

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	2023		31 <sup>st</sup>	March	2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

Tamu Samaj UK

**Other names charity is known by**

Tamu Dhee London

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1150097

**Charity's principal address**

The Card Room

660 Harrow Road

Barham Park

Wembley

**Postcode**

HA0 2HB

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	MR. SHIVAKUMAR GURUNG	PRESIDENT/ OFFICIAL	From 27 Jun 2021	
2	MR. DHARAM BAL GURUNG	GENERAL SECRETARY OFFICIAL	From 27 Jun 2021	
3	MR. KHEM BAHADUR GURUNG	TREASURER/ OFFICIAL	From 27 Jun 2021	
4	MR CHITRA BAHADUR GURUNG	TRUSTEE/ OFFICIAL		
5	MR ARJUN KUMAR GURUNG	TRUSTEE		
6	MR GYAN BAHADUR GURUNG	TRUSTEE		
7	MR UDAYA GURUNG	TRUSTEE		
8	MR SHIVSARAN GURUNG	TRUSTEE		
9	MR KEDAR BAHADUR GURUNG	TRUSTEE		
10	MR SUBASING GURUNG	TRUSTEE		

11	MR. SHIVA CHANDRA GURUNG	TRUSTEE		
12	MR. BABU RAM GURUNG	TRUSTEE		
13	MR. KANYA PRASAD GURUNG	TRUSTEE		
14	MR. HARKA BAHADUR Gurung	TRUSTEE		
15	MR. YAM BAHADUR GURUNG	TRUSTEE		

**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
FINANCIAL ADVISER	Mr. LEKH NATH GHIMIRE	GNS Associates Ltd, Boundary House, Cricket Field Road, Uxbridge, UB8 1QG

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## **Section B      Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 07 OCT 2012
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	TSUK CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 07 OCT 2012
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	TRUSTEES ARE APPOINTED OR REAPPOINTED BY MEMBERS AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING EVERY THREE YEARS.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Membership to Tamu Samaj UK (TSUK) is open to everyone. The trustees oversee the day to day operations of the organisation and official trustees also act as signatories. The trustees seek the views of members and volunteers in deciding the activities to carry out. There are Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Insurance, policies in place including licensing protocols. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Tamu Samaj UK holds a minimum of quarterly meetings and if required will meet more frequently accordingly to organisational needs such as during discussion and planning of events.

The meetings are run by The President and attended by the trustees and members.

Each meeting discusses Health & Safety and any financial risk associated with the building and running the charity and each event.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their quality of life.
2. To relieve the financial hardship of the elderly, sick and disabled through the provision of food clothing and housing.
3. To provide relief and help to the victims of natural and manmade disasters.
4. To advance education and training which is work related.
5. To carry out social activities /programmes as determined by the members of the community.

## REPORT AND RECORDS OF TAMU SAMAJ UK FUND RAISING PROJECTS & EVENTS.

Tamu Samaj UK (TSUK) is continuously collecting donations towards a permanent and sustainable community centre. This will also serve the growing number of retired Nepalese. We want to provide a place that is safe for them to travel, socialise and once again be part of a familiar community they left behind when moving from Nepal to UK.

TSUK need an administrative office space to run daily business and to coordinate charity and community programme regularly, therefore we are focused to raise donation for a multipurpose, permanent and sustainable community centre.

During this reporting period, TSUK has organised various meetings, interaction, fundraising and community programmes for the benefit of the members and wider public as shown below;

### ON 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023, TAMU SAMAJ UK CELEBRATED THE 2567TH BUDDHA JAYANTI PUJA AT THE NEPALESE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN BARHAM PARK, WEMBLEY.

The celebration took place on the auspicious occasion of Baishakh Purnima and Buddha Jayanti, which marks the birth anniversary of Lord Gautam Buddha. He is recognized as the pioneer of peace, the star of Asia, and the national icon of Nepal. The event welcomed several monks, including Dawa Norbu, Syanu Lama, Mingmar Lama, and His Holiness Tulku Jigme Samten Rimpoche, who served as the chief guest. The event was presided over by President Shiva Kumar Gurung.

The celebration began with a warm welcome extended to His Holiness Tulku Jigme Samten Rimpoche by Mr. Shivakumar Gurung, the President of Tamu Samaj UK, along with members of the organization. The Chief Guest inaugurated the Puja ceremony with President Shivakumar Gurung and the Chairperson of the Mother Group, Mrs Uma Devi Gurung, and Vice Chairperson, Mrs Mathura Gurung. They lit a lamp to signify the start of the ceremony. Several dignitaries were present, including founding President Chitra Bahadur Gurung, former President/Adviser Shivsaran Gurung, Councillor Kamal Gurung, executive committee members, and numerous well-wishers.

During the event, many kind-hearted individuals provided financial aid, food, drinks, and other necessary items for the Baishakh Purnima and 2567th Buddha Jayanti Puja program, similar to past years. The special worship for Buddha Jayanti began at 8:30 AM. During the Puja ceremony, Chief Monk Tulku Jigme Samten Rimpoche delivered vital lectures (Prabachan) about the significance of Buddha Jayanti, Domang puja, Buddhism, and Buddha's teachings on simple living. After the lecture and Puja program, all attendees received blessings (Abhishek) from Tulku Jigme Samten Rimpoche and other Lama Gurus.

During the ceremony, Mrs. Uma Devi Gurung, Chairperson of The Mother Group, delivered a welcoming speech, while President Shiva Kumar Gurung expressed his gratitude to the chief monks, all the monks, program coordinator Hari Man Gurung, and the donors who provided food and beverages. Additionally, General Secretary Mr Dharam Bal Gurung shared health and safety information. Treasurer Mr Khem Bahadur Gurung read out the names of donors who sponsored food, drinks, and essential goods and offered financial support.

The program garnered £2280 in financial sponsorships, with the Treasurer depositing

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

£1310 into the community account after expenses were deducted. The Buddha Jayanti Worship (Puja) ceremony concluded at 5:30 PM.

**TAMU SAMAJ UK HOSTED AN INTERACTION PROGRAM FEATURING DEPUTY MAYOR MRS. MANJU DEBI GURUNG FROM POKHARA METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY ON 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2023.**

The event was chaired by Founder President Chitra Bahadur Gurung, with Mrs. Manju Gurung serving as the chief guest. She was welcomed by Chitra Bahadur Gurung and Mother Group Chairperson Mrs. Uma Devi Gurung. Former President Shivsaran Gurung provided a brief overview of the community.

Attendees included former Presidents Shivsaran Gurung, Arjun Kumar Gurung, and Shivachandra Gurung, as well as former Mother Group Chairperson Mrs. Maya Gurung, executive committee members, advisors, and other community members.

During the program, Deputy Mayor Gurung was recognized for her outstanding contributions to social service. In her speech, she praised Tamu Samaj UK's charitable efforts and expressed her hopes for the community's continued progress. Additionally, she emphasized important contemporary issues in Pokhara Metropolitan Municipality, particularly regarding women's empowerment.

The event successfully concluded at the Tamu Samaj UK Nepalese Community Centre. General Secretary Dharam Bal Gurung managed the program, and the food and beverages were provided by members of the Mother Group. The program began at 11:30 AM and wrapped up at 4:00 PM

**TAMU SAMAJ UK DONATED £647.79 TO TAMU DHEE NEPAL.**

On 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Tamu Samaj UK donated £647.79 to Tamu Dhee Nepal to support the construction of a cultural preservation and art training centre known as Tamu Rodhi Ghar. This centre is situated in Naya Bazar, within the Pokhara Metropolitan Municipality in Kaski District, Gandaki Province.

Tamu Dhee Nepal has reached out to both the local and international Gurung community for support in building the Rodhi Ghar. In response, Tamu Samaj UK decided to contribute to this project, which aims to benefit the entire Gurung community in the future. On 15<sup>th</sup> May Tamu Samaj UK held a working committee meeting chaired by Executive President Hark Bahadur Gurung to discuss the donation to Tamu Dhee Nepal and reached a unanimous decision to proceed with the support.

During a visit to Nepal, Tamu Samaj UK President Shivakumar Gurung met with members of the working committee, including Tamu Dhee Nepal President Hom Bahadur Gurung and advisor Major Lacchimi Prasad Gurung.

The goal of Tamu Dhee Nepal's project is to establish a cultural and art centre where the Gurung community can learn about their traditional art and culture, ensuring its preservation for future generations.

The donation was officially presented during Tamu Dhee Nepal's 39th anniversary programme, attended by President Shivakumar Gurung, Hom Bahadur Gurung (President of Tamu Dhee Nepal), and Karma Gurung (Founder President), along with several other dignitaries. During the event, President Hom Bahadur Gurung expressed his gratitude to President Shivakumar Gurung and all members of Tamu Samaj UK for

their generous support. Additionally, President Shiva Kumar Gurung pledged to create two statues of Ghantuni (endangered traditional cultural dancers) for the Museum of Tamu Dhee Nepal in Pokhara.

#### **TAMU SAMAJ UK HAS GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED £1,005.00 TO THE COMMONWEALTH AND GURKHA GARDEN BUILDING PROJECT.**

Tamu Samaj UK has made a generously contributed £1005.00 to the Commonwealth and Gurkha Garden building project in the Royal Borough of Greenwich. This project's goal is to raise funds for creating the Commonwealth and Gurkha Garden, which will transform the land surrounding the church into a space designed for reflection, education, environmental care, and beauty. The initiative encourages local community involvement and aims to attract visitors from around the world.

The Project is now progressing into the design review and fundraising phase, with significant work remaining before landscaping and planting begin. During the Pre-Annual General Meeting, Mr Shree Chandra Gurung, a life member of Tamu Samaj UK and the fundraising coordinator for the Gurkha Garden, proposed a financial contribution to the Commonwealth and Gurkha Garden Project. Former President Shiva Chandra Gurung seconded this proposal. After further discussion, the Tamu Samaj UK meeting decided to contribute £1,005 to this Project, reflecting the connection many of its members have as former Gurkha soldiers. This donation was transferred to the Commonwealth and Gurkha Garden project account on 3rd June 2023, from Tamu Samaj UK.

#### **TAMU SAMAJ UK DONATED £200 TO THE DIAMOND BUDDHIST GUMBA UK.**

Tamu Samaj UK donated £200 to the Diamond Buddhist Gumba UK to support their Charity Dinner Night program, which took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023. The event was attended by President Shiva Kumar Gurung, founding President Chitra Bahadur Gurung, former Mother Group Chairperson and Vice President Bindu Ghale, former Chairperson and Adviser Mrs. Maya Gurung, and advisers Lekh Gurung and Kedar Gurung. Additionally, attendees made contributions at their tables during the event.

#### **THE 16TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TAMU SAMAJ UK WAS HELD ON 24 JUNE 2023 AT TAMU SAMAJ UK NEPALESE COMMUNITY CENTRE BARHAM PARK WEMBLEY LONDON.**

Tamu Samaj UK's 16th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023, at the Tamu Samaj UK Nepalese Community Centre in Barham Park, Wembley, London. Shiva Kumar Gurung, the President of the Sixth Executive Committee, chaired the meeting inaugurated by Chairman Shiva Kumar Gurung, Founder President Chitra Bahadur Gurung, Mother Group Chairperson Uma Devi Gurung, and Advisor and Councillor Kamal Gurung, who jointly lit a lamp in Panas. A minute of silence was observed at the beginning of the meeting in remembrance of the society's deceased members.

General Secretary Dharam Bal Gurung delivered a health and safety briefing during the meeting. The welcome speech was given by Vice-President Mrs. Binu Ghale, followed by remarks from former Presidents Shivsaran Gurung and Arjun Kumar Gurung and outgoing President Shiva Chandra Gurung. In the concluding speech, Founder Chairman Chitra Bahadur Gurung expressed gratitude for the various social and charitable contributions made by the Sixth Executive Committee from the past to the present.

The general secretary presented the organization's annual and progress reports during

the general meeting. The Chairperson of the Mother Group also presented the Mother Group's annual report. Treasurer Khem Bahadur Gurung and President Shiva Kumar Gurung jointly presented the building purchase project and the organization's financial report. The members unanimously approved all the presentations made during the meeting.

During the general assembly, members expressed their satisfaction and appreciation for the current work being carried out. The atmosphere was cordial, with constructive suggestions to advance the society's overall interests and future activities. The Executive Committee members, including the President of the Sixth Executive Committee, were thanked for their contributions. Tamu Samaj UK's funds provided food and beverages for the event, and the total expenses amounted to £800.07.

The meeting commenced at 10:00 AM and concluded at 4:30 PM. Members of the Mother Group provided food and refreshments for all participants.

#### **TAMU SAMAJ UK HAS PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE MEDICAL TREATMENT OF NEPALESE SINGER, COMPOSER, AND ARTIST KRISHNA GURUNG.**

Tamu Samaj UK raised £1,468 from its members to support Krishna Gurung, who is suffering from bowl cancer. He appealed to the Gurung community worldwide for financial support to assist with his treatment. Tamu Samaj UK decided to contribute because Krishna Gurung is one of the Gurung community's celebrated singers, composers, and artists. As a charitable organization, they could not ignore his appeal.

Tamu Samaj UK President Shivakumar Gurung handed over the collected funds to Padam Bahadur Gurung, the Tamu Artist Cultural Forum UK President. The handover ceremony took place on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023, at the Tamu Samaj UK Nepalese Community Centre in Barham Park, Wembley.

Shivakumar Gurung wished Krishna Gurung a speedy recovery and success in creating and performing new songs. Padam Bahadur Gurung expressed his gratitude to Shiva kumar Gurung and all the members of Tamu Samaj UK for their generous support in the campaign he organized.

The event was also attended by Kanya Prasad Gurung, former Vice President and advisor of Tamu Samaj UK; Gyan Bahadur Gurung, former Secretary General and advisor; and Ganga Bahadur Gurung, an executive committee member.

#### **MEMBERS OF TAMU SAMAJ UK ENJOYED A SUMMER VISIT TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT.**

Tamu Samaj UK organised a summer outing for its members and their families to the Isle of Wight on 8th July 2023. The purpose of this visit was to bring community members and their families together, allowing them to explore new places and get to know one another better. Some attendees were new and had never met anyone else until they joined the community. This gathering aimed to strengthen community bonds and foster closer relationships among members.

A total of 52 members and their families participated in the event. The community fund covered 50% of the bus fare and the costs of printing a banner, amounting to a total of £1028.85. This tour marked the first inclusion in Tamu Samaj UK's annual events, with hopes that more members and their families will join in the future.

Participants reported having a wonderful time, noting that even a one-day outing was far less stressful than their daily home and work routines. They emphasized that the trip positively impacted their mental health and overall well-being.



The day began at Barham Park, Wembley, and we travelled via the M25 and M3 to the famous port of Southampton. From there, we crossed the sea to East Cowes using Red Funnel ferries. We enjoyed the beautiful scenery and found plenty of souvenirs at the local pearl factory shops on the Isle of Wight. The tour concluded back at Barham Park, Wembley, at 7:30 p.m.

### **TAMU SAMAJ UK WON THE CONSOLATION PRIZE IN THE DANCE COMPETITION AT THE NEPALI FAIR 2023.**

The Tamu Dhee Association UK hosts an annual Nepali Fair to preserve and promote Nepali art, culture, and identity. This event showcases Nepali culture beyond borders, encourages tourism in Nepal, and strengthens relationships among Nepali organizations in the UK. The fair took place on 27th August 2023 at the Kempton Park Racecourse in London and was inaugurated by senior members of the organization. The event's chief guest was H.E. Gyan Chandra Acharya, the Ambassador of Nepal to the United Kingdom.

Chaired by Tamu Dhee UK President Hari Gurung, the Nepali Fair 2023 was a grand event attended by diplomats, local councillors, media personnel, organizations, and nearly 10,000 Nepalese people in the UK. The fair featured over three dozen Nepali organizations showcasing Nepali art, culture, and traditions through tableaux and dances.

Tamu Samaj UK participated in both a tableau and dance competition, delivering an impressive dance performance that earned them the consolation prize in the dance competition. Tableau Led by President Shivakumar Gurung, Tamu Samaj UK showcased their art and culture with enthusiasm. They followed the guidance of the Rangi Changi Tableau Group. They presented a cultural tableau featuring a traditional national dance performed by members dressed in traditional Tamu (Gurung), Sherpa, Magar, Newari, and Tharu costumes. Their participation aimed to promote Nepalese art and culture at various fairs across the country.

Mrs. Saru Gurung Rana choreographed the dance. During their participation in the Nepali Fair, Tamu Samaj UK raised a total of £520 from various sources, including a prize of £200 from competitions. However, their total expenditure amounted to £3,415.75, which exceeded their budget. As a result, they had to use £2,895.75 from their organisational funds to cover the shortfall. All executive members agreed to use community funds to cover the excess expenses.

### **TAMU SAMAJ UK MOTHERS GROUP CELEBRATES LADIES' NIGHT AND GRAND TEEJ FESTIVAL.**

On Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the Tamu Samaj UK Mothers Group hosted a Ladies' Night and the Haritalika Teej event at the Tamu Samaj UK Nepalese Community Centre in Barham Park, Wembley, London. The event was designed to celebrate Teej, a significant festival for women. Mrs. Meera Gurung, the Secretary of the Mothers Group, led the special program for Ladies' Night and Teej 2023.

The event opened with a welcome speech from Mrs. Mathura Gurung, Vice Chairperson of the Mothers Group, followed by a thank you speech from Mrs. Uma Devi Gurung, Mrs. Meera Gurung, organized the Ladies' Night and Teej event.

During the program, Mrs. Meera Gurung expressed her gratitude to all the donors who supported and sponsored the Ladies' Night and Teej celebrations by reading their names aloud. The event featured beautifully decorated halls, and the dedicated ladies of the group provided beverage services. Attending the event were Tamu Samaj UK's President, Mr. Shivakumar Gurung; Founder President, Mr. Chitra Bahadur Gurung; General Secretary, Mr. Dharam Bal Gurung; Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Robin Gurung; Advisor, Mr. Udaya Gurung; as well as former presidents, executive committee members, and other guests from various organisations.

Each year, the Ladies' Night and Teej event welcomes mothers, sisters, and women



from various organizations, alongside dignitaries and Nepalese ladies from the Wembley area, all dressed in traditional red Nepali Dhaka saris. The Teej festivities commenced at 1:30 p.m., and participants enjoyed delicious food and danced to music by DJ Prajjwal Man Gurung until 10 p.m. Rara Restaurant catered the event, while Mr. Tek Gurung captured the celebration through photography.

The Tamu Samaj UK Mothers Group proudly reported a net income of £1,688.00 from the Ladies' Night and Grand Teej festival event.

### **TAMU SAMAJ UK CELEBRATED ITS 16TH ANNIVERSARY ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT BARHAM PARK, WEMBLEY, LONDON.**

The event took place in a warm, family-friendly atmosphere. Councillor Kamal Gurung from the London Borough of Barnet, who also serves as an adviser to Tamu Samaj UK, was the chief guest. The program was chaired by Shiva Kumar Gurung and moderated by Dharam Bal Gurung. Before the formal inauguration, Secretary Gurung briefed attendees on health and safety protocols.

The society's president, chief guest, councillor, and founder president inaugurated the program by lighting a lamp. Vice President Mrs. Bindu Ghale delivered the welcome speech, and President Shiva Kumar Gurung shared the society's objectives and achievements in his address. Founder President Chitra Bahadur Gurung expressed gratitude for the strong support from the leadership. Miss Sumi Gurung, Miss Diya Limbu, and Miss Ocean Rana Magar performed a traditional Nepali folk dance.

The Best Social Service Award 2023 honours individuals who have significantly contributed to society. Shivkumar Gurung, the society's president, congratulated the awardees, who received certificates for outstanding social service. The chief guest, Councillor Kamal Gurung, presented the certificates during the event. The winners of the Best Social Service Award are Mrs. Man Kumari Gurung, Mrs. Surya Kumari Gurung, Mrs. Lil Kumari Gurung, Mrs. Kubindhari Gurung, and Solicitor Raju Thapa, who serves as an adviser to Tamu Samaj UK.

Following the Best Social Service Award presentation, an anniversary cake-cutting ceremony filled with excitement and joy took place. President Shivakumar Gurung, Chief Guest Councillor Kamal Gurung, Founder President Chitra Bahadur Gurung, former Presidents Arjun Kumar Gurung and Shiva Chandra Gurung, Mother Group Chairperson Uma Devi Gurung, former chairperson Mrs. Maya Gurung, and other executive members participated in the ceremony, toasting with champagne to celebrate the occasion.

During the event, Chief Guest Councillor Kamal Gurung highlighted that the society has reached new heights due to the strong leadership provided by the organization's founding presidents up to the present day. President Shivakumar Gurung thanked all attendees and concluded the formal program at 11 PM.

The event concluded with DJ Prajjwal Man Gurung entertaining all attendees with music and dancing. The anniversary program was catered by Rara Restaurant, with beverages funded by the community, and Adviser Kashiraj Bohara sponsored the anniversary cake.

Tamu Samaj UK's anniversary program received £150 from various sources, but the total cost was £2012.75. Therefore, £1862.75 was taken from the community funds to cover the difference.

### **TAMU SAMAJ UK DONATED £170 TO THE THOUSAND BUDDHA GUMBA READING UK.**

On 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Tamu Samaj UK donated a pledged amount of £170 to Thousand Buddha Gumba Reading UK to support their Charity Dinner Night, which

took place on 7th October 2023. The event was attended by President Shivakumar Gurung, First Lady Mrs. Mina Gurung, Mrs. Uma Devi Gurung (Chairperson of the Mother Group), General Secretary Dharam Bal Gurung, Treasurer Khem Bahadur Gurung, and committee members Mrs. Bhadra Kumari Gurung, Mrs. Bijayata Gurung, and Adviser Ram Chandra Gurung. Additionally, all attendees made contributions during the event.

#### **TAMU SAMAJ UK PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SARITA GURUNG'S MEDICAL TREATMENT IN LAMJUNG.**

The Tamu Society has provided financial support for the health treatment of Sarita Gurung, a 47-year-old resident of Lamjung Rainas Municipality 9. Sarita has breast cancer, and the costs of her treatment are substantial. Her family's financial situation is weak, making it difficult to afford the treatment, and government assistance is insufficient to cover the expenses.

In response to this challenging situation, Sarita's family contacted Tamu Samaj UK for financial assistance and provided a reference letter from the Cancer hospital. Recognizing the urgency of her condition—especially given her young age of 47 and the fact that she has young children to care for—Tamu Samaj UK sought support from its lifetime members. The society actively collected donations, and under the initiative of the treasurer, they raised a total of £686 to help cover Sarita's treatment costs. On 23rd October 2023, the funds were handed over to Mrs Sarita Gurung at her Kathmandu residence during the treasurer, Mr Khem Bahadur Gurung's holiday in Nepal.

#### **TAMU SAMAJ UK PARTICIPATED IN THE CIVIC REMEMBRANCE SERVICE OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT.**

A Brent Civic Remembrance Sunday Service parade was held on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023, at Queen Elizabeth Garden, Barham Park, Wembley, London. Members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, cadets, St. John's Ambulance, Royal British Legion Wembley and Sudbury Branch, scouts, Tamu Samaj UK's Gurkha Veterans, and other organizations participated in the event, accompanied by a brass band. The occasion was solemn and aimed to honour and remember the sacrifices of those who have served and continue to serve their country.

The Remembrance service was attended by Deputy Lieutenant Mei Sim, who served as the Chief Guest. Brent Mayor Abdi Aden, Brent Council Leader Councillor Mohamed Butt, and Members of Parliament, including the Honourable Barry Gardiner and Dawn Butler MP, were also present, among others.

The service began with the trumpet playing the "Last Post," followed by one minute of silence, and concluded with the trumpet playing "Reveille" and the national anthem. Following the Remembrance Service, the Chief Guest, the Mayor of Brent, other dignitaries, and representatives of various organizations in Brent laid wreaths at the War Memorial in Barham Park. Shivakumar Gurung, the President of Tamu Samaj UK, laid the wreath on behalf of the organization. The Brent Civic Remembrance Service concluded with a parade march past, accompanied by The Legend Brass Band.

After the service began at 3 PM, Tamu Samaj UK hosted a curry lunch at their community centre, the Tamu Samaj UK Naples Community Centre in Barham Park. The lunch honoured the Chief Guest and dignitaries from Brent Council who participated in the program. Deputy Lieutenant Mei Sim, the Chief Guest, was joined by Brent Mayor Councillor Orleen Hylton, Council Leader Councillor Mohamed Butt, the Honourable MP Barry Gardiner, and other local councillors and distinguished guests. The Chairperson of the Mother Group and other members were also in attendance.

Before lunch, General Secretary Dharam Bal Gurung addressed the attendees, speaking on health and safety and welcoming the guests. The event featured Deputy Lieutenant Mei Sim as the Chief Guest, alongside MP Barry Gardiner, Brent Mayor Councillor Orleen Hylton, Council Leader Councillor Mohamed Butt, Councillor Kamal Gurung, Councillor Paul Lorber, and other councillors and dignitaries. They all acknowledged Tamu Samaj UK's participation in the Brent Civic Remembrance Service, praised the society's social and philanthropic efforts, and expressed their heartfelt thanks and best wishes.

President Shivakumar Gurung expressed gratitude to all the guests, dedicated members, veterans, and the Mother group for their contributions to the event's success.

The event culminated in a delightful curry lunch featuring Nepali dishes prepared by Rara Catering; with beverages provided by the Mother group members. The total expenditure for the event was £906, and the program concluded at 5:00 PM.

### **TAMU SAMAJ UK'S TIHAR DEUSHI/BHAILO PROGRAMME ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2023.**

Tamu Samaj UK celebrated Tihar, the second largest festival for the Nepalese community, by hosting a Deushi Bhailo event, continuing a tradition from previous years.

The event took place on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023, at the Nepalese community centre of Tamu Samaj UK in Barham Park, Wembley, London. Deushi Bhailo is a traditional Nepali cultural activity performed during the autumn to preserve Nepali culture and traditions. This event aims to spread a positive message about this rich heritage to the younger generation and strengthen the bonds among community members and supporters. Additionally, it raises funds for the Tamu Samaj UK's community centre building project.

The programme saw significant participation and generous donations from members and well-wishers. Although the bhailaris (participants of Deushi Bhailo) could not visit individual homes due to busy work schedules, those available came together at the community centre to donate generously.

Some members and well-wishers who could not attend the event also contributed through online banking. Tamu Samaj UK President Shivakumar Gurung and Mother Group Chairperson Uma Devi Gurung expressed their gratitude to all donors and wished everyone a happy Tihar.

Thanks to the enthusiasm, support, and contributions of those motivated by a spirit of community service, the organization successfully collected £4,159.00 in donations. This reflects the mutual understanding, dedication, and strong unity among society members and well-wishers.

President Shivakumar Gurung presided over the event, while Vice President Bhim Bahadur Gurung coordinated the Deushi Bhailo activities, assisted by General Secretary Dharam Bal Gurung. Treasurer Khem Bahadur Gurung and a working committee member helped collect the donations.

The Deushi Bhailo programme featured participation from a select group of members, including mothers from the Mother Group, senior citizens, and sisters dressed in traditional attire. During the programme, Kedar Bahadur Gurung, Arjun Kumar Gurung, Maya Gurung, Bimala Gurung, Man Kumari Gurung, and Bindu Ghale performed a traditional Nepali dance called Deusi Bhailo. The celebration began at 5:30 PM and concluded at 11 PM.

The Mother Group provided food and beverages for all attendees, alongside cultural presentations. President Shivakumar Gurung expressed heartfelt gratitude to all participants of Deushi Bhailo, those who provided food and drinks, and all donors—both cash and online—who contributed to this memorable event.

**TAMU SAMAJ UK HAS PROVIDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE NEPALI STUDENT KAMAL GURUNG.**

Tamu Samaj UK has provided financial support of £2,505 to the family of the late Kamala Gurung, who passed away just four days after arriving to study in the UK.

On 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023, a program was held at the Tamu Samaj UK building in Barham Park, London, where the society's president, Shiv Kumar Gurung, presented the donation to Niraj Gurung, the husband of Kamala Gurung.

To support Niraj Gurung, who experienced the tragic loss of his wife shortly after their arrival in the UK, the community came together to raise funds from its members and well-wishers. Assistance also came from Nepalese employees at Sky Company London, coordinated by Mrs. Uma Devi Gurung, the Chairperson of the Mother Group. Mr. Bisan Gurung, a life member of Tamu Samaj UK, and President Chandra Gurung represented the Kolma Bahakot Society UK in this initiative. Upon learning about the Gurung family's need for financial support, the society began collecting donations and provided the funds to Niraj Gurung, the husband of the late Kamala. Dharam Bal Gurung, the society's general secretary, facilitated the program.

During the event, Shiva Kumar Gurung expressed gratitude to all the donors who supported Kamala's family.

**TAMU SAMAJ UK CELEBRATED LHOCHAR/LHOSAR, A SIGNIFICANT FESTIVAL OF THE TAMU COMMUNITY, ON SATURDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023.**

The festival was organized to bid farewell to the Year of the Cat and welcome the Year of the Vulture. The celebration occurred at the Tamu Samaj UK Nepalese Community Centre in Barham Park, Wembley, London. The program began at 11 a.m. and concluded at 3:30 p.m., featuring a planetary peace and purification worship ceremony.

Members of the society's executive committee, advisors, life members, senior citizens, youth, and children all participated in the Planet Peace and Purification Puja. Shivakumar Gurung, the President of the society; Founder President Chitra Bahadur Gurung; Advisory Councillor Kamal Gurung; and Chairperson of Aama Samuh, Uma Devi Gurung, jointly lit the lamp and offered prayers.

The puja ceremony was organized under the coordination of Sports and Religious Secretary Hariman Gurung. Before the planetary peace and purification puja started, the society's General Secretary, Dharambal Gurung, introduced the revered gurus and provided a health and safety briefing to the attendees.

Religious leaders, including the chief Lama Guru from the Buddhist Gumba Reading UK, Khenpo Shyam Gurung, and Lama Guru Ganesh Gurung, performed the puja ceremony according to the traditional rituals. During the ceremony, Khenpo Shyam Gurung delivered an insightful sermon on planetary peace and purification worship.

During the event, the society's President, Shivakumar Gurung, expressed gratitude to all the religious leaders, Puja Coordinator Mr. Hariman Gurung, and everyone who generously donated food and beverages and participated in the puja program. He recognized the hard work of all those who contributed from their respective locations to ensure the puja program's success.

During the Lhochhar worship ceremony, members and well-wishers donated £2,178.43. After deducting the puja expenses of £810, the total income generated was £1,368.43.

**TAMU SAMAJ UK HAS INSTALLED A PAIR OF GHATU DANCER STATUES AT THE TAMU DHEE NEPAL GURUNG MUSEUM IN POKHARA.**

The British charitable organisation Tamu Samaj UK spent £3,049.55 (450,000 rupees) installing a pair of statues representing the Gurung cultural Ghatu dance in the Gurung

museum in Pokhara, Tamu Dhee, Nepal.

Recognizing the importance of preserving significant cultural artefacts in the museum, Chitra Bahadur Gurung, the founder and president Tamu Samaj UK, suggested consulting with Major (Retd.) Lachhimi Prasad Gurung MVO, a Pokhara-based social activist and philanthropist who is also an advisor to Tamu Dhee Nepal. They also asked Shivkumar Gurung, president of Tamu Samaj UK, to create a sculpture for the Gurung Museum in Pokhara.

After several phone conversations and a meeting in Nepal with Major Lachhimi Prasad Gurung MVO, Hom Bahadur Gurung (President of Tamu Dhee Nepal), Shiva Kumar Gurung, and Chitra Bahadur Gurung, the executive members of Tamu Samaj UK decided to support this important initiative.

The sculptor was commissioned to create two life-sized statues, which took nearly 5 months to complete before they were placed in the museum. The statue was officially presented to the Tamu Dhee Nepal Gurung Museum on 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023, during the celebration of Lhochhar Day, which marks the Gurung New Year in the Year of VULTURE (Mubri Lhochhar), a major festival for the Gurung community. During the ceremony, Narayan Singh Gurung, the Tamu Samaj UK Representative and President of Ghandruk Samaj UK, handed the statue to Mr. Hom Gurung, the President of Tamu Dhee Nepal.

On the same occasion, President Hom Bahadur Gurung expressed appreciation for the museum's significance and thanked the Tamu Samaj UK President and all members for their contributions to preserving the identity of the Tamu people, even while living abroad. Mrs Karma Gurung, the founder president of Tamu Dhee Nepal, and Major (retd.) Lachhimi Prasad Gurung MVO, who facilitated the event, also participated in the statue handover programme.

**TAMU SAMAJ UK CELEBRATED THE GRAND TAMU MUBRI LHOCHHAR / LHOSAR (YEAR OF THE VULTURE) SIGNIFICANTLY AT HARROW LEISURE CENTRE, LONDON.**

On 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Tamu Samaj UK celebrated Lhochhar/Lhosar at Byron Hall in London. The program was inaugurated by the chief guest, the Mayor of Brent Council, Cllr Orleen Hylton, who jointly lit the lamp alongside Shivakumar Gurung and founder President Chitra Bahadur Gurung. Shivakumar Gurung, the President of the Society, chaired the event. At the same time, General Secretary Dharam Bal Gurung provided health and Safety and security information and hosted the first part of the program. Vice President Mrs. Bindu Ghale welcomed the guests and attendees during the event and briefed them about the Tamu Lhochhar celebration and the organization. Mayor Hylton expressed her happiness in participating in the grand Tamu Lhochhar event, marking the Year of the Vulture, organized by Tamu Samaj UK. She praised the organization's various social services and charitable work and wished everyone joy, peace, good health, long life, and positive progress on the auspicious occasion of Mubri Hochhar and the English New Year 2024.

The Chief Guest also commended the impressive dance performances by the artists during the mubriLhochhar programme. The President, Shivakumar Gurung, thanked the Chief Guest and distinguished guests from various organizations, as well as the executive members and members of all associations who participated in the programme, whether directly or indirectly.

During the event, the President, the Founder President, and the Chairperson of the mother group welcomed new life members. They distributed membership certificates and badges—a tradition that is followed each year. the Tamu Samaj UK Distinguished Social Service Award (Lifetime Achievement Award - 2024) was presented. This award will also recognize those who have played an essential role in various aspects of social life and have significantly contributed to developing social services and organizations. The Tamu Samaj UK Outstanding Social Service Award 2024 recipients were also acknowledged and presented with Certificates of Appreciation. In the academic session of 2022-23, achievements will be awarded to successful students at both the graduation and postgraduate levels.



Moreover, the society's magazine, "The Orchid," was launched on this particular occasion day, and Lekh Gurung, the chief editor, and his team were honoured. A welcome song video produced by Tamu Samaj UK was also released. The video director and choreographer, Saru Rana Gurung, lyricist Surya Gurung, and videographer Suman Shrestha were recognized during the occasion.

The evening featured excellent dance performances that highlighted the cultural and entertainment program. Performers included the Tamu Samaj UK's mother group and youth group artists. Saru Gurung Rana, a former cultural secretary and actress from the Tamu movie, choreographed the choreography. Niraj Gurung and Mrs. Laxmi Gurung conducted the dance and cultural program, which was organized by Vice President Bindu Ghale.

Notable personalities present at the event included Hari Gurung, President of Tamu Dhee UK, outgoing President Hit Kaji Gurung, and dignitaries such as Prem Gaha Magar, President of the Non-Resident Nepali Association UK, former Mayor and Councillor Bishnu Bahadur Gurung, Cllr Kamal Gurung, the Deputy Mayor of the Royal Borough of Greenwich, Councillor Jit Rana Bhat, President of Tamu Pye Lhu Sangh UK, Ran Bahadur Gurung, and many other association presidents, representatives, and journalists.

The event concluded successfully in a grand and respectful manner, thanks to the efforts of the founder president, past presidents, advisors, office bearers of the working committee, life members, the youth group, the mother group, and the society's well-wishers.

Tek Bahadur Gurung and Omkar Gurung managed photography, while Bisan Gurung handled videography. Bishal Moktan managed the sound system, and Pratap Rayamajhi arranged catering for the program. Youth members of Tamu Samaj UK provided beverages. The Lhochhar program began at 4:30 PM and ended at midnight, with everyone dancing to their heart's content to the beats of DJ Bishal Moktan and Prjijwal man Gurung. It was a fun-filled event for all.

The total expenditure of the program was £15143.38, while the income generated amounted to £5980 from various sources. The remaining costs of £9163.38 were covered by community funds.

### **TAMU SAMAJ UK HAS SPONSORED £301 FOR THE POKHARA INTERNATIONAL MARATHON 2023.**

Since its inception in 2006 and international recognition in 2017, the Pokhara International Marathon has become an important event for promoting health and well-being. Last year, Tamu Samaj UK agreed to sponsor the marathon, which aims to promote health, peace, and economic growth in the community. This sponsorship was facilitated by Pokharele Much UK, registered Charity in England and Wales.

During the prize-giving ceremony on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024, in Pokhara Municipality, community adviser Mr. Yam Bahadur Gurung and life member Mrs. Mankumari Gurung represented our organisation. Their mission is to foster a sports culture within the community. Encourage NGOs and government bodies to organize sports events and urge businesses and sports enthusiasts to contribute as part of corporate responsibility.

**Objectives:** The Ex-Sportsman Forum Nepal, which organizes this event, aims to:

1. Promote Nepal in sports.
2. Advocate for "Sports for Peace and Health."
3. Support talented runners.
4. Enhance tourism in Pokhara and connect sports with Sustainable Development Goals.

**Potential:** The Pokhara Marathon blends nature, culture, and spirituality against a stunning backdrop of mountains, rivers, and lakes, thriving in an ideal climate for year-round sports. The organisers appreciate the support from Nepalese communities worldwide, including those in the UK, USA, Hong Kong, Australia, and Japan.

**TAMU SAMAJ UK'S WELCOME SONG, "SWAGAT GARCHAU ATITHI LAI," HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A MUSIC VIDEO. THE VIDEO WAS OFFICIALLY RELEASED ON YOUTUBE BY PRESIDENT SHIVAKUMAR GURUNG, CHIEF GUEST THE MAYOR OF BRENT COUNCIL, CLLR ORLEEN HYLTON, AND FOUNDER PRESIDENT CHITRA BHADUR GURUNG ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024, DURING THE GURUNG NEW YEAR CELEBRATION.**

The music video for our welcome song, initially composed in audio form many years ago, became a reality in 2023. This endeavour required extensive coordination with various departments in the City of London, and we successfully obtained the necessary filming permissions for our selected locations.

During the filming period, the artists dedicated numerous days to training and rehearsals, guided by choreographer Mrs Saru Gurung, the former cultural secretary of Tamu Samaj UK. This preparation was crucial to ensure that everything went smoothly on the shooting day. We arranged a variety of costumes and props for the participants, with Vice President Bindu Ghale managing these arrangements. Participants ranged from young children aged six to adults aged seventy, all proudly wearing traditional attire that beautifully showcased our culture.

President Shivakumar Gurung took the lead in coordinating with various departments in the City of London Boroughs to secure filming authorizations for the locations. After numerous location shoots, we faced a challenging editing process, which took many days and hours to finalize. The videographers worked hard, and editor Suman Shrestha, guided by Saru Gurung Rana and Shivakumar Gurung, ensured the video synced perfectly with the song.

We want to express our gratitude to our sponsors, who helped alleviate the financial burden on the community. Our sponsors include Everest Law Solicitors, Everest Cash and Carry South Harrow, Jay Shree Krishna Jewelry South Harrow, and A Star Financial Solutions UK. The sponsors were approached by Founder President Chitra Bahadur Gurung and Mrs. Saru Gurung, with the account managed by Treasurer Khem Bahadur Gurung.

**Financial Budget:** The community fund spent a total of £1,841.18 on essential expenses, excluding volunteer work. This amount covered the fees for the filming location application, insurance, and travel costs for the videographer on filming days. We received £825 in sponsorship from various generous shop owners, financial companies, and law firms. Therefore, our total expenditure from the community fund is £1,016.81. The chairperson of the mother group, Mr. Uma Devi Gurung, along with members Mrs. Maita Gurung and Mr. Suresh Ghale, generously provided food and beverages for the artists and crew members. Vice President Harka Bahadur Gurung and General Secretary Dharam Bal Gurung assisted with management tasks.

In conclusion, as the President of Tamu Samaj UK's I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the artists and volunteers who contributed to this project. I would especially like to thank our concept developer and founding President, Chitra Bahadur Gurung; lyricist Gurung; Customs Administrator and 6th Executive Committee Vice President, Bindu Ghale; Video Film Director, Saru Gurung Rana; Assistant Director, Miss Rana; and Videographer, Suman Shrestha. I sincerely appreciate all the members and volunteers for their unwavering support. Although not everyone's name is mentioned in this letter, your contributions have been invaluable. Without your assistance, this opportunity would not have been possible. Thank you all.

**TAMU SAMAJ UK IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE RELEASE OF THE FOURTH EDITION OF THE ORCHID (SALI TA) MAGAZINE.**

The Tamu Samaj UK publishes its annual magazine, the Orchid (Sali Ta), every three years. This magazine documents our history and includes a variety of articles on different topics. It features greetings, advertisements, well-wishes, and condolences from individual members, organizations, and businesses.



This year marks the publication of the 4th edition of The Orchid Magazine (Sali Ta in Nepali). The Community Chairperson will serve as an advisor for the magazine, providing guidance and advice on its content. The Chief Editor/Coordinator leads the editorial team, gathers content, and selects appropriate articles, poems, and stories. The photographer is responsible for arranging suitable photography for the articles and community event photographs. The design team creates the magazine with the guidance of the Chief Editor and advisors. Finally, the press will print the publication. Within the editorial team, one person will be nominated as the primary contact for sponsorship providers.

The editorial team and chief editor are responsible for publishing a beautiful magazine filled with engaging content, quality photography, and accurate, true stories. Additionally, the editorial group needs to secure sponsorship for the magazine, which plays a vital role in its publication and helps save the community fund.

The fourth edition of the Orchid Magazine features the following contributors:

**\*\*Adviser and Chairperson:** Shivakumar Gurung - President of Tamu Samaj UK

**\*\*Chief Editor/Coordinator:** Mr. Lekh Gurung - Adviser, Tamu Samaj UK

**\*\*Editors:**

Mr. Chitra Bahadur Gurung - Founder President, Tamu Samaj UK

Mr. Shiva Chandra Gurung - Editor and Sponsorship Arranger, Former President/Adviser, Tamu Samaj UK

Mr. Narayan Sing Gurung - Media Secretary, Tamu Samaj UK

Mr. Niraj Gurung - Life Member, Tamu Samaj UK.

**\*\*Photography** is by Mr Omkar Gurung, Chairman of the Youth Group, and All Media Solution, Kathmandu, Nepal, manages the **\*\*design and printing\*\***.

The total cost of magazine publication and delivery charges is £3,539. Sponsors provided various sources totalling £4,170. The total income generated from the magazine publication is £630.

The magazine was unveiled on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024, during the Gurung New Year celebration at Harrow Leisure Centre. Shivakumar Gurung, the President of Tamu Samaj UK, led the unveiling ceremony. The Chief Guest at the event was Cllr Orleen Hilton, the Mayor of Brent Council, accompanied by Cllr Jit Rana Bhat, the Deputy Mayor of the Royal Borough of Greenwich. Additional attendees included Chitra Bahadur Gurung, the Founder President of Tamu Samaj UK, past presidents Arjun Kumar Gurung and Shiva Chandra Gurung, chief editors Lek Gurung and Cllr Kamal Gurung, along with various other leaders from different organizations. Together, they unveiled the magazine as part of the Gurung New Year celebration, known as the Mubri Lhochhar Celebration (Year of the Vulture).

In conclusion, as the organization's president and adviser of the magazine publication, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the chief editor, editorial team, photography and design team, the press, and all our sponsors. I especially want to recognize Chief Editor Lekh Gurung, former President Shivachandra Gurung, and Danda Gurung, managing director and journalist at All Media Solution. Without your support and assistance, this achievement would not have been possible.

Additionally, I want to express my gratitude to 6<sup>th</sup> executive committee members and all members of Tamu Samaj UK.

### **TAMU SAMAJ UK PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE HUSBAND OF THE LATE MRS. CHANDRA DEVI GURUNG.**

Mr. Chandra Devi Gurung was a life member of Tamu Samaj UK, holding life member number 556. She passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Our community provides financial assistance to the families of deceased members to support them in completing funeral arrangements without adding any burden.

In the case of Mrs. Chandra Kumari Gurung, our community promptly provided £3000(three thousand pounds) in financial assistance to her next of kin, her husband, Captain (Retd) Narain Bahadur Gurung, on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024. This support is traditionally known within the Gurung community as "Veti," which refers to financial assistance provided by close relatives from the extended family. In the UK context, our community members are close friends and family; therefore, if any community member passes away, we all support the deceased member's family.

The funds for Veti support will be collected from members, with each member contributing £20. If the total contributions do not reach £3,000, the community fund will cover the remaining amount needed to meet this target. If the amount collected for Veti exceeds £3,000, the surplus will be deposited into the community fund.

### **TAMU SAMAJ UK DONATED £505 TO CHAR BHANJYANG TAMU SAMAJ UK.**

On 5th March 2024, Tamu Samaj UK donated a pledged amount of £505 to Char Bhanjyang Tamu Samaj UK in support of their Charity Dinner Night, which took place on 2nd March 2024. The event was held at Feltham Community College. Members of Tamu Samaj UK who attended included President Shivakumar Gurung, First Lady Mrs. Mina Gurung, Mrs. Uma Devi Gurung (Chairperson of the Mother Group), General Secretary Dharam Bal Gurung, Treasurer Khem Bahadur Gurung, committee member Mrs. Bhadra Kumari Gurung, and Adviser Ram Chandra Gurung. The total amounts listed include all attendees who contributed during the event.

### **TAMU SAMAJ UK DONATED £200 TO THE MAYOR OF MEDWAY COUNCIL, CLLR NINA GURUNG.**

Cllr Nina Gurung, the Mayor of Medway Council, extended an invitation to the President and members of Tamu Samaj UK to attend her chosen charity event in Kent on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024. In support of this event, Tamu Samaj UK decided to contribute to the mayor's charity initiative. Consequently, on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Tamu Samaj UK made a donation of £200 to Cllr Nina Gurung for this noble cause.

### **TAMU SAMAJ UK HOSTED ITS THIRD CHARITY DINNER NIGHT TO SUPPORT ITS COMMUNITY-BUILDING PROJECT ON SATURDAY, 23RD MARCH 2024 AT THE OAKINGTON MANOR BANQUETING HALL IN WEMBLEY, LONDON.**

The event was presided over by Society President Shiva Kumar Gurung and featured the presence of His Excellency Gyan Chandra Acharya, the Ambassador of Nepal to the UK. Additional attendees included Jeet Ranabhat, the Deputy Mayor of the Royal Borough of Greenwich; Kamal Gurung, Councillor of the London Borough of Barnet; and Bishnu Gurung, former Mayor of the London Borough of Hounslow and current Councillor. Other distinguished guests, presidents, representatives from various organizations, and notable personalities also attended the event.

General Secretary Dharambal Gurung led the formal program, while Secretary Sub Ghale provided an overview of health and safety protocols. Niraj Gurung and Mrs. Laxmi Gurung efficiently conducted all other activities during the evening.

Chairman Shiva Kumar Gurung delivered the welcome address, and following his speech, a documentary was presented, showcasing the society's work from its inception to the present while highlighting the purpose of the charity dinner night.

President Gurung, Chief Guest Ambassador Gyan Chandra Acharya, and Founder President Chitra Bahadur Gurung jointly inaugurated the programme by lighting a lamp. Upon their arrival, Ambassador Acharya and his wife were welcomed by the president, the founder founder President, chairperson of the mother group Mrs. Uma Devi Gurung, and other members, accompanied by a piper tune.

At the beginning of the program, the president, founding chairman, and chairperson of the main organization formally welcomed Ambassador Acharya and Mrs. Sunita Acharya in a traditional Gurung manner, presenting them with a token of appreciation from Tamu Samaj UK; this marked their first visit to the society. Many organization chairpersons, members, and prominent personalities were in attendance, including Tamu Pye Lhu Sang UK President Capt (Retd) Dem Bahadur Gurung, NRNA UK President Hit Kaji Gurung, Tamu Dhee UK vice president Parshu Gurung, solicitor Raju, and managing directors from various businesses, along with leaders from religious Gumbas and temples.

During the programme, President Shiva Kumar Gurung and Founder President Chitra Bahadur Gurung welcomed and congratulated several newly elected organizational leaders. They honoured and thanked all donors who donated between £300 and £500 by presenting them with letters of recognition—those who donated more than £1,000 received honour letters printed on copper plates.

The society's artists showcased exceptional dances that enhanced the charitable dinner programme, with choreography by Saru Gurung Rana, Mrs. Bimala Gurung, and Bindu Ghale Gurung. The Deputy Mayor of the Royal Borough of Greenwich, Councillor Jeet Ranabhat, and President Shiva Kumar Gurung honoured the artists with certificates.

The event included a lottery (raffle draw) program featuring an attractive gold chain as the prize. Pabitra Gurung, the Vice-Chair of the Pokharel Munch UK, won the first prize in the raffle, which was sponsored by Ms. Laxmi Rai, the proprietor of New Laxmi Jewellers Aldershot.

In the second half of the programme, Chief Guest Ambassador Acharya commended the society for its efforts to preserve traditions and culture while living away from its homeland, Nepal. He recognized the society as a guiding force during both joyful and sorrowful moments for the Nepali community. In his speech, he expressed confidence that the charity project's goal of constructing a well-equipped building would soon become a reality with generous support.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks from Vice-President Mrs. Bindu Ghale, who expressed gratitude to all attendees—leaders, members, well-wishers, hardworking individuals, and artists—on behalf of the community.

In the charity event, Tamu Samaj UK achieved a net profit of £16,306.64 after all expenses were deducted.

During the event, Gurkha Media's managing directors—Milan Tamu, youth chairman Omkar Gurung, and Dipesh Gurung—captured photographs, while life member Bishan Gurung recorded the event on video. Rara Catering provided the food, and beverages were sponsored by the community's life members, advisors, and executive committee members.

All participants enjoyed music provided by DJ Bishal Moktan and Prajjwal Man Gurung, and the charity dinner concluded around 11 PM.

**TAMU SAMAJ UK COMMITTEE AND MOTHER GROUP MEMBERS VISIT HOSPITALS, SEND WELL WISHES, AND PROVIDE SUPPORT TO MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES DURING BOTH HAPPY AND DIFFICULT TIMES BY VISITING THEIR HOMES.**

The committee members of Tamu Samaj UK, along with the members of the mothers' group, have been actively involved in meaningful social work to support the community during both joyous and difficult times. They celebrate happy occasions such as weddings, the birth of a new baby, and graduations by extending their congratulations and best wishes. Conversely, they also support social well-being during challenging times, such as illness, the loss of a family member, and funerals.

In 2023 and 2024, Tamu Samaj UK experienced the loss of two-lifetime members and several family members in both the UK and Nepal. The community took charge of the funeral arrangements for the lifetime members, with the services held in London. During this challenging period, Tamu Samaj UK offered financial and moral support to the grieving families.

Tamu Samaj UK is committed to preserving our religion and keeping our identity alive, even while abroad. We strive to perform our rituals and celebrate various Nepali festivals, which helps us maintain our religion, tradition, and culture.

All these activities align with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Each event and initiative contributes to social cohesion within our community, fostering fundraising efforts, building networking partnerships, and celebrating Nepalese culture and integration in the UK.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- Contribution made by volunteers.

The Trustees of Tamu Samaj UK develop many ideas to raise funds, organise cultural programmes or charity events. Every attempt is made to ensure the validity and legality of the policies. The policies are reviewed during every annual general meeting, and even earlier on if any concerns are raised by the members or executive members.

Tamu Samaj UK organises charity programmes which raise funds to support and assist the people in need and for good causes. The requests for support and assistance are discussed at the general meeting and the proposal is accepted and decided in accordance to our constitution and the majority of members.

All donations are raised from the community members voluntarily for each individual case and purpose.

All the activities for the community programmes are executed by the Executive Committee and volunteer members free of charge and only tasks that involve legal instances are carried out by the professional with minimum charge of payment as possible.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year****MEMBERSHIP**

Tamu Samaj UK has seen a significant increase in life memberships since its registration with the Charity Commission and the acquisition of a community building suitable for our activities. During the 2023-2024 periods, 24 new life members joined Tamu Samaj UK, bringing the total number of registered life members to 605.

**Section E****Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

As of 31 March 2023, there were £101179.95 in cash and unrestricted funds available at the bank. The primary financial risk for the charity is a substantial decrease in private donations.

Funds are held over in reserves to cover 12 months of operational costs in the event of a loss of income.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

n/a

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main source of funds this year has been private donations, National Lottery Awards for All and community events with fundraising activities.

**Section F****Other optional information****Future Plans:**

In the upcoming year, we will concentrate on fundraising to manage the mortgage and lower the capital payment for the community property. Our goals include offering inclusive life skills training and organising cultural and community events for our members, senior citizens, youths, and the wider community.

Since 2017, the London Borough of Brent Council has been leasing a card room unit at Barham Park in Wembley for community use. This unit is known as the Tamu Samaj UK Nepalese Community Centre. We plan to refurbish the community centre to enhance its facilities for local residents and community members. Furthermore, the London Borough of Brent has been designated as the London Borough of Culture for 2023. Tamu Samaj UK aims to engage in various activities to share our culture and traditions with the wider community.

**Section G****Declaration**

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)** *Shiva Gurung*

**Full name(s)** SHIVAKUMAR GURUNG

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)** PRESIDENT

**Date** 03/06/2024





**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

TAMU SAMAJ UK			1150097		
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date		01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24	

## Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
<b>Incoming resources (Note 3)</b>						
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	S01	67,895	-	-	67,895	46,327
Charitable activities	S02	11,491	-	-	11,491	-
Gift aid donation & grants	S03	-	-	-	-	35,715
Investments	S04	18,428	-	-	18,428	15,889
Income from charitable programs & activities	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	S07	97,814	-	-	97,814	97,930
<b>Resources expended (Note 6)</b>						
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	S08	35,895	-	-	35,895	14,478
Charitable activities	S09	40,329	-	-	40,329	42,917
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	S12	76,224	-	-	76,224	57,395
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>						
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S13	21,590	-	-	21,590	40,535
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	S14	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Extraordinary items</b>	S15	21,590	-	-	21,590	40,535
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	S16	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18			-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	S20	21,590	-	-	21,590	40,535
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward	S21	88,099		-	88,099	47,564
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	S22	109,689	-	-	109,689	88,099

## Section B Balance sheet

		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
<b>Fixed assets</b>							
Intangible assets	(Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	(Note 14)	B02	466,332	-	-	466,332	466,332
Heritage assets	(Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		B05	466,332	-	-	466,332	466,332
<b>Current assets</b>							
Stocks	(Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 19)	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	(Note 24)	B09	89,945	-	-	89,945	98,789
<b>Total current assets</b>		B10	89,945	-	-	89,945	98,789
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	(Note 20)	B11	2,050	-	-	2,050	2,050
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		B12	87,895	-	-	87,895	96,739
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		B13	554,227	-	-	554,227	563,071
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	(Note 20)	B14	225,363	-	-	225,363	236,393
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>		B15	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>		B16	328,863	-	-	328,863	326,678
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>							
Endowment funds	(Note 27)	B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds	(Note 27)	B18				-	-
Unrestricted funds		B19	109,689		-	109,689	88,099
Revaluation reserve		B20				-	
<b>Total funds</b>		B21	109,689	-	-	109,689	88,099

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
<i>Shiva Gurung</i>	Shivakumar Gurung	

Note 1      **Basis of preparation**

*This section should be completed by all charities .*

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

• and with*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
• and with*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
• and with the Charities Act 2011.		

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.\* ☒

\* -Tick as appropriate

**1.2 Going concern**

*If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:*

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;	Not applicable
Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;	Not applicable
Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.	Not applicable

**1.3 Change of accounting policy**

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note { }.

Yes*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
No*	<input type="checkbox"/>	

*Please disclose:*

<i>(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;</i>	
<i>(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and</i>	
<i>(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.</i>	

**1.4 Changes to accounting estimates**

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	* -Tick as appropriate
No*	<input type="checkbox"/>	

*Please disclose:*

<i>(i) the nature of any changes;</i>	
<i>(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and</i>	
<i>(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.</i>	

**1.5 Material prior year errors**

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	* -Tick as appropriate
No*	<input type="checkbox"/>	

*Please disclose:*

<i>(i) the nature of the prior period error;</i>	
<i>(ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and</i>	
<i>(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.</i>	

## Note 3

## Analysis of income

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year
Analysis					£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donations received	43,022	-	-	43,022	-
	Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
	Housing donations	9,940	-	-	9,940	-
	Veti donation	3,056	-	-	3,056	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	1,100	-	-	1,100	-
	Community hall hire income	10,777	-	-	10,777	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total		67,895	-	-	67,895	-
Charitable activities:	Programs and events income	11,491	-	-	11,491	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total		11,491	-	-	11,491	-
Other trading activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments:	Interest income	-	-	-	-	-
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	18,428	-	-	18,428	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total		18,428	-	-	18,428	-
Separate material item of income:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		97,814	-	-	97,814	-

## Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for: (please provide description and amounts)

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the reporting period, please give the reason for the conversion.

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the prior period, please give the reason for the conversion.

Within the income items above the following items are material: (please disclose the nature, amount and any prior year amounts)

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**Note 6 Analysis of expenditure**

Analysis	This year				Last year			
	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted income funds	Endowme nt funds	Total funds	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted income funds	Endowme nt funds	Total funds
<b>Expenditure on raising funds:</b>	£				£			
Program and events expenses	35,895	-	-	35,895	15,653	-	-	15,653
Operating membership schemes and social lotteries	-	-	-	-				-
Staging fundraising events	-	-	-	-				-
Legal and professional fees	1,710	-	-	1,710	780			780
Insurance	666	-	-	666	668			668
Printing, postage and stationery	1,709	-	-	1,709	662			662
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	4,552	-	-	4,552	797	-	-	797
Travelling expenses	1,665	-	-	1,665	836	-	-	836
Furniture and fixtures expensed	1,668	-	-	1,668	360	-	-	360
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-				-
Investment management costs:	-	-	-	-				-
Portfolio management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of obtaining investment advice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment administration costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan interest payable	26,141	-	-	26,141	19,266	-	-	19,266
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	717	-	-	717	657	-	-	657
Community centre lease paid	1,500	-	-	1,500	5,500	-	-	5,500
<b>Total expenditure on raising funds</b>	<b>76,224</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,224</b>	<b>45,179</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,179</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities:</b>								
Donation given (Veti)	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	3,000
Donation given (others)	16,199	-	-	16,199	9,216			9,216
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<b>19,199</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,199</b>	<b>12,216</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,216</b>
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>95,423</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,423</b>	<b>57,395</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,395</b>