

Rules Framed and Issued by King Mahendra Malla (King of Kathmandu since about 1554-1568)

Preamble

Beloved Subjects

Whereas, there was an assembly of Fourteen *Tole* (Ward), the subjects and Head of the family of our neighborhood *Puka tole Chha Bahal*, Mr. Goucha Gubhaya, Mr. Manaya Jha, Mr. Kirtikant Surjekhu Dangol, Mr. Kaucha Deubhaju, Mr. Brahman Singh Upadhaya all from Twenty Six *Tole* were present in the assembly.

And whereas, the agenda of the Assembly was- "How to save people from Famine and hailstone." Hereinafter, *Kali Brahmacharaya Tantrik* also joined the Assembly. *Purascharan* (worship of God to get output from it) was done and these Rules came into dream to the King Mahendra Malla in the Midnight of bright half of lunar month (*Suklapakshya*) by Goddess Taleju:

1. Do not indulge in Gambling. Always work in the interest of the subjects (General People); speak Truth. Resolve local disputes locally. Keep a dependable senior citizen of the locality in the *Kachahari* (Court) and dispense justice.
2. Never keep (*Dhiki* indigenous wooden equipment for rice mill), *Janto* (an indigenous stone made hand grinder), Handloom and *Tuki* (Oil Lamp) empty at all. Not to weave *Patasi*, *Gharbuna*, *Khadi*, *Kora* (types of cloths) in the same fashion shall be a mischief. Use Pine trees available in the forest for

- Pala, Sandani and Chirakh* (means to be used for light) and when you will continuously weave the cloths you may be able to prepare soft white cloth like the paper. You can sell those items to the other villagers and *Madhesi* Kings, and you will get rich.
3. Go to other Kings and Kingdoms, learn new skills on Pottery and bring that skill to your country. It shall increase the fame of the country and prestige of the people. Send your detectives to different countries to learn different skills. Never speak anything about your state-secret even you are imprisoned in the course of learning skill in a foreign country. Rather be prepare to die if they try to kill you. Do not loose your religion, culture and tradition inherited by your forefathers; always learn pure skills and bring such skills to your country.
 4. I am to communicate you that everybody in the country shall take food before noon. I always take food only after I receive message that everybody in the Kingdom has taken his/her food. I am suffering from indigestion, acidity and gases. Everybody in the Kingdom 'take your food within Nine to Ten *Ghadi*' (24 minutes equal to one *Ghadi* and *Ghadi* starts at sunrise) in the morning. Take your food in the evening within Eight to Ten *Ghadi*. Always ring bell within one *Nimes* (Unit of time) after Ten *Ghadi*. If anybody denies punish him/her. If anybody remains hungry, the penalty for such a sin shall lie on the senior citizens of that locality.