



# Non-Resident Nepali Association President's Report of May, 2023

In this regard, the request for "Non-Resident Nepali citizenship", made by the Non-resident Nepali Association since 2003, has been addressed which we consider to be a historical triumph. Additionally, in the budget for the fiscal year 2080–81, the Government of Nepal has acknowledged some of the concerns and demands of Non-Resident Nepali which is contentment to all NRNs. The major accomplishment for the Association is making Nepal and Nepalese prosperous. There have been significant accomplishments in this context in May. An overview of the event is provided below :

- The 15th Regional Conference of the Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) concluded on 5- 7 May 2023 in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic. Minister for Foreign Affairs Narayan Prakash Saud, CPN-UML leader Subas Nembang, chief whip of the Nepali Congress Parliamentary Party, Ramesh Lekhak, Rastriya Swatantra Party lawmaker Manish Jha, and CPN (Maoist Centre) leader and Lawmaker Khimlal Devkota were present in the three-day conference . The meeting discussed issues like smart NRNA, NRNA membership distribution, election process and statute, and a network with the National Coordination Council (NCC). A 14-point declaration was issued by the conference attended by around 300 representatives from 39 countries.
- From 12 to 18, May 2023, President of Non-Resident Nepali Association Rabina Thapa visited Japan. Besides interacting with the Non-Resident Nepalese, she also discussed the membership distribution of NRNA Japan. Along with the welcome program organized by NRNA Japan in Tokyo, President Thapa participated in the programs organized by Mona Japan, Kaski Pokhara Society, Keegan Lounge, Sisa Lounge and others.



- On 15th May 2023, Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) has officially announced the group of Binod Kunwar has been officially prohibited from using the NRNA trademark and logo in any of their promotional materials, events or affiliations.
- Executive President of the Association Dr. Badri KC expressed his sincere gratitude on 20, May 2023 to the Government of Nepal for addressing most of the issues raised by the Non-Resident Nepali Association in Governmental policies and programs.
- The meeting of the 15th International Executive Secretariat of the Association was held on 21, May 2023. Mainly, membership distribution under Smart NRNA, national convention, monitoring committee, election process, European Regional meeting report and other concerns were discussed and decided.
- In an effort to promote health and well-being across North America, a Regional "Health Awareness and Counseling" program was recently organized by NRNA Women Forum bringing together experts and participants from various fields. The program, held on 21st May 2023 aimed to raise awareness about the importance of maintaining good physical and mental health while providing counseling and support to individuals in need. Executive President Dr. Badri KC and President Kul Acharya participated in the program.
- A Memorandum (MOU) signed between NRNA, Rashtriya Bal Parishad and USEP Nepal for the management of children rescued from the streets. According to the MOU the Non-Resident Nepali Association will provide necessary funds for education, health, etc. to 50 children for one year. Women Vice President Yasmin Wegam and Women Secretary Radhika Gurung participated in the event.
- The Americas Regional Health Conference was held on 27-28 May 2023. About 500 healthcare workers and stakeholders from the US, Canada and the American region participated in the conference.



- In the conference, mainly health-related issues were discussed and a manifesto was issued.
- The meeting of the 15th International Executive Secretariat of the Association was held on 29, May 2023. Mainly, reconciliation, employee facilities and other concerns were discussed.
- The meeting of NRN Foundation which was held on 29 May 2023, the Executive Presidents of the Association, Dr. Badri K.C, Kul Acharya and Rabina Thapa participated, which mainly focuses on the foundation's activities.
- The Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) has welcomed the budget for fiscal year 2080-081, presented by Finance Minister Prakash Sharan Mahat on 29 May 2023 as it has endorsed several proposals and addressed various concerns raised by the NRNA time and again.
- The Non-Resident Nepalese Association (NRNA) has expressed happiness over the authentication of bill relating to amendment of Citizenship Act, 2063 on 31 May 2023. The NRNA thanked Prime Minister, Speaker, Chairman of National Assembly, political parties, legal experts, and stakeholders to this regard. According to the bill, if there is proof that any Non-Resident Nepali's parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents are citizens of Nepal, such persons will get Non-Resident citizenship. This will be applicable to those living in countries other than the SAARC member states. On this occasion, the greeting exchange program was held through virtually. The Founder President of the Association, Dr. Upendra Mahato, former President Jiba Lamichhane, former Chief Patron Ram Pratap Thapa, heads and members of the citizenship continuity working group, and current President Dr. Badri KC, Kul Acharya, Rabina Thapa, officials of ICC and NCC and Non-Resident Nepali activists expressed their best wishes.