

Nepali *Mela* A Multicultural Showcasing Event Promoting and Fostering Multiculturalism

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Inspired by the grand success of the first episode in 2023, the Nepalese Community Society of Calgary (NCSC), in collaboration with various Nepalese organizations and ethnocultural communities in Calgary and the area, is hosting the vibrant and inclusive two-day Nepali Mela and Multicultural Showcasing (NMMS) Event for the second time in a row on July 20 and 21, 2024, from 9 AM to 9 PM at Prairie Winds Park in Calgary.

With the slogan of **Our Culture, Our Identity, and Our Pride: Let's Embrace Together**, the Nepali *Mela* and Multicultural Showcasing Event aims to showcase and promote Nepalese culture, arts, and heritage and foster multiculturalism in Calgary. This exciting event promises to be days filled with cultural festivities, traditional performances, delectable cuisine, and a unique opportunity to experience the rich heritage of Nepal. It also showcases the diverse cultural heritage Calgary is endowed with.

With a wide range of engaging activities and attractions, attendees can immerse themselves in the enchanting world of diversity, gaining valuable insights and experiencing the warmth and hospitality of the Nepali Community. Apart from this, *Mela* will bring various ethnocultural communities and Indigenous communities together with their cultural performances and get an opportunity to learn from each other.

Highlights of the Nepali Mela Include:

- 1. Cultural Performances: Witness captivating performances by talented artists showcasing traditional Nepali dances, music, and cultural expressions. Also, experience the mesmerizing beauty and grace of cultural performances from various cultural groups living in Calgary and surrounding areas.
- 2. Multicultural Arts and Crafts Exhibitions: Explore a fascinating array of multicultural arts and crafts exhibitions featuring intricate handicrafts, vibrant paintings, and traditional artifacts.
- 3. Multicultural Food Bazaar: Indulge in a tantalizing array of authentic Nepali cuisine. Don't miss the opportunity to savor mouth-watering dishes, including Momos, water balls, etc., that reflect the region's rich gastronomic traditions.
- 4. Traditional Attire and Accessories: Admire the elegance of traditional Nepalese attire and accessories, including colorful garments, intricately designed jewelry, and unique traditional accessories. Learn about the significance of these cultural symbols and immerse yourself in the vibrant world of Nepali fashion.
- 5. Kids Play and Fun: The mela will have a designated area with Bouncy Castle, Face painting, Henna, and other fun activities. Bring your kids and let them enjoy their time, allowing them to learn about cultural diversity in Canada.

- 6. Engaging and Fun Activities for the Seniors: The event will have a dedicated tent for the seniors and people with accessibility. They will enjoy cultural and fun activities throughout the day.
- 7. Live Bands: Promotion of live bands (Nepalese, Chinese, Indigenous live bands) on stage, and these bands will make the visitors more agile and entertain them.

Nepali *Mela* is not only a celebration of Nepalese culture but also an opportunity to foster cultural exchange and promote understanding among diverse communities. This family-friendly event welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds together and experiences the beauty of Nepal's cultural tapestry. Join us on July 20 and 21, 2024, and embark on a journey that captivates your senses, inspires your soul, and leaves you with lasting memories.

For more information and updates about Nepali *Mela*, please visit our website at <u>https://ncsccalgary.com/nepali-mela</u> or follow us on social media: <u>https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093151009264</u>

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