Communist Party of Nepal (UML) stages biggest pro-democracy rally since King’s take over

Friday: As King Gyanendra returned from his 3 week international tour in Asia and Africa, Communist Party of Nepal (United-Marxist-Leninist) held a rally and mass meeting of size not seen since the Royal takeover on 1 Feb. 05. Party General Secretary Madhav Kumar Nepal indicated the mass meeting as preparation for inevitable changes to come as thousands of people chanted anti-king and pro-democracy slogans in New Baneshwor. Although there were rumors that the District Administration Office had restricted mass gatherings in New Baneshwor, it was later dismissed by Chief District Officer himself. Page 20

INGOS and NGO fight against the “Code of Conduct”

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Catching Up With Uglyz

They look good and they know it. Talented too. A year after their debut album Rush, The Uglyz lead the 8th Annual Close Up Hits FM Music Awards with 6 nominations largely because of their first single and video Audai Jadai, a pop-rock balad. Reformed in 2004 with Sarun on guitar and vocals, Sudip on guitar and Sandesh on violin, the boys admit they weren’t expecting such overwhelming prominence but are delighted with the fact. Nepali Aawaz’s Sahara Shrestha caught up with the group for chat. Page 11
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The Ride of His Life:

Last year a few protesters pelted stones at a military general’s jeep in Kathmandu. The general, upset by the incident, stopped his motorcade, jumped out of the SUV, and ordered his security detail, the military police and other policemen and army personnel present, to shoot at the crowd without discretion. Luckily, the commanded officers had more sense than the commanding officer.

This week, as the King arrived from his 3 week international tour, Prince Paras headed to the airport to welcome and pick up his father. The route to the airport, passing through Baneshwor, has seen countless royal motorcades. The area has also always been a hotbed for protest, particularly because of the student unions of the colleges there. As mundane as the motorcade was, and despite the fact that there is a growing frustration against the monarchy and the military in Nepal, no one had expected what would happen next (not to say no one had ever planned it before): protesters and members of the general public pelted stones at the royal motorcade! Outrageous! Unheard of! Unpatriotic even. Perhaps, none of the above.

The Prince reacted by questioning the security officials about the incident, demanding an explanation. The security officials? What will they say? That a security lapse caused a playful child to accidentally throw a stone that accidentally hit the motorcade?

Or will the security officers say, “Your majesty, Crown Prince Paras Bir Bikram Shah Dev, the stone was pelted because your citizens are unhappy and frustrated with the monarchy and have been so for a while now because they have not been treated right because the leaders in the 10 years of democracy didn’t live up to their promises but more so because your highness’ family through history has not particularly been selfless for the people in the last 250 or so years and also because your highness in particular have a reputation of being a royal drunk gun singer, and your majesty is still viewed by many as being involved in the massacre of your relatives so that your father may become the king and your highness the crown price, and so that the ‘rightful’ right of being the unquestioned ruler of Nepal shall forever be in your family’s direct bloodline and more recently because your father, His Majesty the King crushed democracy in the country by forcefully trying to silence the media, the citizens and just about any Nepali who questions his authority is being declared unpatriotic and even jailed and also because your majesty publicly lives a life of a luxury and abuse your authority while publicly your citizens die of hunger, diseases for which cures have long been found, and while your citizens are being forced to give the authority of their thoughts and voices to your family....”

Instead of blowing steam and rage at security officials, and spending his time DJing in the palace and at night clubs, the prince should question himself and read a few books. Better yet, if he has the stomach and the mind strong enough for it, as the citizens of the country he is one day supposed to inherit before there is no country left to inherit or before his father is in a position where he doesn’t have a country for his son to inherit.

Prince Paras should be glad that he wasn’t on his infamous Harley Davidson cruises at the time.

Name with held upon request, NY
Devika publishes book, helps children in Nepal


On 3 Dec. Devika was busy being whisked away by her father Ashok Gurung from one curious reader to another buyer of her book at NYU during the Hope Project Fundraiser. With a smile and a few giggles, she talked about her book, which was on sale at the event to support the cause of education in Nepal. “I was very happy. I could help. I have been to Nepal and I have made donations to different projects to help children in Nepal before too,” she says. “I know I am very fortunate to have the life and opportunities that I have and I want to share it with others who need it.”

The idea of publishing the book came up when Devika’s grandfather read the story she had written for a school assignment. “I didn’t think it was going to be published, I was writing it for school but my grandad father liked it a lot and he insisted on sending it to publishers and they liked it too. I was very surprised but also very excited,” the young author tells us.

The New York native also hopes that she will be able to translate her book, sold primarily in her school’s book store, to Nepali so that children in Nepal who can’t read English will be able to read the story. But what does this little girl read when she has time? “Of course I love the Harry Potter series, but I also loved reading books like Memoirs of a Geisha, Life of Pi, The Kite Runner. I love books!”

Nepali wins lottery—twice!

6 Dec. New York. When 30 year old Naresh Chandra Osti’s father in law told him to play the lottery once in a while, he listened. And now, Naresh has won two lotteries that will change his life forever; a DV Lottery and a cash lottery of $250,000.

Naresh is the youngest of six brothers in his family whose father passed away when he was only two years old. The Nawalparasi, Nepal native grew up to become a Chemistry teacher and hoped that one day he would get a chance to do his Ph.D in the subject. “Now I probably can,” he gushes, while talking to Nepali Aawaz about his recent lottery win.

It was just another day for Naresh as he finished his meeting at Rice High School, where he now teaches Chemistry. “But there is a series of events that helped me win this lottery,” he explains bursting with excitement even after a week of having won the lottery. “The meeting finished a little early and a friend of mine dropped me home in his car. Since I got home early I decided to go buy grocery. There is a particular shop where I always buy my NV Lotto so that day as I walked past it thinking I would buy it on the way back,” he recalls. “While I was coming out of the grocery store I noticed a new shop that sold lottery so I decided to try my luck there. And luck he found.

By the time he had finished scratching the 2nd game in his Holiday Cash scratch card, he figured he had lost his $5. But the 3rd game proved lucky; as he realised he had the winning numbers he slowly scratched the winning amount printed below it. “I saw $25 so I figured that’s what I won. Then I scratched and saw a zero, then another and another and by the end of it I realised I had won $250,000. It was beyond my imagina- nation, I was itching to burst out with excitement but my father in law had also been busy being whisked away by his father.

Unable to contain himself, he called home on his cellphone and asked his wife to meet him down on the street outside their apartment. “My mother cried with happiness when she found out,” he told us.

It seems this holiday season will truly be a joyful one for him. His daughter turned a year old on 30 October and 9 Jan. 06 will mark a year of his arrival in the US after winning the DV Lottery. “I have always wanted to pursue further studies and that’s what I did.”

Nepalis discuss country's situation

3 Dec. Houston, Texas. A group of Nepalis here have initiated a regular meeting to discuss how to monitor Nepal’s current political developments and plan how Nepalis in the area might be able to help make it better. Amongst the various topics discussed, the most prominent was the recent 12 points agreement between the seven parties’ alliance, the government’s reaction to it and the work left for the alliance to achieve the goal of total democracy.

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First Nepali film fest in Toronto

3 Dec. Toronto. University of Toronto’s Nepal Group and Namaste Radio co-organised the first ever Nepali film festival at the Innis Town Hall here. The festival was primarily held to raise money for Namaste Radio, the first Nepali radio show in Canada, to stay on air.

Secret appointments in Nepali Student Union?

5 Dec. Kathmandu. According to sources in Nepal Student Union, the student wing of Nepali Congress, a new Nepali Student Union Central Committee has been formed under the presidency of Mahendra Bista who is also regarded by many as the “dharma-putra” of Sushil Koirala. Badri Pandey is to be the committee’s General Secretary. Sources also revealed that no one close to the charismatic and popular activist Gagan Thapa or Pradeep Poudel will be included in the central Committee. The top panel instead accused Gagan Thapa and his friends of instigating violence at the 10th National Convention, although it was Gagan and Pradeep who were attacked at the event. Party president had accused Gagan Thapa, who was likely going to be elected NSU President, of being a “palace agent,” a remark he later denied of having made public because the party leaders are afraid it might create a negative stir amongst party workers and well-wisher since Nepali Congress has a few more mass meetings to conclude. The committee maybe reveled after the mass meeting in Pokhara on 9 Dec.

Meanwhile, Gagan Thapa is to be presented to Special Court on 8 Dec. for his “Rajdroha” [treason] indictment for having insulted the Monarchy during a protest.

King Gyanendra reshuffles his cabinet again

6 Dec. Kathmandu. As per the Article 127 of the Kingdom of Nepal 1990, His Majesty the King has reconstituted the cabinet under his Chairmanship with a 35 member cabinet including 14 ministers, 7 state ministers and 14 assistant ministers. The reshuffle even includes some figures close or once affiliated to the currently dissenting political parties.

Portfolio in detail is as follows:

- Dr Tulsi Gir: Vice Chairman and Minister of Water Resources
- Kirtindhi Bist.: Vice Chairman
- Badri Prasad Mandal: Minister of General Administration
- Keshar Bahadur Bista: Minister of Agriculture
- Kamal Thapa: Minister, Home Affairs
- Buddhiraj Bajracharya: Minister of Finance, Commerce and Supplies
- Salim Miya Ansari: Minister of Health
- Buddhiman Tamang: Minister of Local Development
- Prakash Koirala: Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Ramshynath Pandey: Minister of Forestry
- Prakash Ram Bajracharya: Minister of Industry, Commerce and Supplies
- Rameshwar Bista: Minister of Agriculture
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Secret appointments in Nepali Student Union? is insecure about his control over the party and it’s student wings, and that he will favor those who will not question his authority.

Party president Girija Prasad Koirala asked NSU President Keshab Singh to resign last week. Apparently the newly formed committee has not been made public because the party leaders are afraid it might create a negative stir amongst party workers and well-wisher since Nepali Congress has a few more mass meetings to conclude. The committee maybe revealed after the mass meeting in Pokhara on 9 Dec.
Conman Kuman Tamang (below) produced a fake letter from the Maoist and a bullet (above) to extort money in Dharan while claiming to be a Maoist.

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Association of Indigenous and Ethnic Nepalis established

In an event organised by the Nepal Kirati Rai Association of America under the chairmanship of its president Durga Rai, more than one hundred indigenous Nepalis representing different socio-cultural organizations based in New York gathered at Jackson Heights, Queens, to establish the Association of Indigenous and Ethnic Nepalis.

During the event, key note speakers Karma Gyajlen Sherpa (Sherpa Kyuduk Society), Dr Krishna Kumar Rai, Subash Tamang (president, Tamang Society), Narendra Langhali (secretary, Langhali Association), Narayan Gurung, (president, Gurung Tamu Society), Purna Limbu (vice president, Kirat Yaktum Chumilung), Pravaker Rai (founder member, Nepal Kirai Rai Association of America) and Anjan Shrestha (Newari Association of America) discussed the need to have a strong unified organisation for indigenous Nepalis and stressed on the plight of the many indigenous groups in Nepal. New York based attorney Mr Ramesh Shrestha also volunteered to help the association with all it’s legal counsellings.

Nine members have been unani-
mously chosen for the ad hoc committee of the Association of Indigenous and Ethnic Nepalis with Karma Gyajlen Sherpa as its Chairperson. The other members are Narad Muni Rai (Nepal Kirat Rai Association of America), Pashang Sherpa, (Sherpa Kiyduk Society), Anjan Shrestha (Newari Association of America), Subash Tamang (Tamang Society of America), Purna Limbu (Kirat Yaktum Chumilung), Nagendra Rana (Langhali Association), Narayan Gurung, (Gurung Tamu) and Sonam Lama (Mustang Samaj).

All the elected members took the “Oath of the chairs” in front of the general gathering, pledging to move forward as a united fraternity and with a team spirit to meet the goals of the association.

Minister Durga Shrestha warned by CIAA; fired from Ministry days later

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The Code:

Even experts on government panel admit that the recently enforced code of conduct for INGOs is not flawless. Their argument, however, was that most of the social organizations have rejected the code outright though constructive criticism is the need of the hour.

The new Code perceives INGOs as a social organization that “ought to operate transparently in coordination with government programs and local government agencies to serve society.” This, however, also translates as more control over the independence of the INGOs. The code also bars representatives of social organizations from engaging in political activities, which many have declared as being “nonsensical” claiming that it violates Nepal’s international human rights obligations which includes the right to freedom of association.

Sharad Sharma, Member Secretary of the Social Welfare Council (SWC) says, “Critics should not overlook the fact that coordination also prevents duplication of programs.” But when was duplication of development work ever a problem?

The code makes it mandatory for NGOs to audit their transactions annually, which is a continuation of the provisions of the previous code. But this time, it prohibits NGOs from receiving funds from donors that are part of the official foreign aid. That, the code dictates, has to go through the government. “We don’t understand why there is hallucination about foreign aid. We are not stopping donors from funding NGOs. It’s only that they cannot do so as official foreign aid,” SWC officials say.

“A Code of Conduct is normally drawn up by those people or institutions that wish to abide by and are guided by it in a voluntary participatory fashion, Codes of Conduct are not drawn up by another party and then simply promulgated with or without consultation,” UN Resident Coordinator Mathew Kahane stated in a letter sent to the government on behalf of 13 donor nations. In reaction, SWC officials contest that there is no hard and fast rule that it cannot draw up such a code. “Moreover, we had consulted the stakeholders while drafting the code,” Sharma adds. However, Association of International NGOs (AIN), a network of more than 50 INGOs working in Nepal, claimed that they were asked about it once and the follow up meeting never took place. AIN has also been critical of the new Code of Conduct (CoC) as an introduction by the government to constrain and silence the defenders of human rights in the country. In a communiqué issued, AIN expressed its serious concerns about the new CoC for social organizations saying that it was published despite the serious reservations from international community, donors, UN, civil society, International and Nepali NGOs.

The main issue that they picked was since most of the development work in conflict-affected areas is presently done by national and local NGOs, with the support of the INGOs and other agencies, the CoC will limit their necessary flexibility, independence, responsiveness to implement effective support for Nepal’s poorest and most vulnerable people. AIN said in a statement, “The CoC will curtail INGOs’ and local NGOs’ ability to freely and impartially assess and report abuses of human rights.”

New York based Human Rights Watch in a statement came down heavily on the government for introducing a ‘repressive’ Code of Conduct for NGOs/NGOs in a bid to restrict their activities. Their statement said “Ostensibly, the CoC of Conduct regulates the activities of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Nepal. But in reality, it appears to be aimed at silencing critics of King Gyanendra and his government, which came to power after the royal takeover of February 1.” They said that the code violates international legal protections for freedom of expression and freedom of association and is an attempt to “curtail” the work of human rights organisations and international and national social organisations that have been documenting abuses in despite of sustained attacks against them.

Chairman of NGO Federation of Nepal Dr. Arjun Karki alleged that the government has introduced the new code with a view to exert total control on the independent NGO sector. General Secretary Shanta Lal Mulmi, said the NGO community would continue protests of so-called code that the government wanted to use against them as a weapon. Former president Gauri Pradhan said the Federation had already adopted the Code of Conduct for its members four years ago after wide consultations. He said the new code introduced by the government violated country’s law as well as international human rights and humanitarian laws, which Nepal has ratified. President of Nepal Bar Association, Shambhu Thapa, alleged the present government of being ‘unconstitutional and illegal’ and said it not have any legal or moral right to enforce code for others. Ian Martin, chief of the UN Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Nepal, said almost all NGOs were, in one way or the other, considered as human rights defenders. They have the right to conduct human rights works individually or as an organisation, form associations and meet and assemble peacefully. He said the UN agencies and donor groups in Nepal had already conveyed their concerns and had urged the government to reconsider it.

The country director of the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC), Jorg Frieden, said development agencies were facing constraints to launch development activities in rural areas due to Maoist insurgency and that the new code was likely to be yet another limitation to “our collective capacity to deliver.” Ichil Sadamasto of the Association of International NGOs in Nepal (AIN) said he believed that the new code was not introduced for making NGOs transparent or accountable. But he added, “it has been introduced by the government to dominate the development space.” Subodh Pyakurel, chairman of the Informal Sector Service Centre said the NGO sector’s administrative costs are only 15 per cent, while that of the government is a whopping 65 per cent. Expressing dissatisfaction over the code’s requirement for NGOs to make their financial documents public, he said: “We have always presented our financial documents to the CDO and the Social Welfare Council.”

Advocate Sapna Pradhan Malla, president of the Forum for Women, Law and Development, said the ‘attack’ on NGOs was part of its systematic attack on all sectors.

However, member secretary of the Social Welfare Council (SWC) Sarad Sharad claimed that he would revoke their registrations. He said, “If they refuse to implement the code, we will give them a chance for an explanation. If they still refuse to follow it, their registrations will be scrapped”.

A writ petition was filed at the Supreme Court (SC) in the second half of November demanding annulment of the introduced Code of Conduct for I/NGOs. Ten petitioners including Dalit leader Padam Lal BK and advocate Gopal Siwakoti ‘Chintan’ jointly registered the writ petition on behalf of their organizations demanding that the SC order the government to nullify the code of conduct. They argued that the code of conduct is against the fundamental constitutional guarantee of freedom of association and assembly as well as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and it restricts non-governmental organisations from carrying out their activities independently.

In the case, the Council of Ministers, Home Ministry, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, Home Ministry and Social Welfare Council have been made defendants.

The Supreme Court issued show cause notice to the government. Responding to a writ filed by various NGOs at the Supreme Court (SC) against the NGO code of conduct introduced by the government, the SC issued a show cause notice to the government asking it to be present in the court. A single bench of Tapa Bahadur Magar issued the show cause notice ordering the authorities on whether an interim order should be issued as demanded by the petitioners in the case. The petitioners have demanded that the apex court issue an interim order to the government asking it not to implement the code pending final verdict.

After their unsuccessful ploy to govern...
Code of Conduct for Social Organizations and Institutions

(Unofficial Translation)

To make the contribution of social organization in the realm of social development more respectable, institutionalized and effective, this Code of Conduct has been prepared and enforced as per the rights enshrined in the Social Welfare Act, 1992, Article 9 (First Amendment) Ordinance 2005, Clause (I)

1. Short Title and Commencement:
1.1 This Code of Conduct shall be called “Code of Conduct for Social Organizations and Institution, 2005”.
1.2 This Code of Conduct shall come into effect immediately.

1.3 This Code of Conduct shall be applicable to social workers of social organizations and institutions functioning within the Kingdom of Nepal.

2. Definition:
Unless and otherwise stated differently, in this Code of Conduct, the following shall mean:

2.1 “Council” shall mean Social Welfare Council established under Social Welfare Act, 2049.
2.2 “Social Organization and Institution” shall mean all the social organizations and institutions, which are registered in accordance with the prevailing laws of the Kingdom of Nepal or working under international agreements.
2.3 “Social Worker of social organization and institution” means patron, executive office bearer, member, staff, worker, advisor, specialist and consultant working in the social organizations and institutions.

3. Values and Norms:
3.1 Carry out in a transparent manner the social services without any discrimination on the basis of religion, colour, sex, caste or region.
3.2 Endorse and comply with all commitments made in the bilateral and multilateral agreements to which Nepal is a signatory.
3.3 Social workers shall not undertake bi-partisan political activities within the social organizations they are associated with.

4. Priority:
4.1 National and international social organizations and institutions shall give priority to local social organizations and institutions while carrying out the social service activities.
4.2 While selecting such local organizations or institutions objective, competitive and transparent procedure shall be followed in coordination with local government agencies.
4.3 Classes/Communities, which need to be protected by the Society shall be given priority for justifiable dignity and service.
4.4 Social organizations and Institutions shall formulate and carry out the programs in consonance with the policy and program as per chalked out by the national and local periodic plan.

4.5 Discourage for not continuing to remain in the Presidency or Chairpersonship in the social organization and institution for more than two consecutive terms and follow the system.

5. Transparency:
5.1 All the programmes, activities, financial information and assistance received from internal/external sources shall be presented in a transparent manner.
5.2 Annual progress report and financial statement shall be made public in order to ensure that the available financial and other resources received has been utilized for community and social welfare programmes.
5.3 Details of total annual financial transactions shall be submitted in the form of integrated document to the organization’s management, Council, Development Committee and to the donor community as per the necessity.

6. Responsibility and Obligation:
6.1 Social workers of the Social Organization shall be fully responsible individually or collectively for activities carried out by the organization.
6.2 They shall be fully responsible to the targeted group.
6.3 Except for reimbursement of expenses incurred during social works, officials or members of the organization shall not draw salary or any allowances and make the organization a source of income.

7. Spirit of Volunteerism:
7.1 Officials or members of the organization shall be directed by the inherent spirit of volunteerism.
7.2 They shall uphold the principle of impartiality as per clause 8.1 in the formation and operation of executive committee of the organization.

8. Impartiality:
8.1 Social organization and Institutions shall provide services without any discrimination on the basis of religion, colour, sex, caste or region.
8.2 Shall not use financial, material and other resources in activities other than organizational purposes.
8.3 Social worker of the social organization and institution shall not become either the paid employee.
8.4 Social organizations and institutions must be insured as confidential.
8.5 Social services working in Nepal shall not acquire foreign aid earmarked for HMGN as their source of funding.
8.6 Social organizations and institutions shall have to obtain prior approval of the Council for any bilateral, multilateral, and other corporate assistance for their programmes.
8.7 Social organizations shall make arrangements to provide prior information to local bodies before the implementation of the programmes.
8.8 Social organizations shall not be used for personal gains.
8.9 Social organizations shall not be become either the executive office bearer or member, likewise the executive office bearer and member of the social organization shall not become the paid employee.
8.10 Social organizations shall not be used for personal advantage of social workers of the organization.
8.11 Annual budget clearly specifying the proportion of program expenditure and administrative expenditure shall be presented.
8.12 Shall prepare a rational standard of remuneration, services, benefits and allowances and programme expenditure in a realistic manner.

9. Ethics:
9.1 All officials of social organizations and institutions shall be discouraged to work as salaried residential representatives of international social organization and institutions.
9.2 Due respect shall be given to the needy class and communities that need social protection and priority will be given to works that need social service.
9.3 Property of the organization shall not be used for personal gains.
9.4 Social worker of the social organization and institution shall refrain from:
9.5 Discourage making false information to any agency.
9.6 Receiving donation, fund and award against organizational or institutional interest.

10. Social Goodwill:
10.1 The social worker shall foster social goodwill, co-existence and act for promoting peace.
10.2 Social workers shall not abuse, defame and insult others and refrain from activities that may lead to contempt of court.

11. Use of Financial Resources:
11.1 Social organizations and institutions working in Nepal shall not acquire foreign aid earmarked for HMGN as their source of funding.
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12. Financial Discipline:
12.1 Staff receiving salary from the organization shall not be become either the executive office bearer or member, likewise the executive office bearer and member of the social organization shall not become the paid employee.
12.2 All the capital, properties and other financial resources of the organization shall be used for social programs and shall not be used for personal advantage of social workers of the organization.
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13. Coordination:
13.1 Necessary contact, cooperation and coordination with HMGN/NGOs working in Nepal shall be maintained while launching the program.
13.2 Program shall be launched in a coordinated manner avoiding the duplication in local and national level programme.

14. Confidentiality:
Confidentiality of all classified information shall be maintained and any such information received by social organizations and institutions must be insured as confidential.

15. Abiding Policy, Program and Code:
Workers of social organizations and institutions shall fully abide by provisions of HMGN policy, program and code.

Source: Social Welfare Council
Nepali student enjoy a trip the Water World in Cyprus (above) and an International Dinner gather (above, right)
Catching Up With Uglyz

When these three good looking boys released their music video last year, it took the air waves and the Nepali music industry by storm, and swept thousands of girls off their feet.

They look good and they know it. Talented too. A year after their debut album Rush, The Uglyz lead the 8th Annual Close Up Hits FM Music Awards with 6 nominations largely because of their first single and video Audai Jadai, a pop-rock ballad. Reformed in 2004 with Sarun on guitar and vocals, Sudip on guitar and Sandesh on violin, the boys admit they weren’t expecting such overwhelming prominence but are delighted with the fact. Nepali Aawaz’s Sahara Shrestha caught up with the group for chat.

NPA: What do you think makes the Uglyz different from others nominees?
Sandesh: We are all Newars in the band (laughs).
Sarun: It’s kind of tough to judge ourselves and answer but looking back at everything from the release date of ‘Rush’ I guess we are not as ugly as our band’s name suggests! (laughs)
Sudip: Our music is slightly different from others I guess.

NPA: What have you guys been doing lately? Any updates on your next album?
Sarun: Sudip and I have started work on new songs for the second album. It’s not going to come out soon though. We want things to be perfect.
Sandesh: Our interactive CD is coming out soon. It’s going to have a lot of cool stuff.
Sudip: The next album will probably come out sometime next year.

NPA: Do you expect to win all or any award? Does winning and losing really matter?
Sarun: ‘Best New Artist’ because we are new (laughs). And ‘Best Foreign Composition’ because To An Angel means a lot to me...it took me almost 9 years to compose it...it’s a love song and I guess I poured everything that I felt on that song. Well, we still have 4 more categories to go don’t we? Gosh...well I’m not too greedy, so 2 awards will be enough for me (laughs). Although ‘Record of the Year’ is precious as well!
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NPA: You guys have six nominations in the annual Hits FM music awards. How does it feel?
Sandesh: Jackpot! Couldn’t be happier!
Sarun: It feels great but I am very surprised. I feel like Santa is in town (laughs). We did work hard and try our best and I guess it’s paying now. In Image Awards, we earned nominations for 3 categories and now we 6 for Hits Awards. But I don’t want to take all the credit behind the band’s success because it wouldn’t have been possible without all the members and their work and the support of our families and fans in and out of Nepal.

NPA: Winning in which category do you think would be most pleasing?
Sandesh: Well, there are 6 members in the band, it would be really nice, actually most pleasing to go home with each one (laughs).

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Are You Experienced?

Get ready to chill with a brand new all star group: The Experience

To those who have enjoyed Robin and 1974 AD perform live, The Experience will be a treat. With Robin (Robin and The New Revolution) on vocals, Nirakar (1974 AD) on bass, Sanjay (1974 AD) on drums and Yuvraj Chettri, better known as Vikku, (Rusty Nails) on guitar, the band is destined to be one of the best live acts in the scene.

History:
In 1998, Robin had recently returned to Nepal after years of fronting blues rock bands in clubs and bars in Canada. At home, he joined and fronted the budding rock group Looza, forming arguably Nepal’s best rock band of all time, Robin and Looza.

After a few years of playing in the local scene, 1974 AD, also a rock group, had established themselves at around the same time. Sanjay, who played the percussion in the short lived experimental fusion trio Shristi, later joined the group.

And by late 90s, Vikku, with his rock group Rusty Nails, had become a regular headliner in the hotel and bar circuit.

2004:
Last year, to the disappointment of many fans, Robin and Looza parted ways after three highly successful albums. Robin went on to form Robin And The New Revolution with whom he released his solo album Keta Keti. Last year was a milestone for 1974 AD too, they celebrated their 10th Anniversary with the release of Pinjada Ko Suga, a full length album, and a documentary about the band. And Vikku had become a regular performer at the Moksh, a club started by Nirakar, where “the music never ends.”

The Experience:
It was during the one of the countless musician nights hosted at Moksh that Robin first jammed with Nirakar in front of an audience. Vikku, a versatile musician by nature, would often accompany many of these jam sessions and Sanjay would regularly sit on it the drums. But 2005 saw two major jam sessions that could have helped cement the birth of The Experience, The Bass Quake at Moksh and the All Star Jam Session that closed the WAVE Tour 05: Dharan in August.

So what do they sound like? “It’s just a cool laid back sound... we can’t quite box it in a genre,” Nirakar says. “It’s the kind of stuff you could play in a blues fest or a jazz fest.” Robin’s deep voice has always fared well with bluesy songs throughout his career and last year Nirakar and Sanjay were involved in the progressive jazz group The McTwisters. And Vikku has always been great at improvisations.

More recently the artists have also expressed their desire to grow as musicians and explore styles and sounds that most don’t in the Nepali music scene and this is clearly a step towards that direction. “We want to push our musicianship to the extreme in this band,” Nirakar shared with us.

But 1974 AD, Robin and The New Revolution and Rusty Nails are already constantly busy with live shows and tours on their own. Robin and Nirakar also both run their own live music based clubs and Robin is currently busy working on his upcoming album for 2006. So keeping The Experience together will be challenge to a certain degree. But then again, because their style is based on improvisation and jam sessions, this is also one of those bands that can never really break up. Put them together after 10 years of being apart and chances are they’ll put up a good show. In any case, our suggestion: get it while you can.

Sanu Sherpa’s Purbi Maya

If there was a stage to sing on, Sanu Sherpa would seldom let the opportunity pass him by. After 10 years of on and off stage shows and much persuasion from his friends and audience, he is finally all set to release his first album Purbi Maya. “It was exciting being in the studio,” he tells us of his experience. “By the end of it, I couldn’t recognise my own voice,” he adds, laughing.

“When I was small my mother always sang and danced, forgetting all her sorrows, entering her zone of happiness and that’s what made me realise that music plays an important role in a person’s life,” he says about his inspiration to become a singer, even if it is something he pursues as a hobby.

Sanu also recently finished shooting a music video for his title track here in New York and New Jersey. Parts of the video will also be shot in Kathmandu. He has a concert scheduled in February 2006 to coincide with the release of his album.

Sanu Sherpa’s Purbi Maya

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Football:

Nepal to host AFC final

The final of the maiden AFC Challenge Cup is likely to be held at the Dashrath Stadium in Kathmandu, the meeting of the organizing committee of AFC Challenge Cup held at Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur decided today. Since Nepal and Bangladesh are jointly organizing the championship, if Bangladesh enters the final, the final will take place in Bangladesh but if both the hosts manage a berth for title clash, Dashrath Stadium will host the event. Likewise, according to Asian Football Confederation, the opening ceremony of the event will be held in Bangladesh.

The football championship for the ‘emerging’ countries will be held from March 25 to April 9 next year with 16 teams divided into four groups. Nepal is pitted in Group ‘B’ alongside Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Brunei while Group ‘A’ comprises of India, Chinese Taipei, the Philippines and Afghanistan. The Group ‘A’ and ‘B’ matches will take place in Nepal while the matches of Group ‘C’ and ‘D’ are scheduled to be held in Bangladesh. Group ‘C’ consists of Bangladesh, Palestine, Cambodia and Guam while Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan and Macau are drawn in Group ‘D’.

Meanwhile, the meeting chaired by Ganesh Thapa also decided to draw the tie best of three matches in the AFC President Cup on March 23. The eight-team tournament will be played from 3-13 May, 2006. The AFC is yet to confirm the venue.

Volleyball:

National Volleyball Tournament

Defending champion Mahendra Police Club (MPC) and Western Region won the men’s and women’s section titles respectively at the 13th women’s and 23rd men’s National Volleyball Tournament, which was organised by Nepal Volleyball Association this week in Nepal Sports Council Covered Hall, Kathmandu.

In the men’s final, the Policemen beat Tribhuvan Army Club (TAC). MPC lost the first set 18-25, then struggled in the second set before winning 26-24 and sealed the victory by taking the other two sets 25-17 and 25-19. Saroj Shrestha of MPC was declared the best player, while other players to win the individual awards were Ram Chandra Kumal of TAC (best spiker), MPC skipper Bharat Shah (best blocker), and Pashupati Chaudhary of TAC (best setter).

In women’s final, Western Region defeated Public Enterprises Sports Development Association of Nepal 25-18, 25-15, 25-17. Manju Gurung of Western Region was adjudged the best player and the best spiker, while her teammate Laxmi Gurung won the best setter’s award.

Gyanendra APF Officers’ Club came third in men’s section beating Far Western Region, while Central Region defeated Far Western Region to win the women’s section third. Prince Paras gave away prizes to the winners.

SAFF Championship 2005

Nepal will play South Asian giant India in the inaugural match of the Fourth SAFF Championship on 8 Dec., followed by another tough match against Bangladesh on the 10th. Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan and India make Group ‘A’ of the tournament being organized in Karachi, Pakistan. Nepal’s last league match will be against minnow Bhutan on the 12th. The two top teams from the group will advance to the knockout round. The Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and newcomer Afghanistan make Group ‘B’.

The return of ace goalkeeper Upendra Man Singh to the national team for the SAFF Championship is a boost for Nepal’s prospects in the tournament, but the decision to call back the veteran from retirement however was discouraging for the youngsters.

The former Nepal national skipper, who has captained Nepal since 2000, retired from international football after playing displays for national league champion Three Star Club (TSC) in the AFC President’s Cup held in Kathmandu last May. Singh, who was out of form in TSC’s title winning league campaign, got back his magical touch in the event and reminded football fans that he was the best bet against international attacks.

Similarly 28 years old Basanta Thapa who was in Japan for his studies was called in from Japan. Meanwhile he also got married to his sweetheart Bindu. It was a bit unfair for Basanta to come Pakistan after his first marriage day.

The national squad has 10 new faces and 10 are from Three Star Club. Those who have been named in the national squad for the first time are Bikash Malla, Janak Singh, Tashi Chhiring, Lok Bandhu Gurung, Anjan KC, Pradip Maharjan, Bisan Gauchan, Bijay Gurung, Raja Tamang and Pralay Thapaliya.

The return of ace goalkeeper Upendra Man Singh, Rakesh Thapa, Rakesh Shrestha, Sagar Thapa, Navin Neupane, Rajesh Shahi, Hari Khadka, Surendra Tamang, Ramesh Budhathoki and Basanta Thapa.

Golf: Surya Nepal Western Open 2005

Shivram Shrestha carded four-under 77 for a final total of 155 to win the Surya Nepal Western Open 2005 being played at the Himalayan Golf Course, Pokhara as amateurs ruled the roost. Surya Sharma, the younger brother of Pro Pashupati Sharma, finished four strokes behind with a final round of seven-under 80 as the amateur duo overshadowed the professional peers.

Among the professionals, Ramesh Nagarkoti followed up his first round of 79 with a nine-under 82 to finish with a total of 161 and bagged a cheque of Rs 35,000 as the amateurs are ineligible for cash awards. Defending Champion, Deepak Neupane finished with an almost similar kind of round, an eight-over 81 and collected a cheque for Rs 23,500. Pashupati Sharma got Rs 18,500 for his efforts in finishing with a two-round total of 168.

Other noted professionals such as Deepak Thapa Magar, Sachin Bhattachari and Mani Rai had a dismal day and finished well below their level at tied fourth and eighth respectively. Shivram Shrestha, the young 21-year old, who promises a lot started strongly right from the start when he drove the first green, sitting four feet from the pin for a birdie. However, he pushed his first putt and holed the next for a birdie. His driving prowess was evident all day as he drove almost 50 yards longer than the professionals playing in the same group. His round of four-over 77 was laced with four birdies, six bogeys and one double bogey. This win is his first victory in a professional event. Among the amateurs, Rabi Khadka was the only other top finisher with a total of 165, tying for the third place overall.

This year, the event saw increased prize money and changes in the number of rounds. The winner walked away with a cheque of Rs 37,000 which is Rs 12,000 more than that of last year. The event serves as a qualifying and warm-up tournament for the professional golfers of Nepal, who have a guaranteed prize money of Rs 40,000 Surya Nepal Masters 2005, which is scheduled to start on December 13 at the Gokarna Forest Golf Course in Kathmandu.

The Himalayan Golf Club, a nine-hole layout, was revamped for competitive golf. With the holes situated inside a gorge and around a river, it becomes a tough course with several out-of-bound areas and tricky greens.

Results

Pro (36 holes): 161 Ramesh Nagarkoti; 164 Deepak Neupane; 166 Pashupati Sharma; 167 Deepak Thapa Magar, Sachin Bhattachari.

Amateurs (36 holes): 155 Shivram Shrestha; 159 Surya Sharma; 163 Rabi Khadka.
The winner of Nepal-Namibia playoff will be placed in Group A with Scotland, Ireland and United Arab Emirates while Group B consists of Kenya, Bermuda, Canada and Netherlands.

The teams to compete in the event were selected according to their combined ranking of one-day and three-day matches. Nepal’s overall ranking was ninth while Namibia was seventh with Netherlands eighth. Since the Dutch has qualified for the World Cup 2007, they were preferred over the two.

Nepal got the chance for two reasons. First, Nepal ranks seventh in the multi-day format and secondly, the ICC Development Committee members were impressed with Nepal’s standard and number of spectators when they met here immediately after the ACC U-19 Cup. The meeting agreed on the new format.

The event is the only first-class cricket tournament for the non-Test playing countries. The 2006 tournament will see four-day matches with the group winners playing the final. This setup will again change in 2007 and 2008 with all eight teams playing a round-robin league over a period of two years, according to ICC.

The event, conceived two years ago, was played as a regional tournament with top three teams of Asia, Europe, America and Africa playing at regional level and the winner from each region going into the semi-finals. Scotland won the title in 2004 defeating Canada while Ireland surprised Kenya to win it in 2005.

Shooting: Regional shooting

Nepal Shooting Association (NSA) has decided to conduct regional shooting tournaments in all five development regions within January 2006. A recent meeting of the association has also decided to organize the national games by the second week of February to select 16 players for the upcoming 10th SA Games. Four players each in four different events of Air Rifle and Air Pistol will be selected for the close camp for the South Asian event scheduled for April 2006 in Sri Lanka, NSA in a press release stated.

Basketball: TIA, Valley Public win titles

Trungram International Academy (TIA) and Valley Public School won the titles of the third Sakalaka Boom TIA Cup held at TIA court today. Valley Public School beat New Shrings girls 18-17. TIA (boys) defeated Sambotta 46-41 in extra time at home. TIA and Sambotta played a highly competitive match with the teams exchanging lead at different instances. TIA led the first and second quarters 11-10, 10-8 while Sambotta led third and fourth 8-7 and 10-8. Though none of the teams scored any three-pointer throughout the match, TIA’s Sajin succeeded to take one in dying seconds of the final quarter.

Both the teams tied in the final quarter 36-36 and took the match to the extra time. TIA did not miss the baskets during the added time and netted 10 points for the team while Sambotta was limited to five.

Had Ugen Singe of Sambotta not missed his free shots during the concluding seconds of the final quarter, Sambotta would have easily taken the title. TIA’s Asmin Shahi shouldered the team with 17 while Ugen Singe netted 12 for Sambotta.

Both the teams gave their all in the match to bag the title. New Shrines led the first two quarters 5-4 and 4-2 while the third was tied at 6-6. Valley Public’s 6-2 lead in the last quarter helped it win the match by a point. Sony Time’s six points for Valley Public whereas New Shrines’s Sangita scored 12.

TIA girls defeated Sambotta 27-16 for the third place. On the other hand, Wilson downed Siddhartha Vanasthali Institute 47-37 to stand third in the boys’ section.

TIA’s Min Dura and Valley Public’s Somil Tamang declared the Most Valuable Player of the match. TIA’s Asmin Shahi with 117 points and Valley Public’s Binita Khadka with 47 received the highest scorer award.

White House clinches title

Himalayan White House College exacted revenge for the loss in the final of Pujan Open Basketball Tournament beating Sridiva 39-32 in the title match of the First Minbhawan Men’s Open Club Level Basketball Running Shield at Nepal Commerce Campus (NCC) court today. The final was competitive as the two undefeated teams wrestled for lead in all the four quarters. White House’s new player Mana Moviya netted a three-pointer in the first quarter but Sridiva led the first quarter 11-10. Manish Lama netted a three-pointer in the concluding seconds of the second quarter, but White House managed to tie the score in the first half leading the second quarter 8-7. The third quarter of the game went Sridiva’s way as it got the upperhand with 9-8. Sridiva was restricted to Chetan Gurung’s three-pointer and Ajay Manandhar’s shot as White House clinched the last quarter 13-5 to win the match by seven points. Rupak Gurung, the high scorer of Sridiva in the league stage, failed to score any points letting his team down in the final match. White House’s captain Bipendra Maharjan shouldered his team netting 16 points alone while Ajay Manandhar contributed 12 points for Sridiva. Manish Lama from Sridiva was declared the most valuable player of the tournament and received a cash prize of Rs 1,500. Himalayan White House College got the trophy to go with the cash prize of Rs 7,000 while Sridiva got the runner-up trophy.

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The Mass Meeting:

Friday: As King Gyanendra returned from his 3 week international tour in Asia and Africa, Communist Party of Nepal (United-Marxist-Leninist) held a rally and mass meeting of size not seen since the Royal takeover on 1 Feb. 05. Party General Secretary Madhav Kumar Nepal indicated the mass meeting as preparation for inevitable changes to come as thousands of people chanted anti-king and pro-democracy slogans in New Baneshwor. Although there were rumors that the District Administration Office had restricted mass gatherings in New Baneshwor, it was later dismissed by Chief District Officer himself.

The mass meeting concluded peacefully and on time. But minor scuffle ignited when the pro-king groups, lined along both sides of the road to welcome their Majesties, chanted anti democracy slogans immediately after the UML rally and mass meeting of size not seen since the Royal takeover on 1 Feb. 05.

Monarchists seek vengeance:

Saturday: A group of pro-monarchy hoodlums threatened to vandalise the UML office. A group of around 200 supporters of the royal move drove around Ring Road on motorbikes, chanting pro-king slogans and carrying the national flag. The group, reportedly affiliated to the youth wing of the ‘Nationalist Front,’ held a meeting in Kalanki and warned that they will attack the central office of CPN (UML) in retaliation of the alleged attack on Crown Prince Paras by UML supporters. Had it not been for journalists and other representatives of the media, human rights activists and security forces, the gang would have succeeded in their plans to attack the Red House.

Royal Motorcade Attacked

It was around this time that Crown Prince Paras, on his way to the airport to welcome their Majesties the King and Queen, drove through the area when the clash was going on in Min Bhawan. It was then that stones hit the royal motorcade. This is the first time a Royal Family has come under physical attack in public in the last 14 years. In 1990, when the people’s movement for democracy was at its peak, stones were hurled at late Queen Aishwarya’s entourage in the Pashupatinath temple area.

Crown Prince seeks clarification:

The same day, Crown Prince Paras went to the Police Headquarters to seek an explanation on the alleged security lapse from the top security officials. Inspector General of Police Shyam Bhatta, Chief of the Army Staff General Pyar Jung Thapa, Chief of the Armed Police Force Sahabar Thapa and Chief of the National Intelligence Department Devi Ram Sharma were present for the meeting. Immediately after the meeting, IGP Thapa constituted a five-member committee to probe into the incident. The committee comprises of Deputy Inspector Generals of Nepal Police Him Gurung and Keshav Baral, Senior Superintendent of Police Krishna Bahadur Thapa and Superintendents of Police Upen德拉 Kanta Aryal and Rana Bahadur Chand.

Student Union protests attempted vandalism

Sunday: Students affiliated with the All Nepal Free Students Union (ANNFSU), the student wing of the CPN (UML), staged protest against the attempted attack on their party’s central office. Students staged demonstration in front of Amrit Science Campus and Sarawosti Campus in Lainchour, chanting slogans against the royal government. They claimed the armed gang who tried to attack the UML central office in Balkhu were sanctioned by the government.

Police arrests students

By Sunday evening, the police was holding 21 people, including minors, in detention on charges of pelting stones at the Royal motorcades. It was reported that there were no warrants issued for these arrests. All the 21 detainees were reportedly put together in a small room with no food or extra clothes to shield the cold. “Minors have been denied (of their right to) special treatment and students were not allowed to sit for their exams,” rights activists said in reaction to the arrests. The detainees also revealed that the police forced them to sign pre-written statements. “We don’t know what was written on those papers,” they said.

It was later revealed that the police allegedly physically and psychologically abused 18 of the detainees, including school students detained at Tinkune police post. Five of the detainees were charged under the Public Offence Act while the others were finally released. Among those charged for the public offence are Binay Aryal, Suman Bhetwal, Surya Prakash Bhatta, Raj Kumar Shrestha and Narawar Thapaliya. They had already been transferred to the District Police Office, Hanumandhoka on Saturday. “The five can be held for up to 25 days for further investigation after which they will be presented to the chief district officer,” said police Inspector Birika Bahadur Rawal. Four students from V S Niketan School were among those released Sunday. The officers on duty tortured the detainees by telling the school students that they would be sentenced for life. They also claimed that they were forced to sign "false testimonies" stating that they had pelted stones at the motorcade.
Officers Suspended

Monday. The Ministry for Home Affairs suspended SP Indra Prasad Neupane, Chief of Kathmandu District Police Office, who was responsible for security from New Baneshwor to Tinkune. Inspector Surendra Mainali, in-charge of Swayambhu Ward Police Office and Inspector Bhabesh Rimal of Bhaktapur District Police Office, who had been called from their stations to aid security in Minbhawan area, were also handed suspension letters. According to sources, it was miscommunication and mismanagement during the motorcade that landed the Crown Prince’s vehicle in the middle of a scuffle between pro-democracy masses and pro-monarchists.
We deeply regret the sad demise of Ms Lucky Sherpa. On behalf of Nepal Kirat Rai Association of America (NEKRAA), we pray to god for eternal peace of her soul in the heaven, where every one has to go one day.

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