



IMPACT REPORT 2024

**BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION OF
NEPALESE IN AMERICA (BANA)**

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President, BANA

Dear BANA Members and Community,
As we conclude 2024, I am proud of all we have accomplished together. From continuing cultural events, language classes, and sports tournaments to introducing new initiatives like the Flag Raising Program and Buwa Aama Sanga BANA, this year has been truly meaningful. We are also preparing to launch a Student Scholarship Program and will continue Nepali language classes soon. As this marks the final year for our executive team, we encourage the next team to carry forward these programs and build on our progress.

Thank you for your trust and support. Together, we will keep BANA strong and growing!





LAKSHMI BHARATI

Senior Vice- President, BANA

Dear BANA Members and Community,
As we close 2024, I want to sincerely thank you all for your incredible support and participation. This year, we continued our cultural programs, sports events, and community initiatives, bringing us all closer together.

With new programs like the Flag Raising Ceremony and Buwa Aama Sanga BANA, along with our ongoing dance classes, we have strengthened our cultural connection. Moving forward, it's essential to build on this foundation and keep BANA thriving.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's continue working together for an even stronger community!





SAGAR GHIMIRE

General Secretary, BANA

Dear BANA Members and Friends,

As we wrap up 2024, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters, trustees, donors, and community leaders. Your encouragement and contributions over the past three years have been invaluable to our success.

From cultural celebrations to impactful programs like Buwa Aama Sanga BANA, your support has helped BANA grow and serve the community in meaningful ways. Together, we have built a strong foundation, and I hope this spirit of collaboration continues in the years ahead.

Thank you for being a part of this journey and making a lasting impact!





VISION AND MISSION

VISION

To foster a united, empowered, and vibrant Nepalese community in Baltimore and beyond, preserving our cultural heritage, supporting social and educational growth, and promoting collaboration for the betterment of all.

MISSION

- To preserve and promote Nepalese culture, language, and traditions through community programs, cultural events, and educational initiatives, ensuring our heritage is passed on to future generations while fostering a sense of pride and unity among members.
- To serve as a pillar of support for the Nepalese community by providing resources, organizing social and professional development programs, and building partnerships that address the needs of our members and enhance their overall well-being.



ONE YEAR REVIEW OF BANA: A YEAR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND GROWTH

As we reflect on the year 2024, the Baltimore Association of Nepalese in America (BANA) celebrates another remarkable year of serving and empowering the Nepalese community. Through a variety of impactful programs, cultural events, and community services, we have continued to fulfill our mission of fostering unity, preserving our heritage, and addressing the diverse needs of our members.

Historic Nepal, USA, and Maryland Flag Raising Ceremony

On October 26, 2024, the Baltimore Association of Nepalese in America (BANA) proudly hosted a historic event—the Nepal, USA, and Maryland Flag Raising Ceremony. This milestone celebration symbolized the unity, cultural pride, and deepening connections between Nepalese-Americans and the broader Maryland community.

The event took place in front of the BANA Building, located at 2906 Taylor Ave, Parkville, MD. It was an honor to have **Baltimore County Executive John A. Olszewski, Jr.** as the Chief Guest for the program. His presence underscored the significance of our community's contributions to the diversity and strength of Baltimore County.

The ceremony was attended by community members, leaders, and representatives from various organizations, who came together to celebrate this memorable occasion. The flag raising of the Nepalese, American, and Maryland flags side by side was a powerful reminder of the values of unity and inclusivity that our organization and community uphold.

This program highlighted the growing recognition of the Nepalese-American community in Maryland and our commitment to fostering cultural exchange and harmony. The event was marked by inspiring speeches, cultural presentations, and heartfelt moments of pride.

We are proud to include this historic program in our annual report as a testament to our efforts in building a strong and united community while strengthening our relationship with local leaders and residents. The success of this event reinforces our mission to celebrate and share our rich heritage while contributing meaningfully to our community.



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Health Camps: Providing Care and Hope

Our bi-monthly health camps have been a cornerstone of our commitment to the community's well-being. In 2024, we successfully organized over six health camps, and we are continuing this initiative in 2025. Held every first Sunday of every two months, these camps offer free general health check-ups, dental exams, and eye screenings. With the support of volunteer doctors and nurses, as well as Lions Club of Baltimore Nepalese and Narayan Khakurel for eye care management, we have been able to provide prescription refills and write necessary medical prescriptions. This program has been a lifeline for many in our community, and we are deeply grateful to the medical professionals who have selflessly contributed their time and expertise.

Buwa Aama Sanga BANA: Honoring Our Elders

Our monthly program "Buwa Aama Sanga BANA," launched in 2024, has been a resounding success. Conducted in coordination with the Baltimore County Aging Department, this initiative brings together elderly parents visiting the U.S. or residing here permanently. Over the past year, we have organized activities such as movie screenings, entertainment sessions, and social gatherings, creating a space for connection, joy, and engagement. This program continues to grow in popularity and has become a cherished event for our senior members.



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Cultural Preservation Through Dance

Since 2022, BANA has been running weekly dance classes at our community center every Sunday. These classes provide Nepalese children with an opportunity to learn traditional Nepali dance and music, fostering cultural pride and preserving our heritage. With dedicated teachers and enthusiastic students, this program has become a vibrant reflection of our commitment to cultural preservation.

Annual Highlights: Celebrating Togetherness

In addition to our monthly and ongoing programs, BANA has hosted several large-scale events that brought the community together. Among the highlights of 2024 were:

- Discover Yourself Awareness Program: A platform to inspire self-discovery and personal growth.
- Kabita Concert: A literary and cultural celebration showcasing the richness of Nepali poetry and music.
- National Nurses Week Celebration: Honoring and appreciating the invaluable contributions of nurses within our community.
- Fourth Annual BANA Volleyball Tournament: A highly anticipated sporting event that fostered camaraderie and teamwork.
- Third Annual BANA Football Tournament: Bringing together teams and fans for an exciting celebration of sportsmanship.
- BANA Teej Program: A grand celebration of the traditional women's festival, highlighting unity and empowerment.
- Seventh Nepali Street Festival: Our signature event, bringing thousands together to celebrate Nepali culture, cuisine, and heritage.
- Dashain and Tihar Program: Joyous celebrations of Nepal's biggest festivals, uniting families and friends in festive spirit.

These events, along with many other smaller initiatives, have strengthened the bonds within our community and showcased the vibrancy of Nepali culture.



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Looking Ahead

As we continue our journey in 2025, BANA remains committed to its mission of serving and uplifting the Nepalese community. Our health camps, "Buwa Aama Sanga BANA," and cultural programs will continue to evolve and expand. Additionally, we are excited to announce the upcoming launch of a Student Scholarship Program, aimed at supporting the educational aspirations of our youth. We also plan to resume and expand our Nepali language classes, ensuring that future generations remain connected to their roots.

The past year has been a testament to the power of collective effort, dedication, and community spirit. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters, donors, volunteers, and participants who have made these achievements possible. Together, we have created lasting memories and laid the foundation for an even brighter future for BANA.

Here's to another year of growth, unity, and success for the Baltimore Association of Nepalese in America!



THANK YOU

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters, volunteers, donors, and community members for your unwavering support and dedication. Together, we have achieved incredible milestones and continue to strengthen our community. Thank you for being an essential part of BANA's journey!

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Our Annual Financial Report is almost complete! Once finalized, we will share it with you. Stay tuned for updates.

