



# Annual Report 2019/2020



Nepalese Community of Saskatoon  
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# OUR OBJECTIVES

NECOS Inc, established in 2011, is a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to preserve and foster the cultural, traditional, and historical heritage of Nepalese origin. NECOS Inc also strives to understand and respect other cultural communities to coexist in a friendly and cohesive society in Canada.

The overall mission of the organization is to provide support for newcomers, refugees, youth, and children at-risk and families to integrate into Saskatoon. The youth, children, and elderly face greater barriers in integrating in Canada because of a new language, system, culture, and way of life.



## SERVICE

Solidarity and welfare, Community interaction, welfare events, sports, Nepalese language school, cultural, festivals



## SUPPORT

Consultancy, translation, cultural education, and settlement services



## PROMOTE

Nepalese culture, arts, music, traditions, and heritage

**Membership: 54**

## FOLK FEST

Saskatoon Folkfest is committed to producing an annual festival for the purpose of educating the public about the different cultures within our society in order to appreciate one's heritage and preserve valued aspects of culture.

NECOS Inc have participated in Saskatoon Folk Fest RBC Global Village. It is a platform to demonstrate Nepali culture (through display and dances) and cuisines to the residents of Saskatoon. It was one of the avenues to generate funds to both Nepalese Student Association and NECOS Inc.

Having participated three times in a row, the NECOS Inc was expected to host its own pavilion. The participation in RBC Global Village was not an option available.

Though NECOS Inc did not participate in 2019, it is an active Saskatoon Folk Fest member.

## Teej

Hartalika Teej is culturally and religiously importance festival for women. It involves fasting, puja and vajan. It is celebrated to honor Lord Shiva and pray for a happy marriage life.

NECOS Inc organized Teej Daar Night on Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> at GSA Commons, University of Saskatchewan to provide home away from home experience for our respected women living in Saskatoon.

NECOS Inc arranged for the hall and provided water, juice, cutlery and sweets for daar.

NECOS Inc also organized Teej Pooja and Vajan on Monday Sep 2 at Shree Laxmi Narayan Temple. The temple booking was sponsored by Dr Rajesh Karki.



## **‘Saili’ Movie**

The movie is based on the true story of the Nepali worker who are compelled to be away from their families in foreign land for better life.

NECOS Inc showcased nepali movie "Saili" on Saturday, Sep 14, 2019 at Rainbow Cinema, The Centre Mall. There was a big turnaround.

Special thanks to Bimal Panthi, Sammer Chhetry, Amrit Rayamajhi, Saket Adhikari, Kamal Magar and Deben Subedi for their coordination to make it successful.

The total profit made from this showcase was split between the Canada distributor and NECOS Inc.

## **Linkage**

Here we look to build association with other organizations, sharing of information that is beneficial to the community members.

Saskatoon Malayalee Association (SMA)  
Cinematic Dance Competition Jan 4, 2020

Nepali Interpreter-Open Door Society

Saskatoon Symphony's 'The Musiko Project'

International Mother Language Day-  
Bangladeshi Comm Assoc of SK

Covid-19 Emergency Operations Center

French language classes for Newcomers-  
Collège Mathieu

Chartered Flights for returning Nepalese Citizen

Town Hall on COVID-19 and anti-South Asian  
Racism-The Anti-Racism Secretariat,  
Canadian Heritage, Government of Canada

There were 15 inquiries made seeking  
information on settlement, nepali  
restaurants, immigrants process etc

2020 Samosa Fest! – SIA

Zoom Chautari

Folk Fest scholarship and Awards applied

# A BIG thanks to all volunteers!!!

## Dashain Celebration

Ability to organize Dashain program outside of Nepal in foreign land is something of a kind. It is one of the biggest festivals celebrate in Nepal.

The annual Dashain celebration program was held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at St. George's Senior Citizen Club. 1235 20th St W, Saskatoon.

There were 41 adults, 11 performers and 5 kids aged between 5 to 15 years.

The program included songs, dances, games, gift, sharing wishes, food etc.

## 11th WRCNSCE

It is inter-city sports tournament. The western Canadian cities participates in the event.

On a rotation basis, it was NECOS Inc turn to host the 11<sup>th</sup> Western Canada Regional Nepalese Sports and Cultural Events (WRCNSCE). However, a request was received from the City of Lethbridge community to allow them to host 11<sup>th</sup> event.

NECOS Inc passed on the hosting to Lethbridge community.

The Lethbridge community had received funding for the event.

## Sports

Sports is heart of NECOS which helps bringing together and built the bond.

Due to lack of proper funding most of the sport and events are organized by collecting funds from the members.

Some of the events held this year were Teej Cup Soccer: Unmarried won Married Dashain Soccer Cup: Non-Student won Student.

Friendly Cricket Match with Edmonton.

Saskatoon-1 and Edmonton-1 on tie. Third game Lloydminster.

Friendly Annual Cricket Tournament between Danphe and Laligurans. Laligurans have two years in a row.

## COVID-19 HIT

Cancelled regular NECOS programs.

Nepali New Year joint organization with NSA

11<sup>th</sup> WRCNSCE in the City of Lethbridge

Folkfest online showcase

## COVID-19 Support

With risk of COVID-19, it also brought an opportunity to help and support the community in need.

Though NECOS Inc had to cancel and postpone its events/programs due to COVID-19. It brought opportunity to help and support community in need.

NECOS Inc contributed by coordinating and communicating the support programs through various organization such as free meals and drinks, free groceries, support to family in isolation, students, seniors and youth etc.

There were 14 recipients of vulnerable youth kits from Saskatoon Public Library.

NECOS also provides mask and PPE to the students living in shared accommodation.

## Grants

The grant money is used for skill development, upgrade, purchase assets and program improvement.

NECOS Inc was adjudicated the successful recipient of grant from the City of Saskatoon. NECOS Inc is approved for \$2520.00 in Cultural Connectivity category through SK Lottery Community Grant 2020 and \$2500.00 in sports (Howzat Smash It! Cricket League through SK Lottery Community Micro Grant 2020.

The cultural connectivity program is delayed due to COVID-19. The cricket league is schedule to start end of the August.

## Recycling

Fund Raising Program

The recyclable items are collected from valued community members for raising the fund for NECOS Inc. The collected fund is used in various programs.

It is currently on-hold.

**Participating households:**  
Sangeeta Thakur, Pratap Kafle, Praveen Sapkota, Sandesh Neupane, Amrit Rayamajhi, Santosh Lamichanne, Jeevan Baral, Kapur Dhakal, Ajay Shrestha, Nirajan Niroula, Raju Chaudhary, Dipak Khanal,

NECOS Bylaw

## Publications

Office Procedure (Information sharing, Annual Registration, Record Management)



## RECOMMENDATION

- Newcomer help desk. Support on initial settlement process. Opportunity for small scale funding.
- Community need assessment session to identify future programs.
- Publication of Saskatoon Nepali Diary.