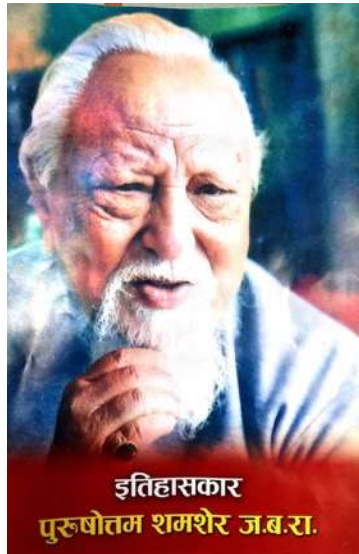


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**Talk Program on  
Relationship between Nepal and the  
British Empire during Rana Rule**

Historian Sri Purushottam Shumsher JBR, aged 93 years, addressed ABAN gathering on March 06, 2019 at ULCI hall, Dillibazar and shared his experiences of Nepal-Britain relations during Rana regime: 1847-1951, including prime minister JungaBahadur 's visit to UK



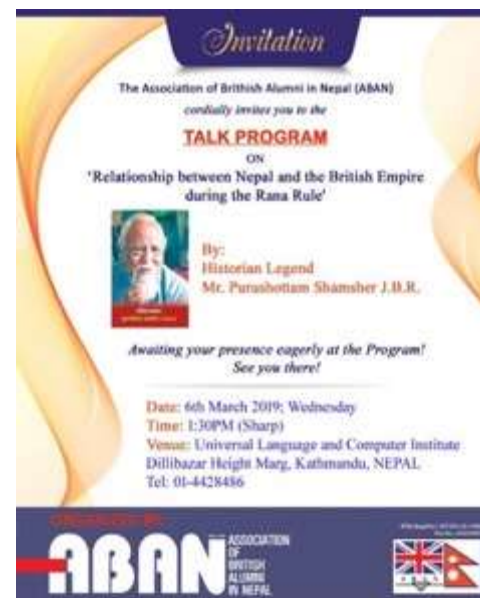
Mr. Purushottam SJBR narrated some of the historical facts about Nepal – Britain relations and presented some old photos of the following events:

- 1876 March 4: Prince Albert visited the jungle of Bardia in far western Terai for hunting, hosted by prime minister Jung Bahadur Kunwar Rana,
- 1882 November-December: Viceroy and Governor General Lord Dufferin visited the jungle of Chitwan for hunting, welcomed by prime minister Rannodip Singh Kunwar Rana,
- 1891 November 25: Viceroy and Governor General Lord Mew from Sohanpur India invited by prime minister Jung Bahadur Kunwar,
- 1893: Prince of Persia Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand visited Chitwan for hunting with British resident Mr. HW Wylie.
- Hunting diplomacy: Crown prince of Bartania Edward Auston (Prince of Wales) visited the forest of Thori in Chitwan Tarai for hunting, hosted prime minister Chandra Shumsher
- 1871 November: Viceroy Lord Mayo of Sohanpur Harihar India invited prime minister Jung Bahadur Kunwar Rana
- 1876 February: First son of queen Victoria prince Albert Edward ( Prince of Wales) visited Banbasa in far west Nepal for hunting



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



Mr. Purushottam Shumsher J.B.R was born on Chaitra 15, 1982 BS (March 1926 AD) as the son of Commander in Chief Mr. Iswar Shumsher J.B.R, who was the grand son prime minister HE Bir Shumsher JBR.

Mr. Purushottam Shumsher J.B.R studied inside the Palpa palace and obtained his SLC certificate from UP Board. Later, he completed intermediate education from Jaynarayan College of Baneras. He could not complete his B.Com. study from Baneras Hindu University.

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- 1890: Prince Albert, son of Prince of Wales visited the jungle of Bardia for hunting, welcomed by prime minister Bir Shumsher,
- 1944: Nepal sent a large battalion of Nepali Army to India for support in the world war



- 1945 October 25: visit of Sir Claud Jacob Edward Auchinlek, commander-in-chief of British India, received by Mr. Padma Shumshere JBR, commander-in-chief of Nepal,



Viceroy Lord Mayo of Sohanpur Harihar India invited prime minister Jung Bahadur Kunwar Rana in 1871 November



Prime minister Chandra Shumsher JBR greeting British Emperor George V in Chitwan in 1911 AD

## "बेलायतले भनेको नमान्दा नेपाल गुलाम भयो" - ईतिहासकार ज.ब.रा.

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ईतिहासकार पुरुषोत्तम शमशेर ज.ब.रा. ले बेलायतले समुद्रसँग सम्बन्ध हुनेगरी नेपालको भुभाग लिन गरेको आग्रहलाई तत्कालिन राणा शासकहरूले नमान्दा मुलुक अर्काको गुलाम हुनुपरेको बताउनु भएको छ । एसोसिएसन अफ ब्रिटिस अल्मुनाई ईन नेपाल (अबान) ले बुधबार राजधानीमा आयोजना गरेको अन्तक्रिया कार्यक्रममा बोल्दै ज.ब.रा.ले कम्तिमा बङ्गलादेशसँग नेपालको भगोललाई राणाहरूले जोडन मानेका

भए अहिले जसरी भारतसँग निर्भर हुनुपर्ने अबस्था नआउने बताउनु भयो । बेलायतले नेपाललाई हालको बङ्गलादेश लिई शाषण गर्न बारम्बार गरेको आग्रहलाई तत्कालिन राणाहरूले अस्वीकार गरेको उहाँको भनाई थियो । राणाशाषणमा बेलायत र नेपालको सम्बन्धका विषयमा अबानले जबरसँग विशेष अन्तक्रिया कार्यक्रम गरेको थियो । ईतिहासकार ज.ब.रा.ले बेलायत भ्रमणमा गएका जंगबहादुर राणा लगाएतको रोचक घटनाहरू सुनाउनु भएको थियो । कार्यक्रममा अबानका अध्यक्ष उत्तम प्रसाद पन्तले नेपाल र बेलायतको बिगतको सम्बन्धका आयामहरू उजागर गर्न अन्तक्रिया कार्यक्रमको आयोजना गरेको बताउनु भयो । उहाँले अबानले प्रकाशित गर्ने बुलेटिनमा ईतिहासकार ज.ब.रा.ले लेख्नुभएको जंगबहादुर राणाको बेलायत भ्रमणको मुख्य घटनाहरूलाई समावेश गरिने जानकारी दिनुभयो । कार्यक्रममा ईतिहासकार ज.ब.रा.लाई अबानले सम्मान गरेको थियो । युनिभर्सल ल्याडवेज एण्ड कम्प्युटर ईन्स्टिच्युटमा भएको कार्यक्रममा अबानका पुर्व अध्यक्ष महेश्वरभक्त श्रेष्ठ, डा. मृगेन्द्रराज पाण्डे लगाएतको उपस्थिती रहेको थियो ।

ABAN Life Member  
**Mrs. Pratima Pande Awarded**

Congratulations to Mrs. Pratima Pandey, Life Member of ABAN (ID 460) and Honorary Commercial Consulate of Italy for being awarded by the French government with the prestigious award "***Knight of the National Order of Merit***" in recognition of her years of selfless dedications, hard work and contributions for the society and French culture. French Ambassador to Nepal H.E. Francois- Xavier Leger handed the award on 19 March, 2019.



**ABAN Proposal for  
Registration of IELTS and  
IELTS Life Skills Examinations**

ABAN has proposed on March 11 to explore the possibility of working with the British Council, Nepal to provide registration of International English Language Testing System and IELTS Life Skills examinations in Nepal.

The IELTS exam is administered through the British Council as a requisite English Proficiency examinations for most education and migration opportunities in the UK. As a representative organization of British alumni with interests in promoting British education in Nepal, ABAN would like to take the initiative of registration services for the IELTS examination in Nepal. The IELTS Life Skills examinations is a requisite for dependent settlement in the UK. Considering a number of Nepali people are looking to enter the UK in dependent status, ABAN would like to serve the Nepalese community in registering for the IELTS Life Skills exams. ABAN has the capacity and the manpower to assist the British Council to register candidates for the IELTS and IELTS Life Skills tests in Nepal.



**ABAN Meets Dr. Jovan Ilic, Director British Council**



*The British Council Country Director Dr. Jovan Ilic met with some Executive members of ABAN on March 8, 2019. ABAN delegation was led by President Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant, with Immediate past president Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha, Vice president Mrs. Padma Vaidya, General secretary Mrs. Shiba Devi Kafle and Assistant treasurer Mr. Nava Raj Nakarmi*

In a congratulatory message to ABAN president Mr. Uttam Pant on March 08, Dr. Jovan Ilic, the Country Director of the British Council Nepal wrote he looks forward to working with the Executive Committee, and the Members of ABAN, so that "we can develop the British Council - ABAN relationship further".

He said the immediate past president Maheswor has put ABAN onto solid ground, and a strong foundation with rigorous financial management upon which to build. The British Council will continue to work with ABAN on the AGM, Newsletters, Directories, Talks and other activities. Besides these, he would like to move forward with 'something different,' and that is his single expectation. He suggested starting with the ambition and working backwards as potentially something different. For this he suggested "to map and access the significant numbers of British Alumni who are not members of ABAN, nor are they necessarily part of your social network or known to you".

"At the end, you will be able to provide evidence of achieving your aim, or of having made progress towards it, and dare I suggest you may well also experience a significant increase in membership. The format you have been working on is completely fine, so please do continue to use this. I look forward to receiving a revised version". Dr. Ilic thanked for his Life Membership of ABAN.

Earlier on February 2, during his address as Chief Guest of the 21<sup>st</sup> AGM of ABAN, Dr. Jovan Ilic had challenged ABAN Executives to come up with stories of the most successful British Alumni in the multi- sectoral development of Nepal. The story would be published and a special event organized to highlight the most prominent contributions of British alumni in Nepal within a year and the related expenses would be funded by the Council.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee of ABAN has accepted the challenge and a sub-committee was formed on February 09 to plan and materialize the challenge:

- Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha, IPP    Coordinator
- Mrs. Namrata Sharma, Past President Member
- Mr. Shanker Prasad Paudel, PP    Member
- Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety, PVP    Member
- Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant,    Ex-Officio Member



In response, IPP Maheswor wrote on March 9:

Dear Jovan

Thank you very much for your nice words and for showing your interest to continue supporting and working with ABAN in its various endeavors. I am indeed grateful for your confidence on ABAN to entrust such an important assignment like highlighting British Alumni success stories in the overall and future development of Nepal. British educational support has greatly benefitted Nepal and we all Nepalese are very grateful for such cooperation.

We appreciate your new forward looking approach of doing "something different" as your single expectation, which although bewildered us in the beginning, we earnestly look forward to be guided by your new approach and aspire to work to meet your expectation. We believe, together we can make a difference. I personally am really indebted for your full support that made my tenure as president of ABAN for 4 years successful to strengthen ABAN like never before.

On March 10 president Mr. Uttam Pant wrote: Dear Jovan,

Thank you very much for indeed for taking the time to meet with us on Friday. We appreciated your valuable insights and the support you have extended to us on behalf of the British Council.

We will be in touch with you and other members of the British Council team in making fruitful programs happen in collaboration between ABAN and the British Council. We look forward to working with you and the British Council team this term.



Prof. Dr. Ram Prasad Pokhrel, Life Member of ABAN (ID no.277) is the senior Ophthalmologist. He got FRCS from Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh in 1970 and DLO from Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians, London in 1963.

- Dr. Pokhrel is the Technical Advisor and Senior Ophthalmologist in Nepal Eye Hospital, Kathmandu,
- Professor of Eye Department in Nepal Medical College and Teaching Hospital
- Chief Advisor in Everest Nursing Home and Research Center, Kathmandu
- Chairman, National Society of Comprehensive Eye Care since 1992

Please come to listen to him on March 29 at ULCI, Dillibazar.

ABAN Sub-Committee Plan 2019-2021			
Sl	Objectives	Sub-Committee	Coordinator
1	Strengthen professional, educational, cultural relations with British professionals	Cultural & Social	Mrs. Padma Vaidya
2	Promote use of special knowledge and skill acquired in UK	Educational	Mrs. Mandira Shahi
3	Discuss on issues of national importance	Health & Medical	Mr. Eureka Ranjit
4	Publications to keep members informed	Program	Mrs. Shiba Devi Kafle
5	Protect professional interest of members	Publications	
6	Develop relations with British institutions	Membership Dev.	Mr. Bishma Upreti
7	Fund raising for sustainability	Networking	Mr. Hemanta Raj Baral
8	Promote image of ABAN with outside agencies and the public at large	Fund Raising	Mr. Uttam Lal Pradhan
9	Advisory Council	Alumni Story & Event	Mr. Maheswor Shrestha
		All Past Presidents	Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant
The Sub-committee coordinators will nominate other members and prepare action plan			

### ABAN Activity Report 2019 - 2020

Month of 2019	Main Activities
February 02	Election of 11 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting
February 09	Service to Senior Citizens of Tapasthali Briddhashram, Chapali, Kathmandu
February 09	First Executive Committee meeting of the 11 <sup>th</sup> ECM at Park Village, Budhanilkantha
February 26	Second Executive Committee meeting of the 11 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> ECM at ULCI Dillibazar
March 25	ABAN Newsletter March 2019 no.02/11 published
March 29	Talk Program on by Dr. Ram Prasad Pokhrel
April 06 Sat.	Family Picnic at J&B Fishing Resort, Gokarna



## Why Join ABAN?

1. Rare opportunity to **network** with fellow ABANians, who also studied in UK,
2. Share the expertise and experience gained in UK for Nepal's development,
3. Meet and greet British scholars and authorities for mutual enrichment,
4. Be in touch with British events, activities and openings for shared happiness.
5. Opportunities to serve others who need our help and guidance,
6. Identify 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.

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