



America-Nepal Friendship Society, Inc.

544 West 156th Street, 5W
New York, NY 10032

FOR IMMEDIATE RESEASE

Contact: TN Niraula
tara.niraula@anfsusa.org

New York (March 15, 2006). The America-Nepal Friendship Society (ANFS) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2006 **ANFS Community Leadership Award and the ANFS Lifetime Achievement Award**. These Outstanding leaders have not only improved the lives of Nepali-American individuals in the US and Nepal, they have also measurably strengthened institutions within those same communities. Their impact is felt directly in the health, arts, government, business, community building, and education sectors. In all their activities they have time and again amply demonstrated their leadership skills, initiative, passion, motivation, courage, enthusiasm, and inspiration. The ANFS Awards and Recognition Committee is honored to present the following individuals with this year's ANFS Community Leadership Award and ANFS Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding service to the Nepali community locally and in Nepal.

ANFS Community Leadership Award:

1. **Dr. Tulsi Maharjan**—President of Friends of Nepal New Jersey--for his outstanding leadership and service to the Nepali community in New Jersey and in Nepal, with particular emphasis on youth leadership development.
2. **Mr. Mohan Bahadur Gyawali**-Founding President of Ridgewood Nepalese Society—who has tirelessly provided leadership in building a strong Nepali Community in Ridgewood, Queens, New York.
3. **Ms. Lisa Gomer, Esq.** Founding President and Director of Himalayan Health Care—who has exhibited a true dedication to helping youths and adults of rural villages of Nepal by supporting education, health care and income generating projects in Nepal.

ANFS Lifetime Achievement Award recipient include:

1. **Ms. Bashandhura Bhusal**—a true and pure Nepali cine artist, comedian, dancer and activist who has taken the development, promotion and preservation of Nepali arts and culture to a next height.

On behalf of the America-Nepal Friendship Society, we congratulate these individuals on their achievements in developing and strengthening the Nepali-American relationship. Following the ANFS tradition, the awards will be presented at the Nepali New Year event on April 8, 2006 in New York.

#