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EDITORIAL

Being the university of New Era, Gandaki University focuses on the quality and standards of education and it emphasizes on the timely dissemination of the activities relevant to the Academicians, Government, Stakeholders and general public. Within a few years of its establishment, Gandaki University has advanced its programs and activities significantly with positive impact in all important sectors, viz academia, research, invention and innovation related activities.

The faculty members and staffers of the university are engaged in several activities for the upliftment of the quality of service they render and upgrade the university's standards, nationally, and internationally. More importantly, vibrant student activities have increased the charm of the university. Gandaki University, indeed is proud of the ongoing interdisciplinary and cutting-edge developments.

Following the tradition of the dissemination of Gandaki University's activities and events via Gandaki Roundup Bulletin, we are presenting forward the First Issue of the Second Volume of Gandaki Roundup Bulletin for the year 2023. Several activities and events of the University are included in this issue. On behalf of the Editorial Team, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the readership of this Bulletin. An e-version of the bulletin is also available in the university's website, soon.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Dean, Program Coordinators, Faculties, Staffers, and Students for their valuable contributions. We, whole-heartedly welcome any advice, comments, and contributions for the current and also for upcoming issues of the Bulletin.

I hope, you will find this Issue of Gandaki Roundup Bulletin informative, and interesting.



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RESEARCH CENTER, INVENTION AND INNOVATION CENTER (RC-II)

INVENTION AND INNOVATION CENTER

Gandaki University has established Invention and Innovation Center at Gyankunja, Pokhara-32, Kaski, Nepal. The center aims to provide problem-based solutions to the expected needs of the society via Invention and Innovation. Furthermore, the center focuses on developing and commercializing products by utilizing the local resources to promote local businesses and economy of the people. The center also aims to work on Invention and Innovation in different fields including agriculture, food products, health, biomedicals, information and technology, machinery, and so on. The Invention and Innovation Center provides an incubation facility for well-equipped machineries such as CNC Lathe Machine, CNC CO2 Lase Machine, 3D Printer, Hydraulic Bending Machine, CNC Pipe Bende, Pocket NC V2-50, and 4 Jaw Lathe Machine. The ultimate goal of the center is to link its activities to the academic programs of the university.



Research is an integral part of the academic excellence. Hence, Gandaki University has established the Research Center, Invention and Innovation Center (RC-II) in 2021 with the objective to support faculties and students. To nurture the upcoming generation with scientific awareness and enthusiasm, RC-II is dedicated to promote research activities within different programs (Pharmacy, Sports Management, Information Technology, Management, and Law) run by the University. The RC-II is dedicated to facilitate research activities by also providing research grants to the faculty members. In addition, it promotes research collaboration with different National and International institutions and organizations. Furthermore, RC-II facilitates grants applications and simplifies grants administration procedure for the principal investigators from Gandaki University. It also run periodic trainings and conduct workshops to enhance the capacity of faculty members.

Following are the ongoing activities of RC-II:

- 1. A total of seven research projects are being funded under the Faculty Research Grants funded by RC-II, Gandaki University.
- 2. In collaboration with National Innovation Center (NIC), several machineries and equipment are being developed for potential use in agriculture, and medicinal plant related to collection/harvesting, processing and products development.
- 3. Workshops and trainings are being organized to enhance the capacity of the faculty members and students.
- 4. Collaborative research proposals are being prepared and applied for the funding, as and when it is applicable.
- 5. Dialogues for industry-academia partnerships are being done for possible collaborations between industry and academia in research and development related activities.
- 6. RC-II supports the grants application process for the faculty members.
- 7. The processing and publications of the scientific documents related to research, invention and innovation are being regularly done.









INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT AFFIARS

MOU OF GANDAKI UNIVERSITY WITH INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, TO DATE

- California State University, USA
- University of Central Missouri, USA
- Medi-Caps University, India
- Inter-Governmental International Organization
- Colombo Plan Staff College for Human Resource Development in Asia and the Pacific Region, Bhutan
- Inha University, Republic of Korea
- Ondokuz Mayis University, Turkey
- Global Education Board, USA
- Hyupsung University, ContentsDa Inc., Eastern Light Education Foundation, South Korea
- Akamai University, USA
- Central Luzon State University, Philippines
- Bielsko-Biala School of Finance and Law, Poland
- ABK College, Japan
- The UNESCO Chair in ICT4D, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK

MOU OF GANDAKI UNIVERSITY WITH NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, TO DATE

- Policy and Planning Commission, Gandaki Province, Nepal
- Gandaki Province Academy of Science and Technology, Nepal
- Nepal Innovation Center, Nepal
- Nexus Institute of Research and Innovation, Nepal
- Nepal Academy of Science and Technology, Nepal
- IT Vocational Education Institution in Gandaki Province, Nepal
- Kathmandu Üniversity, Nepal



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between The UNESCO Chair in ICT4D, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK and Gandaki University, Nepal was signed on February 01, 2023. The aim of this partnership is to bring together the expertise and resources of both institutions in making a significant and lasting contribution to enhancing the appropriate and sustainable use of digital technologies in international development. Prof. Tim Unwin signed on behalf of Royal Holloway and Bedford New College acting through the UNESCO Chair in ICT4D, and Prof. Naba Raj Devkota, Vice Chancellor of Gandaki University signed on behalf of Gandaki University.



On August 14, 2022, Prof. Dongwwon Han visited Gandaki University. Prof. Han is associated with the College of Medicine, Hanyang University, and is the Chairperson of Global Health and Development. He is also currently the Director of the Institute of Health Services Management, Hanyang University. Prof. Han discussed about the future opportunities of collaboration between Gandaki University and Hanyang University.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT



Er. Sudeep Koirala Chief, Planning and Development Gandaki University

Planning and Development section plays a key role in preparing good plan and development programs in coordination with top-level officials, such as Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Registrar and Dean in order to prepare the overall programs and budget. This unit mainly works to prepare Progress Reports of the development projects implemented by Gandaki University and helps in periodic monitoring. It helps in finalizing the programs and development budget of Gandaki University including annual programs, student and faculty related activities, and so on. Planning and Development closely woks with the Province Government to seek necessary support and funding . This unit also works as the directives of the university policies and plans.

Regarding infrastructure development, it focuses on monitoring, supervising, and maintaining the quality of civil construction works. Currently, prefab building construction works with different blocks, such as Administrative, Multipurpose Hall, Library, Classrooms, and Lab Rooms are in the final stage of completion in Gyankunja, Pokhara 32, Kaski, Nepal. Protection of the land, with wire fencing, covering the 351 acres of the land has been completed. Landslide and gully protection works have been completed partially at Malepatan Pokhara 32, Kaski, Nepal. The infrastructure for the "Department of Continuing Education" is going to be started in this fiscal year. Detailed project reports of the main complex of the university with different faculty buildings, labs, and sports facilities are intended to be completed within this fiscal year.



ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

We believe in a conscious-oriented and participatory system, following the rule of law that is effective, efficient, accountable, transparent, responsive, equitable, and inclusive. The administration has been usually qualified by the word 'good' to describe its features about the arrangement and exercise of authority made in the interests of the society/ students and the contents of programs devoted to directly benefit the students within it, as also the degree of accountability, transparency, and participation permitted to control its various processes. Our practice is closely associated with control, following rule, or administration of the university through implementing laws. The democratic system is an essential prerequisite of good governance. A democratic system may also face a crisis of governability. However, a democratic system is essential because that alone can promote the ethics of economic and political freedom and development for individuals to increase mass participation, which are features of good governance. Our university has such an environment where there is mutual trust between the officials, administration, faculties, and students.



Dolraj Subedi Administrative Assistant 7th Gandaki University

TRAINING ON SCIENTIFIC WRITING AND COMMUNICATION

During January 20-21, 2023, the Research Center, Invention and Innovation Center (RC-II), Gandaki University organized a "Two-days training on Scientific Writing and Communication" for the faculty members of the University. Since its inception, Gandaki University has integrated teaching and research to provide world-class education. Therefore, the capacity enhancement of faculty members in research and publication is a burning need. Realizing this, RC-II organized a two-days training to enhance the scientific writing and communication skills of the faculty members of Gandaki University. A total of 25 faculty members from different programs (BIT, BBA, B. Pharm, BALLB and BSM), including newly appointed faculties, participated in the program. The main objective of the training was to motivate the faculty members to move forward in research and focus on publication for their professional as well as the institutional development. Such training is important for writing grants, academic papers and working in interdisciplinary collaborations.

Prof. Dr. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chancellor of Gandaki University chaired the inaugural session. Welcome note was delivered by Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, Executive Director, RC-II. Similarly, Dr. Kapil Adhikari, Dean; Dr. Kailash Timilsina, Registrar; and Prof. Dr. Naba Raj Devkota, Vice-Chancellor delivered their opinions on the importance of scientific writing and communication. The training was facilitated by the experts on topics including research and publication, scientific communication, abstract writing, proposal writing, manuscript writing, statistical tools and analysis for scientific publishing, good writing skills and publication ethics, scientific writing platforms and journal indexing and ranking, good writing and presentation skills, peer review process and predatory journals, effective use of figures and tables, why do manuscripts get rejected?, and after publishing. An active participation of the faculty members during discussion sessions was observed during the training.















WORKSHOP ON "BIOPROSPECTING OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF NEPAL"

On November 10, 2022, the Research Center, Invention and Innovation Center (RC-II) organized a workshop on "Bioprospecting of Natural Resources of Nepal". The program was organized at the meeting hall of Gandaki University, Mustang Chowk, Pokhara, Nepal. Distinguished speakers from Nepal and delegates from the Republic of Korea were present in the workshop.

Chair of the opening ceremony was Prof. Dr. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chancellor, Gandaki University. Prof. Dr. Naba Raj Devkota, Vice-Chancellor presented about the prospects of natural products and biodiversity research at Gandaki University. Similarly, Dr. Kailash Timilsina, Registrar and Dr. Kapil Adhikari, Dean stressed on the importance of bioprospecting the natural resources of Nepal. In his closing remarks, Prof. Dr. Ganesh Man Gurung focused on Nepal's diversity in flora and fauna and the importance of utilization of these natural resources for economic and sustainable development. Furthermore, Prof. Gurung believed the participation from Korean delegates in the workshop would strengthen ties from the university and the country level for possible future collaborations and funding. A total of 10 presentations were included in the workshop. Active participation in the discussion following each presentation led to fruitful conclusions regarding the

bioprospecting of natural resources of Nepal. The workshop program was facilitated by Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, Executive Director, RC-II, Gandaki University.























35thHIMALAYA-KARAKORUM-TIBET WORKSHOP (HKT–2022)

The Himalaya-Karakorum-Tibet (HKT) workshop has been organized annually since 1985. Nepal Geological Society has organized the 9th and 27th HKT workshops, respectively, in 1994 and 2012, in Nepal. Likewise, accepting the approval of the attendees at the 33rd HKT that occurred in Lausanne, Switzerland in 2018, the Organizing and Management Committee of the 35th HKT workshop of the Nepal Geological Society happily announced the 35th Himalaya-Karakorum-Tibet workshop to be organized in Pokhara, Nepal. The 35th HKT workshop was held on November 2-4, 2022 organized by Nepal Geological Society in association with its partner organizations at Hotel Pokhara Grande, Pokhara, Nepal. There was an active participation from Gandaki University in the workshop. Several academicians, researchers, scientists and other renowned dignitaries participated in the workshop.





4th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE GAFEF-2022 POKHARA, NEPAL

th th International Conference on "Global Efforts on Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Food Security (Theme: Climate Change and Its Impact) (GAFEF-2022)" that was jointly organized by Agricultural & Environmental Technology Development Society (AETDS), U. S. Nagar, Uttarakhand, India; Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University, Pokhara Campus, Pokhara, Nepal; Faculty of Agriculture, Agriculture and Forestry University, Rampur, Chitwan, Nepal; Forest Research Centre for Eco-rehabilitation, Prayagraj (U.P.), India; and Gandaki University, Pokhara, Kaski, Nepal in association with Institute of Root Biology, Yangtze University, China; and Soil, Water & Environment Research Institute, Giza, Egypt. The conference was organized at the Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University, Pokhara Campus, Pokhara, Nepal on September 17-19, 2022.

Many scientists, researchers, academicians of national and international repute, professionals, research scholars, students, and others who are actively involved in research and development practices related to agricultural and applied sciences participated in the conference. The major objective of the conference was to provide a unified global platform representing multiple disciplines to share and discuss their experiences, research findings, and developmental activities in agricultural and applied sciences aligned to the development of agriculture with other complementary disciplines.





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MoU SIGNED BETWEEN NAST AND GANDAKI UNIVERSITY

On December 02, 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) and Gandaki University. On behalf of Gandaki University, Prof. Dr. Ganeshman Gurung, Chancellor, and on behalf of NAST, Dr. Sunil Babu Shrestha, Vice-Chancellor signed the MoU. In the program, there was gracious presence of Prof. Dr. Naba Raj Devkota, Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Kailash Timilsina, Registrar; Dr. Kapil Adhikari, Dean; and other officials of Gandaki University. Similarly, academicians and scientists from NAST were present in the program. This MoU is intended for cooperation between Gandaki University and NAST in several aspects including conducting joint academic programs relevant for both the parties, strengthening academic research, organizing conferences, and publishing research papers.

NAST CENTER OF EXCELLENCE GANDAKI PROVINCE

On December 02, 2022, NAST Center of Excellence for Gandaki Province was established in Gandaki University. The theme for Gandaki Province is "Mountain Green Economy". The Hon'ble Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Mr. Devendra Poudel inaugurated the Center of Excellence and emphasized that future education should be technology-friendly. A grand program was organized at Gandaki University premises to officially inaugurate the Center of Excellence. In the program, Prof. Dr. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chancellor; Prof. Dr. Naba Raj Devkota, Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Kailash Timilsina, Registrar; Dr. Kapil Adhikari, Dean; and other officials from Gandaki University were present. Similarly, there was the gracious presence of Dr. Sunil Babu Shrestha, Vice-Chancellor, NAST along with other officials, scientists and academicians from NAST. In the program, all the distinguished officials stressed on the importance of the mountain green economy, especially in Gandaki Province.

While inaugurating the Center of Excellence, Hon'ble Minister Paudel addressed that Nepal should establish a research center according to world standards and explore the possibilities. He insisted on creating an environment for foreigners to come and conduct research in Nepali land. He said, "When the Nepali youth go abroad for employment and succeed in attaining vital roles, why don't we search for potential in our country and make it the center of attraction for the world?" While suggesting that science should be linked to society, Hon'ble Minister Paudel emphasized that Nepal's economy can be strengthened through various studies and research. He also assured that the Center of Excellence established in Gandaki University is a model and a jewel of Nepal.





MoU SIGNED BETWEEN KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY AND GANDAKI UNIVERSITY

On January 22, 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony between Gandaki University and Kathmandu University was accomplished. The main objective of signing the MoU was to establish a Mining Engineering program, collaboratively by Kathmandu University and Gandaki University. In a formal program, organized at the central office of Gandaki University, there were officials from both Gandaki University and Kathmandu University. The chair of the formal MoU signing ceremony was Prof. Dr. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chancellor, Gandaki University. The chief guest of the program was the Hon'ble Minister of Economic Affairs, Gandaki Province, Mrs. Sita Kumari Sundas. Guests of the program were Prof. Dr. Naba Raj Devkota, Vice-Chancellor, Gandaki University; Prof. Dr. Bhola Thapa, Vice-Chancellor, Kathmandu University; Dr. Kailash Timilsina, Registrar, Gandaki University; Dr. Kapil Adhikari, Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, Gandaki University; Prof. Dr. Manish Pokharel, Dean, School of Engineering, Kathmandu University; and Prof. Dr. Janardan Lamichhane, Dean, School of Science, Kathmandu University. Other officials of Gandaki University and Kathmandu University were also present in the program.

Registrar of the University, Dr. Kailash Timilsina, delivered a welcome speech for the program. Prof. Dr. Naba Raj Devkota, Vice-Chancellor, Gandaki University delivered the contents of the MoU between Gandaki University and Kathmandu University. The MoU was signed by Prof. Dr. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chancellor, Gandaki University, and Prof. Dr. Bhola Thapa, Vice-Chancellor, Kathmandu University. Guest Prof. Dr. Thapa described the importance of the new course of Mining Engineering and appreciated the interest of Gandaki University, to collaborate with Kathmandu University on starting degree programs in Mining Engineering. Chief Guest Hon'ble Minister Sundas stressed on the availability of different mines in Gandaki Province and appreciated the collaborative approach of both the universities in starting the Mining Engineering Program. Finally, Prof. Dr. Gurung concluded the program by thanking Kathmandu University for its collaborative approach and also stressed on the importance of the Mining Engineering program in the proper utilization of available natural resources for the overall development of Nepal.

MoU SIGNED BETWEEN ABK COLLEGE AND GANDAKI UNIVERSITY

ABK College, Japan and Gandaki University, Nepal signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the objective to develop program on academic exchange and cooperation in teaching and research in the furtherance of the advancement and dissemination of learning.

Both academic institutions agreed to engage in activities like exchange of professors, research scholars, and students, the exchange of scientific materials, publications, and other information of mutual interest, and engage in collaborative activities such as joint research, lectures, conferences, etc.

INDUCTION AND ORIENTATION PROGRAM



Some glimpses of the induction and orientation programs of Gandaki University. On December 20, 2022, a combined program for students of Sports Management, Information Technology, Business Administration, and Law was conducted at Hotel Teeka Resort Suites and Spa to mark induction and orientation. A separate orientation and welcome program for the students of the Pharmacy Program was conducted at Pandheri Park Village on September 9, 2022.

Several student activities made the orientation and welcome programs more vibrant. Cultural performances by the students put forth a warm experience to the newcomers. Furthermore, different games were organized to engage new students to establish a bond among the peers and with the seniors. Unity in diversity was marked by the presence of existing and newly enrolled students from all over Nepal. Gandaki University feels proud to educate students from different parts of Nepal and the university is always committed to produce highly qualified graduates who can contribute to the development of Nepal.

CHANCELLOR'S CUP RUNNING SHIELD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



On January 23-27, 2023, Gandaki University organized the first ever Chancellor's Cup Running Shield Football Tournament 2079. Gandaki University has been running a Bachelor of Sports Management program since its inception. The university recognizes the importance of sports, physical health, and related activities. Hence, the football tournament is a part of it that has an objective of developing sports activities in Gandaki Province and encouraging students for the Sports Management degree.

Accordingly, on January 23, 2023, a grand opening ceremony of the First Chancellor Cup Running Shield Football Tournament was held. The formal session of the opening ceremony was chaired by Prof. Dr. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chancellor, Gandaki University. Prof. Dr. Naba Raj Devkota, Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Kailash Timilsina, Registrar; Dr. Kapil Adhikari, Dean and other officials, faculties, staffers and students of Gandaki University were present at the function. The chief guest of the program was the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gandaki Province, Mr. Khaga Raj Adhikari. Similarly, different distinguished guests related to sports, school organizations, and other related fields were present in the formal session. Dr. Madhu Sudhan Subedi, Coordinator of Bachelor of Sports Management Program and the Coordinator of this mega event, highlighted the aim of the tournament in developing skilled and dedicated human resources for advancing, promoting, and preserving sports within Gandaki Province. The tournament played a crucial role in fostering the qualities of focus, discipline, and fair play among aspiring athletes and generated interest in sports.

A total of 12 teams participated in the tournament. Among them, two teams: Kalika Higher Secondary School and Bhadrakali Higher Secondary School went to the finals of the football tournament. On January 27, 2023, the closing ceremony of the football tournament was organized. The chief guest of the closing ceremony was the Hon'ble Minister of the Ministry of Social Development and Health, Mr. Pancharam Gurung.

An interesting game between the finalists, Kalika Higher Secondary School and Bhadrakali Higher Secondary School, engaged everyone at the Pokhara Stadium. Winner of the football tournament was Kalika Higher Secondary School and the runner-up was Bhadrakali Higher Secondary School. A grand closing ceremony ended the First Chancellor's Cup Running Shield Football Tournament 2079 with new hopes and avenues for Gandaki University regarding sports and its management.

SOME OF THE GLIMPSES OF THE CHANCELLOR'S CUP RUNNING SHIELD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

























INTERNATIONAL VISITS



On August 14, 2022, Prof. Dongwwon Han, a Professor at the College of Medicine, Hanyang University, Seoul, Republic of Korea visited Gandaki University and discussed on the possibilities of establishing a modern Medical School at Gandaki University. Additionally, he committed to providing necessary support for the development of the Medical School at Gandaki University.

G. Hari Harindranath, Professor of Information Systems in the School of Management at Royal Holloway, University of London and Researcher Maria Rosa visited Gandaki University on September 10-11, 2022, and discussed about the potential partnership to enhance research and practice in the use of digital technologies by migrants in and from Nepal.

On January 04, 2023, Dr. Shyam Thapa, an Adjunct Professor and an independent consultant in public health research and evaluation visited Gandaki University. He has served as a resident technical advisor to Nepal's National Planning Commission, Ministry of Population and Environment, and Ministry of Health. He has also worked as a scientist at the World Health Organization's headquarter and as a senior advisor in research and evaluation at USAID in Washington, DC. He discussed about the new and potential programs for the university.

On February 01, 2023, Prof. Tim Unwin and Prof. Harindranath visited Gandaki University and an MoU was signed between The UNESCO Chair in ICT4D, Royal Holloway, University of London and Gandaki University. The aim of this partnership is to bring together the expertise and resources of both partners in making a significant and lasting contribution to enhancing the appropriate and sustainable use of digital technologies in international development.

On November 27, 2022, Prof. Balram Bhatta, Dean, Faculty of Forestry, Agriculture and Forestry University along with colleagues from Linnaeus University, Sweden visited Gandaki University and discussed about the possible collaborations on wood science and technology.









COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

International players, enrolled in the first three semesters, the Gandaki University's Bachelor in Sports Management Program is thriving. Through participation in the University's Chancellor Running Shield Football Tournament, internships at the 9th National Games of Nepal, and volunteering at community marathons, the students have gained valuable experiences in the sports sector. The program's focus on hands-on learning is reinforced by guest lectures from professionals in related fields.

Bachelors in Sports Management Program at Gandaki University provides a comprehensive curriculum including courses in sports science, sports management, and general management. The curriculum emphasizes on building strong foundations in sports marketing, management, finance, and sports science to prepare students for careers in various areas of the sports industry in Nepal and internationally.

To enhance the community-based learning experience, the program has signed an MoU with Patihani Football Club in Chitwan, offering students and faculty members more opportunities for practical experience and networking. The program also offers classes on the theme "Impact of sports in society" to nearby schools, with the goal of creating awareness about sports and making a positive impact on the community.



Madhu Sudhan Subedi, PhD Program Coordinator Sports Management Program Gandaki University

With 30 students, including both National and Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Laws (B.A.LL.B.) program of Gandaki University is currently being operated with altogether 86 students in the first and second semester. We believe in the best and most effective approaches of learning. We have aimed to provide highwell-rounded, quality. affordable. practical and research based legal education since our establishment. This program offers a unique, broad and varied curriculum including research and practical subjects with a wide array of extra-curricular learning opportunities.

> The interdisciplinarity subjects, teaching and research leads a wider connection among different areas of knowledge. We have already enrolled our students in the visit of Kaski District Court, District Administration Office Kaski, High Court Government Attorney Office Pokhara, District Police Office Kaski and programs related with law and justice conducted by various institutions. This program has established itself the 'champion' in extra-curricular activities especially in sports. Different experts in the concerned fields are invited as 'guest lectures' frequently to benefit our students.

> > Bimal Prasad Lamichhane Program Coordinator Law Program Gandaki University

Gandaki University began offering the BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration program) in early 2078 B.S. to cater to the needs of committed and competent managers. BBA at Gandaki University intends to deliver humanity-minded and STEM-driven education in place of an exclusive focus on content-based instruction.

Indeed, students enrolled in the first and second batches of the program have internalized the positive changes in their personalities instantaneously. To mention but a few events where BBA students participated: a corporate visit to Surya Nepal Pvt Ltd; a workshop on financial literacy in collaboration with NMB Bank Ltd; orientation on cracking a case study; volunteer exposure at sporting events; and a seminar organized by ILO and AYON on SIYB (start and improve your business). Undeniably, students will realize a positive transformation within themselves after graduating with a BBA degree from Gandaki University, as they will learn to be proactive, persuasive, decisive, strategic, and resilient. We encourage students to be socially responsible citizens engaged in business organizations that offer products and services to solve social problems.

Including non-credit courses, a wide range of specialization and elective courses, seminars, a social immersion internship, and other diverse courses delivered through an incessant academic calendar and academic mentors will offer a flavor of the new and valued BBA.

We look forward to welcoming you to the BBA program at Gandaki University, Pokhara!



Bishwash Raj Poudel Program Coordinator **Business Management Program** Gandaki University

I am very much pleased to say that Gandaki University (GU) has been successfully executing Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) program since 2078. Currently there are three batches studying BIT program in the university. From the very beginning of the program, different academic activities have been organized. Few of the events to be included are, Career Opportunities in IT, WordPress Introductory Classes, Interaction program on the occasion of Safer Internet Day-2023 etc. The thrust of education at GU is not only to produce graduates but a dynamic and responsible citizen for the nation. Our teaching learning methods encourage inter-disciplinary approaches through innovative projects, conferences, seminar, research and workshops. The curriculum instils in students a passion for learning and encourages them to explore and expand their horizons through theoretical and practical knowledge. We support students to enjoy their time by conducting various extra-curricular activities that support the students to nurture their creativity, interest and interpersonal skills. The proficient faculty and the friendly staffs encourage the students to dream beyond their expectations.

BIT program of GU would be the most appropriate destination for the students who have strong desire to grow their career in the field of Information Technology. We are committed to generate utmost dedication of our students towards their study.

I also take this opportunity to thank everyone for having their faith and confidence in us. Your faith in us is our driving force.



Saroj Giri Program Coordinator Information Technology Program Gandaki University

Realizing the worldwide demand for qualified professionals and skillful pharmacy graduates, Gandaki University, the first state university in the country, started a four years Bachelor of Pharmacy Program as one of its start-up programs in the year 2021 after getting approval from the Medical Education Commission (MEC). University is coming up with a dynamic curriculum of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

As per the rule and regulations, and quota set by the MEC, merit students after passing the national-wide common entrance examination are eligible to admit to the program. Currently, two batches are running with a total of 35 students from fourteen different districts of Nepal. Among the enrolled students, 75% of students are from full scholarship schemes. The program is enriched with all teaching and learning facilities, well-equipped laboratories, and library resources. Currently, 6 full-time, highly qualified, subject-specific, and research-orientated Assistant Professors and 1 lab in charge are engaged in the program. By executing a strict academic calendar, classes, and examinations are conducted on time.

In addition to teaching and learning activities, faculties are involved in several research and development projects utilizing national and international research grants. Students are also continuously involved in extracurricular activities like field excursions, cultural performances, and annual sports events. Faculties are also participating and presenting in several conferences and workshops.

In the year 2022, alone a total of 15 research papers were published from the pharmacy program. Currently, faculties are conducting 3 different research projects under university faculty research grants. With the active involvement of students and faculties, the program was successful to set up a crude drug museum. More than 100 crude drugs and 150 herbaria are preserved in the museum. One demo mini physic garden is also functional with more than 60 locally available medicinal plants.

In the near future, the program is planning to start a post-graduate program in some emerging subjects. With all this brief summary and notes on behalf of the pharmacy Program, I would like to thank all the University's higher authorities, faculty members, students, administration staff, and parents for your contentious support for the successful conduction of the program. I expect your further cooperation to emerge the program to a new horizon.



Prakash Poudel Program Coordinator Pharmacy Program Gandaki University

NEW RECRUITMENTS

FACULTIES



Kisan Koirala, Ph.D. Assistant Professor Environment Science Gandaki University



Susan Thapa Assistant Professor Business Administration Gandaki University



Amrit Poudel Assistant Professor Information System Engineering





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FAREWELL



The ounding Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT), Gandaki University, Dr. Dinesh Chandra Devkota was elected as the Member of the Provincial Assembly of Bagmati Province. Gandaki University is grateful for his contribution and is proud of his achievements. Now, he has taken on new responsibilities and Gandaki University wishes him the best in his new chapter.



Prof. Medani Bhandari, Advisor to Chancellor, Gandaki University was promoted as Senior Vice President of Akamai University, USA. Gandaki University would like to thank him for all his hard work and convey best wishes on his future endeavors. The university is hoping to cross paths again someday.



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