

## पुन समाज युके PUN SAMAAJ UK



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## **OUR INTRODUCTION**

Nepal is a country with rich culture by virtue of the diverse range of castes within its population, who boast their own dresses, language, and traditions. The Pun tribe is amongst one of the main indigenous groups recognised within Nepal. However, due to a lack of written history, it is difficult to ascertain the origins of our community. Therefore, research efforts are being made.

Since prehistoric period, it appears that our community has been living in and around 4000 Parbat, Nepal in present day; places including Baglung, Myagdi, Parbat, Rolpa and Rukum.

Our ancestors were nature worshippers. Karpake Baba, known as Ishta-Dev, and his eldest son Ramchan and youngest son Kulchan are our deities. The main place of worship of Karpake Baba is where the Pun Community Museum is located: Kaafaldaanda, Annapurna Village Municipality, Ward no. 8, Myagdi. There is also a national level museum of our castes at that place. In which various weapons and daily use materials used by our tribes are kept for display. Development of the communities, yet we were still a backward mountainous tribe. On 26<sup>th</sup> January 1957,

During the period of the Malla of the western feudal state in Nepal, the community lost the use of our language due to a language ban forced upon us. However, the language of our castes is still found in our villages where some remnants remain.

Like other castes our caste is also a distinct caste rich in its own distinct original language and culture. Pun community has its own rites and culture, thus we all feel the responsibility to preserve our identity. We have been working to protect and support of rituals such as, we have our own legendary ancestral dance, Sorthi, Sirfoolai, Jhyaure Yanimaya, Hai Halne, Kul Pooja, Bhume Pooja, Bhara Pooja etc.

In 2004, the British Government gave resident permits to the Gurkha veterans and their immediate dependent families. This paved the way to any members of the community who served in the British Army to come and live in the UK. In addition, some have come and settled in their own capacity. Our members are estimated to be around 9 to 10,000 here in the UK.

We believe that it's our duty to preserve the genuine identity of our community and pass it onto the future generations.

Pun Samaaj UK was established in 2007 in order to unite and to assist each other when needed in the times of financial, physical and moral support. Finally in 2015 the society was registered in UK Charity no. 1160842.

Thank you
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"Jaya Karpaake Baba"
''Jaya pun Jaati''
"Jaya Pun Samaj U K"

















