



## NEPAL CULTURAL SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

### Official Community Statement

Nepal Cultural Society of British Columbia (NCSBC)  
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The Nepal Cultural Society of BC (NCSBC) is deeply saddened by the passing of Mr. Gaurav Shrestha. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones during this very difficult time.

Following approximately 10 days of procedures and review by appropriate Canadian authorities, Mr. Shrestha's body has been formally released. Through the coordination of the Embassy of Nepal, family representatives, senior community members, and the employer, arrangements are complete to repatriate Mr. Shrestha to Nepal.

#### A Request for Privacy and Social Harmony

Mr. Shrestha's family has explicitly requested privacy during this period of mourning. We kindly ask the community to honor this request and allow the family the space and dignity they deserve.

**We respectfully urge everyone to avoid speculation or public name-calling.** Such actions can create disharmony in society, cause further distress to the bereaved, or interfere with official processes.

#### Condensed Support Resources

While NCSBC is a cultural organization and not a regulatory body, we are committed to ensuring our members know their rights under Canadian law. If you or someone you know is experiencing unfair treatment, please utilize these official channels:

- **Reporting Labour Abuse (Service Canada):** Confidential 24/7 tip line for reporting Temporary Foreign Worker Program violations at **1-866-602-9448**.
- **Vulnerable Worker Open Work Permit:** For those experiencing abuse to leave an employer immediately and secure an open permit.
- **BC Employment Standards:** For disputes regarding unpaid wages, overtime, or holiday pay.
- **Legal Advocacy (Migrant Workers Centre):** Free legal advice and representation for migrant workers in BC.
- **Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline:** To report suspected forced labour or debt bondage at **1-833-900-1010**.
- Our priority remains the dignity, safety, and unity of the Nepali community in British Columbia. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,  
The Board of Directors (2025–2027)  
Nepal Cultural Society of BC

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