

KOA-Canada January Weekly Digest #1

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2021 – A BETTER AND BRIGHTER NEW YEAR

The start of each New Year is a time to reflect on the year just past, and make plans for the future. Given how challenging 2020 has been for all of us as we want to wish you and yours health, happiness, peace and prosperity in 2021. Turning to a new page on the calendar won't magically erase all of the hardship that 2020 has brought. The key to making 2021 a better year is going into it with the right mindset. Being isolated and spending more time at home has drastically altered our daily lives but now is the time to be hopeful, have new dreams and make some new resolutions.





Community Updates (4)

New Joiners



Please join us in welcoming and Congratulating new addition to our KOA, Canada family , Mrs. Sanjana Kaul with her husband Lakshit Solanki and their 4 year old daughter beautiful Aarohi. They arrived in Canada two weeks back and completed their guarantine term successfully.

Employment Seekers . Connect Candidates Directly For Considerations



Mr.Siddhant Sapru is an international student who will be graduating soon from McMaster and seeks job opportunities.

My brief profile - Into the Software or Automobile Industry across any of the following fields: 1) Software Development 2) Designing (AutoCAD, etc.) 3) Electronics & Electrical .I will be completing my final year in Bachelor of Mechatronics Engineering at McMaster University and would be graduating in April '21.I have to my credit 1-year of continuous experience at **CGI** (IT Consulting Company) as a Software Developer Intern which helped me gain valuable insight into the software side of operations and exposed me to other departments of the organization.During my internship, I have worked on couple of important projects which were really interesting and enriching. My job was inclined towards automation & scripting, one of which was designing an automation program that tested different parts of various client webpages and then generated a detailed report, which was then used for further testing and development - thereby reducing the overall processing time **by 70%**.I love working in a team and taking responsibilities with complete ownership. I'd be extremely grateful if I could be given an opportunity to prove myself. I am enclosing my **resume** and a **testimonial** from CGI for your reference.

Contact at +1(647)-227-9984 and sapru.siddhant98@gmail.com

Mr.Lakshit Solanki is seeking a full time opportunity, please find his resume attached and feel free to connect directly at lakshitsolanki5287@gmail.com

COMING SOON -WORKSHOPS

koshurRAAG Workshop: Interact & Learn "How to Self-Assess Your Music Talent" (US & Canada only) koshurRAAG is conducting a Workshop for our KP Biradari in North America on January 16, 2021 @ 8:30pm EST, at no charge.

koshurRAAG is a confluence where Kashmiri Pandit Artists – Singers & Musicians meet passionate Music lovers to learn Art of Koshur Music, Showcase Talent in different genres and language categories, Support and Promote Aspiring Kashmiri Pandits Artists, correlate Science, Medicine & Therapy with Music and narrate Kashmiri Pandit History and Heritage via Sound of Music.

You are invited to Interact and Learn "How to Self-Assess Your Music Talent" - Vocal Readiness | Sense of Sur | Breathing Techniques. Conducted By : Renowned Kashmiri Pandit Musician ; Contact : Arvin Mattoo: 412.215.6842 ; Upinder Bhat: 412.512.1000 ; Email: admin@koshurraag.com Register Now

2 Days Roadmap to Success Workshop

DK Bakshi Chief Mentor & CEO Global Talent Company Thailand India Malaysia and spreading Power of Positivity around the world with signature programs like Roadmap to Success, DNA of Leadership, One Dream One Team, Romancing with Destiny and above all #Women Power - a global movement in 20 countries with Mission of One Million Women on this platform by 2024 irrespective of caste creed colour nationality and religion. Please find his upcoming workshop info!!

Interested attendees should contact : Ms. Varsha Kushwah for registrations directly ,details included in the poster



Upcoming - Jan 19 Exodus Day Awareness Programs

Youth 4 Panun Kashmir organizes an annual effort under the name Nishkasan Ka Dard (NKD)

Please see information attached as it was sent thru Whatsapp hence sharing details with everyone for FYI

ICKF . Jan 19th Program . Just for awareness

1) The program is merely to raise mass awareness hence it's an Exodus Day Awareness Program, it's **NOT** any protest. 2) FundRaising request through ICKF is to cover the media cost leveraging the awareness program at a broader scale. KOAC is **NOT** seeking funding or collecting any funds for this activity, interested parties should connect directly with ICKF.

Best Regards Pooja Ganju, President , KOA,Canada

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------ Forwarded message ------From: pooja ganju <pooja_ganju@yahoo.com> To: KOA Canada <koacanada@gmail.com> Cc: Bcc: Date: Wed, 6 Jan 2021 22:41:59 -0500 Subject: Panun Namaskar Every year on 19th January, Kashmiri Pandit community goes through many emotions - they *remember and relive the pain* they experienced 1989 onwards, they *celebrate their resilience* that has ensured the community not only survived three decades of exile from their homeland, but has been able to achieve huge success in almost every field, and they *reaffirm their resolve* to return as per their own geo-political demands that ensure a life of honor and dignity while ensuring non-refoulement!

To bring out these three emotions, Youth 4 Panun Kashmir organizes an annual effort under the name Nishkasan Ka Dard (NKD). The aim is to spend the night in tents during the cold night of 19th January every year and relive the pain, and use all mediums of expression to depict these three emotions - depict the pain, resilience, and resolve through paintings, sketches, photographs, poetry, skits, audio/visuals, etc.

This year, due to the pandemic, we will not be able to assemble in one place and set up the tents and the exhibition. This year we are organizing a virtual NKD zaagurn event in partnership with Roots in Kashmir (RIK), Kashmiri Pandit Cultural Society UK (KPCS UK), and other like minded KPs and KP orgs across the world.

One can participate in two categories:

1. *Online participation volunteer*

Each such participant will set up night vigil outside their homes (either on the road, in a park, in the balcony of their home, or terrace of their home - whatever works for each). The setup for each participant will be very minimalistic (one mattress, one quilt/bedsheet, one pillow, one diya/lantern/equivalent) along with a device with which they can connect to a Zoom call.

All participants will connect to a Zoom call and imagine themselves to be on the streets/camps of Jammu on the night of 19th Jan 1990. The past few months have been excessively shocking and spent in fear (with near and dear ones having been butchered), people have left their home and hearth in dead of the night and reached Jammu not having any thoughts on what the future holds for them. People are looking at their young children sleeping in the cold night out in the open, they are trying to make their old parents comfortable in the harsh conditions, and are brooding about what happened to them. This free-form discussion will be conducted in three sessions with people sharing actual personal experiences and anecdotes for each topic:

a. *Relive the pain*

What lead to this situation over the last many years?

What has been everybody's experience over the last few months?

What have people lost?

What does future behold?

What should be their approach?

What should they do to come out of the current situation?

b. *Celebrate resilience*

In these three decades, what did people focus on? How did people spend their early exodus days and their journeys of small or big successes? Extremities people faced and how they conquered all challenges, and how?

c. *Reaffirm the resolve*

Do KPs want to return to their homeland?

What are key necessities required by KPs to return?

What does future hold for KPs if they do return to their homeland?

What about genocide they have gone through and what does it take to reverse the genocide?

What are the key next steps for the community?

These are just high level indicative aspects that will be covered during the event. This will not be a typical webinar with speeches and all. This will be people pouring their hearts out and sharing personal experiences and anecdotes, and having a free-form discussion to bring out the core of KP viewpoint to the fore.

2. *Offline participation volunteer*

People who are not able to join the program live, can do their night of night vigil outside their homes at a time of their convenience and click pictures or shoot short videos and post them online on their medium of choice (FB, Twitter, Youtube, Instagram, etc) and tag their posts with the hashtag: #ReverseKPGenocide

We will soon be posting registration link to register as Online participation volunteer for the program. No registration is required for Offline participation volunteer.

We look forward to your participation as an individual/organization in this important event.

Orzu Rahul Razdan General Secretary Y4PK On behalf of - Youth 4 Panun Kashmir, Roots in Kashmir, Kashmiri Pandit Cultural Society UK

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