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Flood and Landslide in Kathmandu Valley

The Kathmandu valley has experienced a record-breaking rainfall which started in September 27 and lasted for days. The continuous rainfall has caused massive floods in the main rivers in the Kathmandu valley which breached the banks and caused significant damage. The rainfall also triggered massive landslides everywhere. It was the biggest disaster related to rainfall in more than 40 years.

The Kathmandu valley was severely hit by the disaster while Kavre district is another massively impacted area outside the valley. The damage caused by the flood and landslide is incalculable. Over 230 people have lost their lives, among them more than 35 were children. Dozens are still missing.



Other than that, people have lost their home who were living near the embankment of the rivers while others had their homes swept away by landslides. People have lost their homes, crops and cattle along with hope in life. People have lost their entire life of savings and hard work and there is nothing they can do about it. There has been a significant damage in the infrastructures as well. The roads leading towards the valley has been swept away for kilometers. The telecom line has been damaged as well as electricity supplies. The economic impact caused by the flood is immeasurable and the people affected by it has no way of coming back to the life they once had.



Dakshinkali Municipality has also been affected. 7 people have lost their lives, 16 were injured and 10 houses were swept away by landslides. Dolphin Magic School also suffered some damages. The road leading to the school was blocked while there was two different landslides near the school without a significant damage to the school structure.





The unprecedented disaster took many lives, impacted even more. Life will never be the same for those who lost everything. In this time of sadness and grief, DMS hopes they find the courage to deal with everything and overcome it. The school will also find ways to help the affected people in its capacity.



Thomas Stuppner Visited Nepal



Thomas Stuppner, the founder and chairman of Friends for Nepal - Himalayan Development Aid arrived in Nepal on 16th October and had quite a productive time during his stay.



The time of his arrival was just after the disastrous rainfall and flood in Nepal which had severely affected Kathmandu valley and the periphery surrounding the valley. The damaged caused by the landslide was incalculable as many lives were lost due to it. The area of Pharping as well as areas surrounding Dolphin Magic School was affected too.





The first thing Thomas did was inspected the school areas and lamagaun for damage assessment. He also met with the ward 09 officials of Dakshinkali municipality and visited the disaster hit areas of Dakshinkali municipality and Sisneri, Indrasarowar municipality.



Furthermore, Thomas also went to Kavre district, another highly affected area near Kathmandu valley. He teamed up with the officials of Chay-Ya Nepal where they provided the pregnant women and new mothers with mother-child care packages. DMS has been working with Chay-ya Nepal for more than 9 years, specializing in relief distribution in disaster-struck areas and Friends for Nepal has teamed up once again.



Thomas also had a meeting with the municipality's education department officials about further co-operation between both institutions and development strategies in education was discussed as well.



Construction works around the school is also started and necessary infrastructures is being built.

Overall, the visit from Thomas Stuppner was fruitful and it has marked another successful visit from the chairman. DMS family is hoping to welcome him again with new plans and thank Thomas for his determination towards the school.

General Health Camp Held

A General Health Camp has been organized by People's Dental College and Hospital in co-ordination with Dolphin Magic School. The one day health camp offered services such as Dental care, ENT, Gynae and general health checkup. More than 400 individuals including children and elderly benefitted from the camp.



Since it was a general checkup camp, patients needing further treatment and diagnosis were referred to the hospital offering partial discounts.

The members of Lamagaun Health Station were also actively involved in the camp. DMS organizes health camp at least once a year and tries to help the community with providing free healthcare services as well as raise awareness regarding self-care.



Education Department Personnels visit DMS

A visit by the representatives from the Education Department of Dakshinkali Municipality was recently done. The nature of visit was to inspect the general school activities and administrative operations.



Furthermore, Thomas Stuppner also had a chance meet the officials and had a meaningful meeting about the amended regulations regarding the school. The purpose of the visit was also to have a transparency between DMS and the municipality about the education policies and its implementation.

The school and our Nepali NGO, Himalaya Joy Force, recently hosted an inspection by the Social Welfare Council (SWC), which ensures NGOs are well-regulated. The officials were highly impressed by the school's operations and impactful projects, expressing gratitude and promising future support.

Having consistently adhered to municipal regulations, the visit was largely a formality. The officials left satisfied and discussed potential collaborations to further community development.



New Sponsor Parents

Viki Delvivir from Costa Rica and Thomas from Hungary have become our newest sponsor parents and DMS family would like to thank both of them tremendously for their help.



Viki has become the sponsor of Ramya Tamang, who belongs to a economically weak family from Lamagaun and she is excited to have a sponsor parent of her own. Similarly, Thomas has sponsored Bhim Raj Bishwokarma, who come from a underprivileged background. Bhim's parents moved to Lamagaun a few years ago from Kalikot, in search for a better work and education opportunity.

Both of the students' parents are grateful for the opportunity provided and are confident they will have a bright future ahead. For DMS and its students, sponsor parents are the lifeline. They not only provide financial support but also provide hope and stability for the students to dream of a great future for themselves. DMS family is forever grateful for the support and unwavering determination. Thank you all.



Sponsor Parents Visited

The sponsor parents of Tashi Topten has recently visited DMS and it has been a joyous occasion for both the sponsor parent and the student. Martina and her husband visited Tashi topten, a resident of Lamagaun and had a memorable moment together.

The one day visit was full of excitement and joy. The sponsor parents brought chocolate, toys and clothes for Tashi and spent most of the day together. The sponsor parents took pictures and a beautiful memory for themselves promising Tashi that they will be meeting soon again.



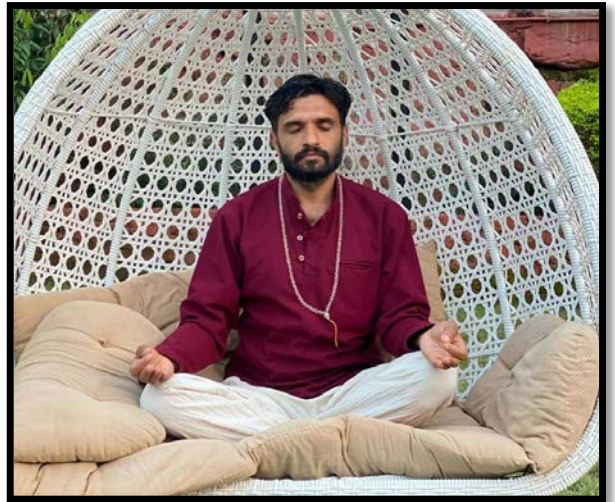
DMS would like to thank the sponsor parents for their visit and a nice gesture towards their sponsor child and hope to welcome them again in the future.



Teacher Appointed

DMS has appointed a new teacher a while back and is completely satisfied with his performance so far. Ram Mani Raila is a resident of Lamagaun and currently teaches Social science for the students from class 4-8. He is also a dedicated yoga practitioner and teaches yoga to the students during Fridays.

Ram Mani Raila would like to share a few things about himself which is mentioned below.



"My name is Ram Mani Raila. Over the past 6 months, I have gained diverse knowledge in various fields. During my time in Dolphin Magic School, I am teaching Social Science for class 4 - class 8 while also focusing on yoga classes too.



Dolphin Magic School's teaching environment refers to the professional interactions and journey that teachers should have in the school environment. Our School principal and the school administration supported me to join Kundalini Teacher Training in Rishikesh by Gurmukh Khalsa. By this training I have learned about the different aspects of spiritual education. After that I have followed techniques that have helped me to become a better teacher. Thank You."



Second Terminal Examination Held

The Second Terminal Examination of the academic year 2024/25 has been successfully held and the students and the result has been distributed. With a 100 percent participant the examination was conducted with almost no issues at all.

While 2 exams remained, Kathmandu valley had experienced a heavy rainfall with threats of landslide. So, for the safety of all the remaining exams was postponed to be resumed after the Dashain vacation.



And as scheduled, the remainder of examination was completed after the festival. The results for the second term were distributed after Tihar holidays where parents were informed to collect the progress report card of their children.



Dashain and Tihar holiday provided



As usual, Dolphin Magic School has provided Dashain and Tihar holidays for all the students, teachers and staff. Dashain and Tihar being the major festivals of Nepal has a huge significance among Hindu religion. These festivals brings joy to families all around Nepal as they gather to celebrate togetherness, share delicacies and visit relatives.



For Dashain the students were provided with 10 days of vacation. Being the most important of festivals, people travel to be with their close one from all over the country. As a part of ritual people put tika (a sacred blessing) on their forehead from their elders along with the best wishes. People enjoy being together while kids love flying kites and play traditional bamboo swings. Dashain is the time of the year that people forget all their difficulties for a moment and spend their time celebrating and enjoying.



The school resumed to normal after the holiday and continued with the rest of the examinations. After another two weeks the school provided Tihar holiday as well. Before the holiday, the school had been preparing for the Tihar performance and they had quite a celebration. It has become a tradition in DMS to celebrate Tihar in school just before the holidays which the students and the teacher had been preparing for some time.

The students decorated the yard with a beautiful Mandala along with flower garlands around the school. They had prepared Tihar songs and cultural dances which they have been practicing for a while. The day was full of joy and celebration as parents, Thomas and sponsor parents enjoyed their performance. Eventually the day came to an end and the students were greeted with well wishes for the festival as everyone parted ways.

Everyone was provided with 6 days of holiday and the school resumed to normal after that followed by the result of Second Terminal Exam.



Construction Work

After the arrival of Thomas Stuppner, construction work has taken up a good pace. The timing of Thomas was coincidental as he arrived weeks after the heavy rainfall and landslide. The school structure had minimum impact but the areas around the school remained dangerous. To prevent future damage and ensure long lasting safety a few construction work is underway.



Although no major landslide hit DMS, we still had 2 small landslides around the school. It may be small but clearing up the debris isn't an easy task. The construction workers have continuously working to remove the mud from those areas. Furthermore, a retaining wall needs to be built to prevent any landslide in those areas in future and work is in progress.



Additionally, on the way to school a big landslide had blocked the roadway. In the process it also threatened the whole road. So, now a concrete wall is being built on the edge of the road leading to the school. The wall is almost 100 meters long and will be a tactical solution for future landslides. DMS certainly believes prevention is better than cure and this action of prevention is hopefully going a long way ahead.



Another construction work is in progress as well. The school is making a proper entrance for the school garage. It has been a priority for a while but is finally being worked on. After the completion of these ongoing construction works, the school will have taken care of most of its construction projects and can focus on the development of other infrastructures of development.



DMS Gallery











