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FeNCAA Annual General Meeting Successfully Held in Canberra

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Senior Government Officials Address the Nepalese Community at FeNCAA General Assembly

The Federation of Nepalese Community Associations Australia (FeNCAA) successfully conducted its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and General Assembly at the Australian Parliament House in Canberra on 11 August 2026. The AGM was attended by delegates of member organisations both in person and remotely via video link, alongside community leaders, organisational representatives, and senior Australian government officials, to celebrate the achievements of the Nepalese community and chart the path ahead for one of Australia's most vibrant multicultural communities.

Prime Minister Albanese Commends Nepalese Community

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese addressed the assembly, acknowledging the Nepalese community as an integral part of Australia's multicultural society. He expressed deep appreciation for its contributions across diverse sectors of Australian life, and reflected warmly on his personal visit to Nepal, drawing attention to Nepal's rich geographical, cultural, and social heritage. His address was a powerful affirmation of the enduring bonds between Australia and Nepal.

Distinguished Guests and Government Representation

Speaker of the House of Representatives Milton Dick celebrated the growth of the Nepalese population in Australia, noting that cultural exchanges such as the widespread popularity of Nepal's iconic dish, the momo, are a living testament to the strong bilateral relations between the two nations.

Assistant Minister for Defence Peter Khalil praised the Nepalese community's unity and dedication to preserving its arts, culture, and traditions. The assembly was further graced by Assistant Minister for Financial Services Daniel Mulino, MPs David Smith, Sally Sitou, and Zhi Soon (Parliamentary Friends of Nepal Chair), and Senator Dave Sharma, reflecting the strong parliamentary support for the Nepalese community across party lines.

Key Outcomes

The AGM was presided over by FeNCAA President Madhu Pudasaini, conducted by General Secretary Bhola Giri, and opened with a welcome address by Treasurer Jeevan Rana. President Pudasaini underscored the importance of collective action in preserving Nepalese identity and projecting a positive image of Nepal on the global stage. The AGM reviewed the President's address, General Secretary's report, and financial accounts, and also considered updates and amendments to FeNCAA's constitution and by-laws.

A panel discussion moderated by FeNCAA Secretary Dr. Prakash Paudel brought together state coordinators from New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, and Victoria, who shared insights on community growth, emerging challenges, and strategic priorities. Key focus areas identified included strengthening organisational unity, increasing youth engagement, preserving Nepalese cultural heritage, and deepening participation in mainstream Australian society.



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Dr. Krishna Hamal presented research highlighting the economic and social contributions of Nepalese Australians, while Umesh Panta of the Greater Sydney Multicultural Centre delivered a report on the vital role of multicultural community centres across Australia.

FeNCAA and Nepalese Australian Association delegates also took an opportunity to invite prime minister to participate in the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of Nepalese Australian Association and celebration of the establishment of Nepalese settlement in Australia.

FeNCAA extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Australian Parliament for providing this distinguished venue, to the Honourable Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Speaker Milton Dick, and all government guests for their generous recognition and unwavering support of the Nepalese community. Sincere thanks are also due to all member organisations, community leaders, and delegates, both present in Canberra and connected remotely, whose active participation reflects the strength, unity, and shared vision that continues to define the Nepalese community in Australia.

About FeNCAA

The Federation of Nepalese Community Associations Australia (FeNCAA) is the national peak body representing Nepalese organisations across Australia. With 106 member organisations, FeNCAA is committed to preserving Nepalese culture, fostering social integration, and advancing multicultural community development throughout Australia.

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