80 members were online during the live hosting of the program out of which 30 Guthi members joined to exchange New Year's vintuna greetings later in the program via Zoom.

Program started with Vice President of PPGUK London, Mr Sandeep Shrestha welcoming all members to the live event. Ambassador of Nepal to the United Kingdom and Ireland, Dr Durga Bahadur Subedi graced the event live by conveying New Year greetings on the occasion of New Year of Nepal Samvat 1141. President of PPGUK London, Ms. Rukmani Manandhar addressed the live attendees by reaffirming the commitment of the current executive committee in preserving Newah Language and Culture in the UK. President of PPGUK, Board of Trustees, Mr Ojesh Singh extended the new year's greeting to everyone present and also released the annual *Guthi* Magazine online alongside President Ms Rukmani Manadhar. The 20th edition of *Guthi* Magazine was dedicated to PPGUK's 20th year anniversary in the UK and also specially dedicated to the frontline workers, who are working effortlessly during this coronavirus pandemic. During the event Ms Amita Shrestha, Executive Member of PPGUK London also shared her guidelines on how to perform Mha Puja.

The cultural segment of celebration started with a Nepal bhasa song performed by children of age below ten years – Aarush Sing, Oneek Singh and Sareen Shrestha who introduced themselves as "Kutah Band". The performance was followed by several traditional Nepali and Newah dances performances including those by Aastha Joshi, Shaylee Dongol, Biviya Shrestha, Shubhashish Shrestha, Maiya Maharjan, Bhaila Dance (Sushil parajapati, Satya Prasad Prajapati, Ashok Awal, Ayusha Shrestha, Irvin Shrestha, Ashish Shrestha and Mintu Shrestha) and cultural secretary Ms Rashmita Singh Darlami.

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Similarly, the event also consisted of several traditional Musical performances by Madan Thapa, Jessica Shrestha, Raphi Shrestha, Raj Manandhar, Pramod Sharma, Sameepa Shrestha and Vice president Sandeep Shrestha.

Founding members of PPGUK, Mr Bal Mukunda Joshi, Mr Uttam Amatya, Mr Shashidhar Manadhar, Mr Amrit Ratna Sthapit, Mr Arjun Pradhan along with Presidents and members of other PPGUK branches and other organisations Ms Janaki Kayastha (PPGUK Reading), Ms Pratima Joshi (PPGUK Aldershot), Mr Sushil Prajapati (PPGUK South East London), Mr Vijay Dangol (PPGUK Scotland) and Mr Binod Bikash Simkhada (NNAUK) also extended their New Year's greetings to those present.

After the formal and cultural segment all general PPGUK members joined to share their new year greetings live via zoom. Attendees were also presented with artwork of 'Shankhadhar Shakhwa' created by Ms Sarita Maharjan, New Year Message by Ms Palistha Maharjan and Mandala created in Minecraft by Kids of Guthi. The online event concluded with the Online Rally of Nepal Samvat 1141 led by and vote of thanks by General Secretary Ms Pranisha Shakya.