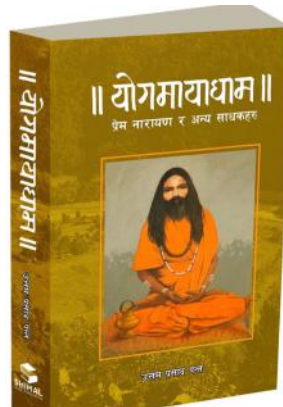


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Yogamayadham Book Released



Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) is a not-for-profit social organization, registered with District Administration office on February 04, 1998 and is affiliated with the British Council. The Association is actively engaged for the welfare of the Nepalese, who studied in UK and pursue an interest in the socio-economic development of Nepal.

ABAN also works for cultural and educational exchange between Nepal and Britain.

Call for Write ups for ABAN Magazine 2019



4th Executive Committee meeting of ABAN has decided on April 12 to publish **ABAN Magazine 2019** by September.

All ABAN Members are requested to please provide a short write up on the area of their expertise to highlight how British education and expertise has helped develop Nepal to ABAN Magazine sub-committee:

- Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha- Coordinator
- Mrs. Shiba Devi Kafle - Member
- Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprey - Member
- Mr. Bhisma Uprey - Member
- Mr. Uttam Lal Pradhan - Member
- Mr. Eureka Ranjit - Member Secretary



Yogamaya Neupane of Bhojpur, East Nepal

President of the Association of British Alumni in Nepal Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant has become an author of a book called **Yogamayadham**, which was released on July 12, 2019 at ULCI, Dillibazar Kathmandu in the presence of Mr. Purushottan Shumshere JBR and other distinguished guests.

Yogamaya was a renowned social reformist during the Rana regime and she struggled during 1916 to 1941 against the social injustice, economic suppression and propagated social change in the most rigid dictatorial rules of Rana regime during 1847 to 1951. Yogamaya Dham is presently a center for social reformists.



Uttam Prasad Pant

Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant had started studying about Yoga Maya's struggle for social reform from as early as 1983 AD and spent a lot of time meeting her followers to complete the book: "Yogamayadham".

His deep interest in Yogamaya and her sacrifice made him visit the Dham in Bhojpur district and meet her disciples several times.

"I wrote the book based on my research on Yogamayadham, Yogamaya is a prominent women revolutionary during the Rana regime and made valuable contributions in social justice during that time" says Mr. Uttam Pant. All the proceeds from the sale of this book will be contributed as seed money for constructing a statue in the Dham.

A female revolutionist Yogamaya had led revolt against the Rana government with a demand for various social reforms under a slogan **Satya Dharma Vikshya**, which was turned down and in protest, Yogamaya with her 68 followers jumped into the Arun river in 1941 AD. Such a historic act was a great threat to the government. The event created a massive awareness about social rights and ignited a reformist revolt that also helped to the downfall of the autocratic Rana regime in 1951.

The book focuses on two themes: Yogmaya Dham, the place where Yogmaya lived and

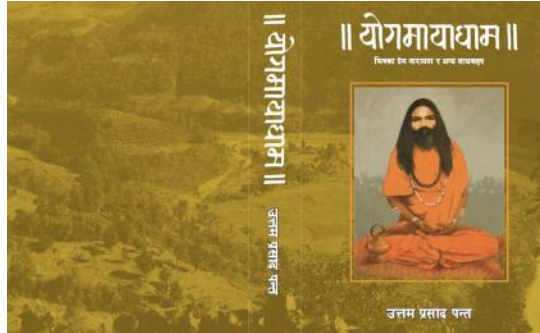
Celebrating the Queen's Birthday

The British Ambassador to Nepal His Excellency Richard Morris hosted a special reception at the British Embassy, Lainchour to mark the 93rd birthday of Her Majesty the queen Elizabeth the Second on Wednesday May 08, 2019.

ABAN members wish Her Majesty a very Happy Birthday and long life.

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spread her philosophy and her disciples, particularly the life and work of Swami Premnarayan who was one of the key disciples of Yogmaya. Premnarayan made an invaluable contribution in recording and propagating the message of Yogamaya to the Rana regime and the general public inside and outside the country.



During the Dark Age of Rana regime while struggling against superstitions, social inequality and economic plunder, Yogamaya and her followers sacrificed for the establishment of true dharma (way of life).

“National Gem” Yogamaya has her main disciple Swami Prem Narayan and her devotees to propagate her thoughts and philosophies.

Yogamaya’s inspirational public awareness works and her “*Sarwartha Yogavani*” available in the Dham, contains a wealth of knowledge and human awareness that are the source of inspiration and social transformation.



Count on Your Success of British Education



All ABAN Members and others who have studied in the UK are invited to write about their experience and details on how they were able to contribute to the development of Nepal.

Please forward your details to mahesworbs@gmail.com for publication.

ABAN Star Bishma Uprety Awarded



ABAN Executive Committee member and poet/ writer Mr. Bishma Uprety has been awarded again with Gopal Prasad Rimal Rastriya Kavya Puraskar from the government of Nepal on July 14, 2019 in the presence of Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli at the Nepal Academy, Kathmandu.

Mr. Bishma is a shining star in Nepal’s literary horizon and an active Executive member of ABAN.



44th Anniversary of MSMT Celebrated



The first Honorary Member of ABAN Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey celebrated the 44th anniversary program of Mrigendra-Sanjhana Medical Trust on July 20, 2019 with centenarian Mr. Satya Mohan Joshi as the chief guest. The Trust handed over various honours, awards and scholarships on the occasion.

ABAN President Uttam Prasad Pant, IPP Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha, Vice President Padma Vaidya, Secretary Shiba Kafle, Treasurer Madhav Bhatt and past VP Tulasi P. Upety had attended the program.

Nepali Prime Minister Mr K.P. Sharma Oli Meets British PM May

Nepali Prime Minister Mr.KP Sharma Oli visited the UK during June 10 to 12 and met his British counterpart, British Prime Minister Teresa May in London and discussed various bilateral issues between Nepal and the UK.

Oli made the statement at a press conference organised at Tribhuvan International Airport upon arrival from his three-country Europe visit today. Oli visited Switzerland, the United Kingdom and France from June 8 to 15.



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May poses with Nepal's Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli outside Downing Street in London, Britain, on June 11, 2019. Photo: Reuters

During his talks with British PM May, Oli had proposed that the TPA signed in 1947 had now become old, and that a new agreement between Nepal and the UK should be signed encompassing recruitment, retirement, and post-retirement situation of Gurkhas, in line with the changed context.

A joint communique issued on June 13 acknowledged the long and distinguished service of Gurkhas in the British Army and recognized Gurkhas as the vital link in strengthening bilateral relations. The two sides discussed shared objectives to strengthen trade and investment relations between Britain and Nepal, recognizing the important contributions the UK made to support Nepal's economic development as the country's largest bilateral donor.

The two sides reaffirmed their commitment to building on 'our strong and enduring partnership'.



Creating Heroines artist Ujala Shrestha concluded her 50-day trip across Madhesh, gave a presentation on her travel experience on 24 June, Monday at the British Council. During the presentation, she talked about the Creating Heroines workshop she did with 92 young women from five different cities in Tarai, her encounters and conversation with people of the area and how journeying solo helps in self-realisation. We will be publishing an image + text book on the artist's travel later this year.

Ms Shrestha is one of the Creating Heroines grantee artists. Along with her, seven other artists from Nepal, Sri Lanka and the UK are working on group and individual projects that will see the production of books, animations, performances and films later this year. Please visit our website for further updates on the project's activities. [#CreatingHeroines](#) [#SoloHeroine](#) [#BritishCouncil](#) [#Arts](#)





Progress on IELTS Exam Registration by ABAN

The Association of British Alumni in Nepal and the British Council Nepal have signed a Framework Agreement on April 9, 2019 for the purchase of Professional Services to register candidate for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examinations.

In the first three month since April 11, ABAN has registered 29 candidates for IELTS exam, thus marking a good beginning of cooperation with the British Council. The commission for the services rendered will be a source of income to support ABAN's social activities.

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is one of the most popular English language proficiency tests developed by Cambridge Assessment English, a branch of the University of Cambridge, UK. It evaluates all four English language skills – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

The IELTS measures the language proficiency of people who want to study or work where English is used as a language of communication. IELTS is accepted by more than 10,000 organizations in over 140 countries. Those organizations include governments, academic institutions and employers with 3,000 in the USA alone.

ABAN Accounts and Tax Cleared

The annual accounts of the Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) for fiscal year 2017/18, as approved by its Annual General Meeting, has been filed and accepted by the Office of Internal Revenue Department after payment of all applicable taxes. ABAN is now in the process of renewing its registration with the Chief District Officer, Kathmandu and also to start the latest audit of fiscal year 2018/19.

ABAN is a tax exempt Association as certified by Internal Revenue Office, Kathmandu zone 2 of the Internal Revenue Department since 2065 Srawan 21.



Why Join ABAN?

- Rare opportunity to network with fellow ABANians, who also studied in the UK,
- Share the expertise and experience gained in the UK for Nepal's development,
- Meet and greet British scholars and authorities for mutual enrichment,
- Be in touch with British events, activities and openings for shared happiness.
- Opportunities to serve others who need our help and guidance,
- Identify yourself as a dignified British scholar.

A Nepali having studied in the UK for 12 weeks or more is eligible for membership of ABAN by application with educational certificate and fee.

New Life Members Joining from February 2019

1. Mr. Dinesh Pradhan (ID 528) on Feb.9, 2019
2. Dr. Jovan Ilic (ID 529) on February 9, 2019.
3. Mr. Subas KC (ID 530) on May 14, 2019.
4. Mr. Anup Acharya (ID 531) on May 14, 2019
5. Mr. Surendra Prasad Lohani (ID 532) on May 14, 2019
6. Mr. Jagdish Kumar Khoju (ID 533) on May 14
7. Mrs. Indu Tuladhar (ID 534 on May 14, 2019

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ABAN Activity Report 2019 - 2020

Month of 2019	Main Activities
February 02	Election of 11 th Executive Committee in the 21 st Annual General Meeting
February 09	Service to Senior Citizens of Tapasthali Briddhashram, Chapali, kathmandu
February 09	First Executive Committee meeting of the 11 th ECM at Park Village, Budhanilkantha
February 26	Second Executive Committee meeting of the 11 th ECM at ULCI Dillibazar
February 27	ABAN Newsletter February 2019 no.01/11 published
March 06	Mr. Purushottam Shumsher Talk on Nepal & Britain Relation during Rana Rule
March 08	Meeting with Dr. Jovan Ilic, Country Director of British Council Nepal
March 15	Third Executive Committee meeting of the 11 th ECM at ULCI Dillibazar
March 29	ABAN Newsletter March 2019 no.02/11 published Talk Program on by Dr. Ram Prasad Pokhrel
April 07	Visit to CVM Kindergarten Pre-School Gradualtion at Gathghar, Bhaktapur
April 08	ABAN – British Council meeting about IELTS Registration
April 10	Fourth Executive Committee meeting of the 11 th ECM at ULCI Dillibazar
April	ABAN Authorized for IELTS Exam Registration
April 26	Bhisma's Book Released
May 11	ABAN Family Picnic at Dhulikhel Jungle Resort
May 14	Fifth Executive Committee meeting
June	Executive Committee meeting
July 12	Release of a book: Yogamayadham by Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant, President ABAN

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