

**5<sup>th</sup> APA U3A INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2014—**  
**KATHMANDU NEPAL**  
**A Brief Report**

Fifth APA U3A INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE was held at Hotel Mirage Lords Inn Kathmandu Nepal on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014 with the theme-“Active Life for Social Change:Promoting Multi-Generational Learning and Sharing”. The conference was inaugurated by Sri Parma Nand Jha, Vice-President of Nepal. Dr Gauri Shanker Lal Das, President National Senior Citizens Federation (NASCIF) was the chairperson of the opening ceremony session. Besides Sri Rangaswamy, president of ISU3A, Prof Dr Jay Raj Acharya, representatives of Australian U3A, representatives of U3A APA &U3A South Africa and representatives of U3A Nepal were the key speakers in the opening ceremony session. There were two more sessions in the afternoon of 18.10.2014 covering the topics “Intergenerational Communication and Relationship:U3A Prospects” and “Relevance & Possibilities of rural U3As”. The prominent speakers for these sessions were Geoff Steventon President-U3A Victoria, Australia,Prof Dr Yagya Raj Pant,Chair, Council of U3A in Nepal, Dr Sajjan Singh, Former President ISU3A ,Uttam Prasad Upadhyay, Chair – RIDA, Dr Meena Darbari, Member U3A Sangam Allahabad,Kathrine Fenton May, member-U3A South Africa & APA, Sri Chhatra Pradhan General Secy NASCIF.The third session of the conference was held on 19.10.2014, prior to closing ceremonies, on the subject-‘Transformation and Adaptation of U3As: what is the next Direction’ and was presided over by Dr Sajjan Singh former president of ISU3A. In the third session Capt.Dr M.Singaraja, Chairman, Senior Citizens Bureau & Editot ‘Linkage’, Dianne Delchhau, Member U3A APA, Dr P K Sinha Member ISU3a Allahabad, Sri Anil Kaskhedikar, Genl Secy AISCOON & Sri Sunil Kumar ISU3A Bangalore were the prominent speakers. It is a matter of pride for ISU3A that the presentation of Dr P K Sinha was declared the best presentation by the chair. It is worthwhile to mention that all the sessions were very educative and provided learning materials to the participants.

The conference was attended by more than 200 delegates from all over the world including 23 delegates from Lucknow who also enjoyed beautiful natural/religious sight seeing of Pokhra and Kathmandu and air travel through clouds.The conference was held in a planned way and was a grand success and the organizers specially Sri Jeevan Raj Lohani Director RIDA, deserves congratulations and thanks for the facilities and hospitality provided to the delegates.

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