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Anuradha Koirala nominated for CNN Heroes !!!

Anuradha Koirala, the chairperson of Maiti Nepal has been nominated for CNN heroes Award. She has been nominated for her continuous and relentless contribution in the women's and children's issues, particularly in the prevention of trafficking within and from Nepal. With her unique leadership capacity, Maiti Nepal has made significant accomplishment in the rescue, repatriation, rehabilitation and reintegration of the trafficked survivors, protection of vulnerable children and advocacy for a paradigm shift in the policy over the past 17 years of Maiti Nepal's history.

Anuradha Koirala has received several awards for the glorious initiatives taken so far regarding social issues concerning children and women. Some of the awards include German UNIFEM Prize 2007, Queen Sofia Silver Medal Award Spain, The Peace Abbey, Courage of Conscience Sherborne, MA, USA.

The CNN Hero award is awarded every year to those eminent personalities who make outstanding contributions in issues related social, political, human rights, health matters.

It is an unprecedented opportunity for Maiti Nepal and all its supporters, well wishers to achieve the global recognition of its contribution through this prestigious award. The winner is selected through global online voting on www.cnn.com/heroes. Maiti Nepal appeals to all of its partners and well wishers to join in this campaign of getting recognized for what has been contributed or achieved so far by work of the organization.

The organization highly values your genuine support and contribution in the campaign of protecting vulnerable children and prevention of trafficking as well as rescue, repatriation, rehabilitation and reintegration of trafficked survivors.

We appeal to all the global community of our well wishers, partners to kindly vote for Anuradha koirala by logging into www.cnn.com/heroes

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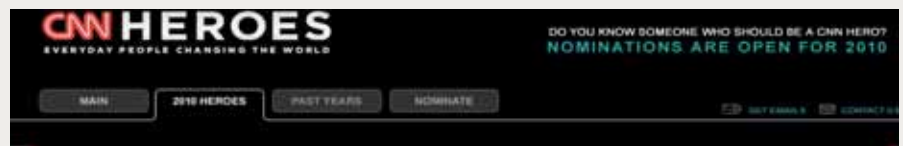
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Anuradha Koirala

PROTECTING THE POWERLESS

Anuradha Koirala is fighting to prevent the trafficking and sexual exploitation of Nepal's women and girls. Since 1993, she and her group, Maiti Nepal, have helped rescue and rehabilitate more than 12,000 victims. [Story »](#)

- CNN Hero: Anuradha Koirala
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- Get involved: See Anuradha Koirala's Web site



Ms. Anuradha Koirala is listed as a nominee for CNN Heroes on the official website

Maiti Nepal celebrates its 17th Annual Day !!!

Maiti Nepal observed its 17th anniversary on 6th April with a function organized among the children, women and staff of Maiti Nepal. Staff of Maiti Nepal presented graceful dances, songs and interesting drama to amuse the children and women. Children welcomed every performance of the programme with an uninterrupted zeal. 'Once more, once more' were the words which could be heard quite frequently. A vivid sign of joy could be seen on every body's face.

Speaking on the programme, Mr. Bishworam Khadka, the director of Maiti Nepal congratulated all the staff and residents of Maiti

Nepal for the successful completion of 16 years. He advised everybody to work with equal interest and vigor in order to achieve the broad mission set by the organization.

Speaking at the end, Ms. Anuradha Koirala, the chairperson of Maiti Nepal thanked all the staff and well wishers for being an important component in Maiti Nepal campaign. She advised all of them to be prepared to face every kind of Challenges the organization might encounter in the forthcoming years. She concluded by thanking all of them who made the event successful.



Legal Support: A narrow escape from exploitation

Rosy (name changed). 14 year old daughter of Shanker Dutta Bhatta, permanent resident of Kanchanpur District, Bhim Dutta municipality ward no. 2 was trafficked to India by a 45 year old woman, named Laxmi Bohara, wife of Jasiram Bohara, resident of Kanchanpur District, Bhim Dutta municipality ward no 2, Ultakham and Mahesh Bohara, 21 year old son of Laxmi Bohara currently working in Delhi Guragaon. The incident took place on 30 March 2010

A detailed description of the circumstances of the incident narrated by Rosy goes as stated below

"The perpetrators were neighbors and I was well acquainted with them. Mahesh had a job in India and used to visit home sometimes. My father has gone for foreign employment in Malaysia. When I was left alone in my house, Laxmi frequently came to me and persuaded to go to India for a visit but I turned down all her proposals.

On 30 March, 2010, my mother had been to her mother's home and I was alone. Laxmi Bohara tempted me to go Banbasa, India where Mahesh was waiting for us. Mahesh gave me tea and biscuits en route. I was made unconscious. When I came back to senses, I was already at Delhi, as he told me later.

I requested him to send me back home but he threatened me with



dire consequences. He locked me up in a room and didn't let me contact at home.

On April 1, my mother reported my case to police and Maiti Nepal. I was rescued by Maiti India with the initiatives of Maiti Nepal. I was thus saved from being tortured and traumatized.

They had trafficked me to India. I strongly want them be punished under Human trafficking and Transportation Control Act 2007."

A case has been filed at district court by Maiti Nepal on behalf of the survivor demanding the perpetrators to be penalized severely.

Assistant secretary of state Robert Blake visits Maiti Nepal!!!

Assistant secretary of state for South and central Asian Affairs Mr. Robert Blake visited Maiti Nepal on 25th April 2010. Accompanied with him was the newly appointed Ambassador to Nepal his Excellency Scott H DeliSi. Mr. Blake was on a short visit to Nepal.

Mr. Blake was welcomed at Maiti Nepal amidst a short cultural programme. He took information on various on-going projects, initiatives and achievements of Maiti Nepal.

On the occasion, the trafficked survivors staying in Maiti Nepal told him about their problems, experiences and future life prospects.

Mr. Blake admired the initiatives taken by Maiti Nepal including the border monitoring activities. He said he was highly impressed by the work of Maiti Nepal and expressed commitment of providing all possible support to mitigate the problem.



Mr. Blake observes the artistic performances of the children from Maiti Nepal

Combating Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children [CSEC]: Orientation on HIV/AIDS and Human Trafficking Participation in Domestic Child Labor Consultation

YPP [Youth Partnership Project for Child Survivors and Youth at Risk of Commercial Sexual Exploitation] Youth from Makwanpur district organized **Orientation on HIV/AIDS and Human Trafficking** to 46 young girls through 2 different events in 2 Village Development Committees of Makwanpur district. The orientation focused on the preventive aspect of human trafficking by establishing linkages between increasing human trafficking and seriousness of HIV/AIDS in the district. The sessions were facilitated by a resource person from a local NGO and the staff member of the field office of Maiti Nepal.

A trained Peer Supporter represented the YPP Youth in **Domestic Child Labor Consultation** through the Consortium of organizations working for child participation in Nepal. Approximately 200 domestic child workers and 80 adults from 22 districts of Nepal had participated in the program. The consultation focused on developing children's recommendations to prevent the abuse and exploitation faced by domestic child labor. The children developed 15-point recommendations and handed them over to the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labor and Transportation Management, and the members of Constitution Assembly.

Seven girls find solace in their homeland !!!

As Maiti Nepal observes its success of 17 years of crusade against human trafficking, it also celebrates repatriation of seven girls from horrendous situation in India – back to their homeland.

While six of the rescued women were lured, cheated on and trafficked into exploitative situation at the brothels in India, one of them was being trafficked to a gulf country via Mumbai – with fake documents. She was detained at Sahara International Airport, Mumbai, India. They are exuberant to be in their homeland – a safe haven!

They have been provided with psychosocial counseling and their legal prosecution has been initiated promptly. They were repatriated to Nepal with kind support from Maiti Nepal's close associates in Mumbai and New Delhi. They were brought to Kathmandu via Maiti Nepal, Bhairahwa.

Two of the girls have happily decided to join the school while one of them has already started working as a Clinic Helper in Maiti Nepal, Kathmandu. Their family members are being located and currently, they are receiving advocacy lessons on safe migration and human trafficking.

Preventive Activities through Transit Homes



**Border Measures:
Inspecting Vehicles**

Preventative activities carried out by Transit home holds great importance in Maiti Nepal's campaign. Activities like Interception, rescue, counseling, dealing with cases of missing, rape, domestic violence carried out by transit contribute to the preventative initiatives of the organization

Transit home Pashupatinagar, Ilam made the following achievements during the month of March 2010:

- Intercepted 10 girls and women belonging to neighbouring districts of them belonging to dalits and janajatis
- Proceeded 3 cases of domestic violence
- Provided information on safe migration to 29 people
- Dealt with 3 missing cases

Similarly, Transit Home Bhairahawa conducted following activities during the month of March 2010:

- Intercepted 23 girls and women belonging to various districts. Majority of them are dalits and janajatis
- Proceeded 5 cases of domestic violence
- Dealt with 6 missing cases
- Provided information on safe migration to 215 women who were applying for making passport at the chief district office.

During the month of March 2010, Transit home Kakarbhitta took the following initiatives:

- Intercepted 2 girls who hail from janajatis and dalits communities
- Dealt with 6 cases of missing
- Provided information on safe migration to 46 people

Likewise, Transit Home Biratnagar

- Intercepted 5 girls who hail from janajatis and dalits communities
- Dealt with 6 cases of missing
- Provided information on safe migration to 40 people



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