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'New Year Nepal Samvat 1142 observed in London'

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As Londoners were getting vaccinated and trying to get back to normal life, with winter approaching, Covid cases started to increase. Despite attempts to start hosting face-to-face events, Nepal Samvat 1142 was observed by PPGUK London virtually this year too. Nepal's original era Nepal Samvat is an important event in the calendar. The online celebration took place between 2pm-4pm (GMT) via Zoom also broadcasted on the official PPGUK Facebook page Live. Around 25 members joined in Zoom while around 60 members in real time enjoyed the Facebook live broadcast.

Program started with Vice President of PPGUK London, Mr Sandeep Shrestha welcoming all members to the live event. Followed swiftly by President Ms Rukmani Manandhar's address to everyone present. She thanked all members for their kind donation to the Covid 19 fund to Nepal and thanked all our sponsors who continue to support us every year. A quick video of all the events organised in the past year was played to relive the fond memories with our members. Before starting the cultural segment of the event, Culture Secretary Ms Rashmita Darlami opened the floor for all the members who attended to exchange New Year's Vintuna greetings to one another. President of PPGUK, Board of Trustees, Mr Ojesh Singh extended the new year's greeting to everyone present along with all the other attendees.

The cultural segment of celebration started with a Nepalbhasa song performed by Lakhey dance from PPG UK South East London branch. Then popular singer Mrs Mathura Pradhan sang her own Nepalbhasa song on her soothing voice. Mr Deepak Thapa then beautifully sang the famous Rajamati Kumati song. Like every year, this year was also, the boys from Kutah band who are all of age ten years and below – Aarush Sing, Oneek Singh and Sareen Shrestha showcased their talent singing another very popular NepalBhasa song Maicha by the Emerge band. A traditional dance performed by mother daughter duo or Shreeja and Shaylee Dangol gave some variety in the virtual event.

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After the song and dance performances we had Jessica Shrestha play two songs on her keyboards. Representing PPGUK Aldershot, Sulav Kayastha performed a soothing clip playing his flute. Sharmila Bardewa, popular Nepali singer and personality in UK performed a Nepali song and exchanged New Year greetings. The last performance of the cultural segment was by singer Mathura Pradhan and Pradeep Shrestha, they presented a melodious duet song originally performed by Uday and Manila Sotang.

After the formal and cultural segment ended President Rukmani Manandhar concluded the event with a vote of thanks to all performers, hosts, attendees and all members.