



# NAFA 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## NAFA Team 2023-2024



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We are NAFA - the Nepalis and Friends Association (NAFA), 501(c)(3), a nonprofit organization that has proudly called Arizona home since 1994. Our vision is to promote & and preserve the Nepali language, Culture, and Tradition in Arizona and beyond. To support new and existing members, and provide networking opportunities. To collaborate with diverse organizations and create a harmonious, inclusive, and equitable community. Explore our diverse range of activities, and thank you for being an integral part of the NAFA journey!

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# 2023 events highlights

## Nepali New Year 2080

On Saturday, May 6, 2023, NAFA celebrated Nepali New Year 2078 in presence of City of Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke, Dr. Amar Bista and Dr. Sushil Pandey. Big thanks to parents, performers, sponsors, volunteers, and guests. The event was filled with diverse cultural shows, Nepali dance,



food, and participation from the Nepali community. It was a day marked by joy, unity, and the spirit of celebration.



# Teej 2023 Celebration



Thank you for coming!

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We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to each and every one for your support and for celebrating the festive with us. Thank you Nepalese Student Association ASU team and Mr. MOMO for your support.



# VIJAYA DASHAMI CELEBRATION 2080

From amazing food to cultural dance, poetry, and live music, the event exuded the most festive vibe. Thank you to Tucson team for their wonderful organization, and a big thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, donors, and everyone who participated and supported, directly and indirectly. Your applause is greatly appreciated



Nafa Initiative

# Arizona School of Nepali Language and Culture (ASNLC)

Tucson Students  
starting the class by  
singing the  
National Anthem.



NAFA started Nepali Language and Culture Class for children in two locations Chandler and Tucson. Thanks to City of Chandler Diversity and Inclusion office for Mini Grant and thank you ASU Innovation Center for the space.



can you spot the kite?

Dashain Project



Our sincere gratitude towards Bhoj Bahadur Balayar (NST, Texas) & and all the helping hands in Nepal and here in the US, who helped us bring materials from Nepal and establish a Nepali class library. Every small effort is much appreciated!



# We now have Level 1 graduates from Tucson and Chandler!



*Congratulations*



Sincere thanks to all our past Instructors. Huge gratitude to our current active instructors; Sanju Timilsina, Radha KC, Manjil Humagain, Sushil Sharma & Santosh Sapkota for your time and dedication to come to the class every week to transfer our language and culture to next generation. Thank you!



# NAFA Participation

## Asian Cultural Festival

Nafa team along with few other community members set up a booth and presented a cultural dance to showcase Nepali culture and tradition. Thanks to all the participants who joined hands to educating people about Nepal



Thank you to everyone who stopped by to cheer us up



# Deusi bhailo Program



## Tucson & Chandler Deusi Bhailo Program





# NAFA Outreach and Collaboration

## Crisis Management and Support workshop

Crisis Management and support workshop in collaboration with SEWA Phoenix & Nepalese Student Association at ASU



## Vijaya Dashami Mela

Some of the kids from our community performed in Malshree dhun at Vijaya Dashami mela organized by Maharana Association of USA. Participating in such program helps exchange culture and represent our Community.



## Dashain Tihar Food and Clothes Donations

NAFA in Collaboration with Sewa International USA and HSS donated winter clothes to the Tribes in Navajo Nation. Thank you to all the participating families who helped to collect/donate food items and winter clothes.



Thank you Aryan and Risha for your active participation



# Phoenix vs Tucson Friendly soccer match

NAFA Organized Friendly Soccer Match Between Phoenix and Tucson. Huge congratulations to our Tucson team for winning the match & trophy!! Congratulations to both teams for winning prize money.



We thank all our community members and associated organizations for your love and support. We wish you and your loved ones the Happiest New Year.

Happy New Year  
2024

thanks to our sponsors and collaborators

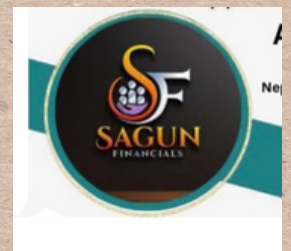


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MR. MOMO

### Collaborators

- Arizona Nepalese Community Outreach Group
- City of Chandler and ASU Innovation Center
- Nepalese Student Association at ASU
- University of Arizona - Nepalese Student
- NST Global Nepali Pathshala, Texas
- Sewa International - Phoenix
- AZ Asian Cultural Festival



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