



NTNU Awards Honorary Degree Doctorate to Prof. Suresh Raj Sharma

NTNU (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) awarded honorary doctorate to Prof. Dr. Suresh Raj Sharma, Founding Vice Chancellor, in a Ceremony on 28 March 2014. Prof Sharma was awarded this degree in recognition of his contribution to founding and developing KU as a quality institution of higher learning.

Rt. Hon'ble Vice President Mr. Paramananda Jha at KU

Rt. Hon'ble Vice President of Nepal Mr. Paramananda Jha, paid a gracious visit to KU Central Premises, Dhulikhel, on 11 February 2014. He observed class rooms, laboratories, canteen and library of the University. He interacted with KU officials and expressed his satisfaction with the contribution of KU for providing high-skilled human resources to the country in areas of Medicine, Engineering, Management, Science, Arts and Education.



APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTION

Dr. Bipin Adhikari Appointed the Dean of School of Law

The Executive Committee appointed Dr. Bipin Adhikari the Dean of the newly established School of Law, on 25 December 2013. Dr. Adhikari has a Ph.D. in Law from Delhi University, and has established himself as the country's leading constitution-

al jurist. Prior to his appointment in KU, he has headed Nepal Consulting Lawyers Inc. and Nepal Constitution Foundation (NCF), organizations engaged with the constitution building process in Nepal

The Kathmandu University School

of Law (KUSL) is the latest addition to the Schools of national and international standing in the University. KUSL is launching its first five-year Undergraduate law programme in August 2014. The programme will have a strong management flavour.

Promotion of Non Teaching Staffs

The Executive Council promoted the following non-teaching staffs within the band level. The promotion is effective from Poush 1, 2070.

S.N	Name Of Staff	Department/Section	Existing Level	Promoted Level	Remarks
1	Mr. Dandapani Upadhayay	Administration	02	03	
2	Mrs. Sukanya Adhikari	Office of the Registrar	02	03	
3	Mr. Mahendra Kumar Niroula	Physical Facilities	02	03	
4	Mr. Umakanta Pokharel	Examination	02	03	
5	Mr. Shiva Nath Mainali	Procurement	02	03	
6	Mrs. Sanju Pokharel	S0Ed	S3	S4	
7	Mr. Anuj Varma	S0E	S3	S4	
8	Mr. Rajendra Banjara	S0E	S2	S3	
9	Mr. Binod Pariyar	S0A	S2	S3	
10	Mr. Pasang Tamang	S0S	S2	S3	
11	Mr. Pancha Narayan Maharjan	S0S	S2	S3	
12	Mr. Rajesh Rana Magar	S0S	S2	S3	
13	Mr. Babukaji Shreatha	S0S	S2	S3	
14	Mr. Sunil Maharjan	S0S	S2	S3	
15	Mr. Atmaram Neupane	S0S	S2	S3	
16	Mr. Keshav Bdr. Khadka	Central Library	S2	S3	
17	Mr. Pratik Kumar Pokharel	Physical Facilities	S2	S3	
18	Mr. Govinda Humagain	SWC	S2	S3	
19	Mr. Prem Baniya	Driver (Co)	S3	S4	
20	Mr. Ramkaji Maharjan	Driver (Co)	S3	S4	
21	Mr. Prem Maharjan	Driver (Co)	S3	S4	
22	Mr. Kumar Karki	Driver (SOM)	S3	S4	
23	Mr. Balram Thapa	Driver (Co)	S2	S3	
24	Mr. Laxman Dhakal	Mesh Care Taker	A3	A4	
25	Mr. Ram Sundar Thapa	Physical Facilities	A2	A3	
26	Mr. Bishnu Pandey	S0S	A2	A3	
27	Mrs. Khin Kumari Niroula	S0M	A2	A3	

Congratulation to all of them for new responsibilities

Associate Dean in School of Education

On 20 March 2014 the Executive Council appointed Dr. Bal Chandra Luitel, Associate Professor, as the Associate Dean of School of Education for three years.

SCHOOL SPACE

Inception Meeting

The NORHED Project with the acronym SUNREM-Himalaya, administered by the Aquatic Ecology Centre, School of Science, Kathmandu University, organized an Inception Meeting from 29-30 Jan 2014 in Mini Auditorium of CV Raman Block.

SUNREM-Himalaya is a collaborative project between Norway, Nepal, Pakistan and Bhutan with focus on Sustainable Natural Resource Management for Climate Change Adaptation in the Himalayan Region to be implemented for a period of five years, with the possibility of extension for another five years subject to conditions.



HMU Organizes Workshops

On 29 December 2013, Humanities and Management Unit (HMU), School of Engineering, organized a workshop on Technical Communication. Eighteen teachers from different Departments of School of Engineering and School of Science participated in the Workshop.

The Workshop included two sessions. The first session, entitled "Performing Technical Communication: Discovery, Disposition, Decorum" by Hem Raj Kafle, involved discussion and practice on the tenets of effective technical communication in relation to exposure, competence, confidence and power of selection in writers/communicators. In the second session Mr. Eak Prasad Duwadi highlighted the strategies of disposition.

Similarly, a two-day Workshop on "Outcomes-Based Pedagogical Process" was organized in School of



Engineering during 27-28 January 2014. Fifteen faculty members from School of Engineering, School of Science and School of Medical Sciences participated in the Workshop, which covered such themes in pedagogy as Planning for Learning: How and Why,

Developing Learning Outcomes: Bloom's Taxonomy at Work, Deciding on Classroom Activities, Making Classroom Teaching Effective, and Developing Assessment Strategies.

Dr. Bal Chandra Luitel, Associate Professor at School of Education, facilitated the two-day workshop.

Five-day Training Program on Data Analysis and Statistical Interpretation

A five day training program on Data Analysis and Statistical Interpretation was held from 25 February 2014 to 3 March 2014. Nine persons participated in the training. This program had seven participants from KU, one from TU and one from CTEVT. Prof. Dr. Jyoti Upadhyaya was the main resource person.

Various methodologies of application of statistical analysis to the research data and its correct interpretation were discussed in detail. The role of data in interdisciplinary research was also elaborated.

ESE Curriculum Review Workshop

Department of Environmental Science and Engineering organized a two-day "Curricula Review Workshop" during 9-10 March 2014 in Mini Auditorium of CV Raman Auditorium. This workshop was attended by some forty participants. During the workshop, undergraduate level curricula of B.Sc. (Hons.) Environmental Science, B.Tech. Environmental Engineering, and specifically the lab-based and field-based courses were reviewed in sub group discussions and recommendations were put forward to the Department for further improvements.

Similarly, M.Sc. Environment and Natural Resources curriculum was also revisited on the second day of the workshop, which had already been reviewed by two independent external reviewers. The Workshop was partly supported by NORAD under the project acronym SUNREM-Himalaya.

DoNS Organizes Six-Day IWAM



The Department of Natural Sciences (DoNS) (Mathematics Group), KU, organized a six-day Instructional Workshop on Applied Mathematics (IWAM 2014) from 21 to 26 February 2014, in collaboration with Tribhuvan University (TU), Nepal Sanskrit University (NSU) and Nepal Mathematical Society (NMS). A broader goal of the Workshop was to contribute to the enhancement of Applied Mathematics in Nepalese context.

Twenty five persons including faculties, research scholars, M. Phil.

and Master level students from KU, TU and NSU actively participated in this Workshop.

Three Nepalese professors, Prof. Dr. Santosh Man Maskey (TU), Prof. Chet Raj Bhatta (TU) and Prof. Kanhaiya Jha (KU), and two renowned Indian professors Prof. Rajendra Prasad Pant from Kumaon University, Nainital, and Prof. Pankaj Jain from South Asian University (a university established by SAARC), New Delhi, were involved in this workshop as principal resource persons.

WASH 2014 Held



A four day national level training on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene 2014 (WASH 2014) was held during 17 to 20 March at CV Raman Auditorium, Kathmandu University.

The third session in the series of WASH trainings that started in 2012, WASH 2014 saw participation of diverse groups of people including personnel from various NGOs/INGOs, health sectors, civil engineering, media and students of various institutions.

KU Signs MoU with LMTC



On 12 January 2014 KU signed MoU with Land Management Training Centre (LMTC) of Ministry of Land Reform and Management (MOLRM), to run Master in Land Administration program in the Department of Civil & Geomatics Engineering (DCGE), KU. Prof. Dr. Bhola Thapa, Registrar, KU, and Mr. Kalyan Gopal Shrestha, Executive Director, LMTC, signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations.

TTL Celebrates Second Anniversary



On 18 March 2014, Turbine Testing Lab [TTL], Kathmandu University, celebrated its second anniversary at TTL Auditorium, in the presence of the Board of Trustees, Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Deans and Associate Deans of different Schools, Professors, Associate and Assistant Professors, Lecturers, Staffs along with contributors.

Chinese NEW YEAR Celebrated

Confucius Institute organized a cultural program to mark the Chinese New Year at the CV Raman Auditorium. The chief guest of the program was His Excellency Ambassador of China to Nepal, Yun Chun Tai. On the occasion the students and faculty of the Institute presented Chinese songs and dance.

The program was attended by Vice chancellor Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha, Secretary from Education Ministry Mr. Narayan Gopal Malegu, Registrar Dr. Bhola Thapa, Deans, students, faculties and Non-Teaching Staffs.

Agro- Food and Pharmaceutical Seminar

A two days seminar on "Role of Biotechnology in Agro-Food and Pharmaceutical Industry" was organized on February 13, at KU Dhulikhel Premises. Approximately 50 experts and students from different national and international sectors participated in the program.

Non- Teaching Staff Picnic

On 15 March 2014, non-teaching staffs went for a picnic at Jaharsingh Pauwa. A total of 120 staffs participated in the picnic.



Farewell Program to Non-Teaching Staffs



A Farewell Program was organized for four non-teaching staffs. The retirees were Mr. Rudra Prasad Aryal, Manager, Central Library, Mr. Sesh Raj Duwadi, Internal Auditor, Mr. Pursottam Pradhan, Officer Examination, and Mr. Bel Bahadur Gurung, Assistant, Examination. Vice Chancellor Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha gave them Token of Love to the retiring staffs. Registrar, CAO, Deans, HoDs, and nonteaching staffs were present in the ceremony.

Distribution of Education Awards

Prof. Dr. Bhola Thapa distributed the Education Award (2067 to 2069) to 15 teaching and non teaching staffs. Education Award is awarded by the Nepal Government on the occasion of Education Day. In the University Registrar distribute the award in a small ceremony. Head of Departments, Non Teaching staffs were present on the occasion.



Talks @ KU

Dr. Ken Ohashi delivers a special talk at KU

Dr. Ken Ohashi, former Country Representative of World Bank to Nepal delivered a special talk on "Why has Nepal fallen behind in development so far, and how can Nepal change it?" in a program organized by Kathmandu University on 26 February 2014.

Dr. Ohashi outlined the global developmental scenario and highlighted the features of East Asian development models along with pros and cons of each models. He pointed that innovativeness and inclusiveness are the key aspects of development for any country. Democratic stable government is a prerequisite for achieving sustainable development of the nation, he stressed.



Dr. Ohashi shared his views regarding the causes of underdevelopment of Nepal that he recollected during his stay in Nepal from 2000 to 2007 AD. He suggested that society has to change its conventional thoughts of working style, existing culture bounded norms and values for gearing up the development process.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha welcomed Dr. Ohashi and his octogenarian mother at the University. Prof. Dr. Bhola Thapa, Registrar, students and teaching and non-teaching staffs of Kathmandu University and invitees from World Bank, Japanese Embassy, JICA and KOICA were present in the talk program.

FACULTY SPACE

PAPER PRESENTATION

Prof. Subedi Speaks in International Conference

Prof. Dr. Deepak Prasad Subedi, Associate Dean of School of Science, presented an invited talk entitled "Surface Characterization of Polymers Modified by the Coating of Aloe vera Gel" in the 2nd International Conference on Medical Materials, Devices and Regenerative Medicine (MMDRM, 2014) held in Kathmandu during January 11-13, 2014. Prof. Subedi also chaired a session on Biomaterials in the second day of the Conference.

Dr. Adhikary Speaks in International Seminar

Dr. Nirmala Mani Adhikary, Asst. Professor and Coordinator of Media Studies at School of Arts, delivered a speech as chief guest at the valedictory function of the International Seminar on Cinema and Literature at Shevgaon (Ahmednagar), Maharashtra, India on 28 December 2013. The seminar was organized on 27 and 28 December by New College of Arts, Science and Commerce affiliated to Pune University.

Mr. Kharel Presents in IEEE Conference

Mr. Purusottam Kharel, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, presented a paper entitled "E-Government Implementing Challenges Verification Using Fuzzy Logic." in the 4th IEEE International Conference held in Gurgaon, India, during 21-22 February 2014.

Mr. Gupta Presents a Research Work in IEEE Conference

Mr. Manoj Kumar Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, presented a paper entitled "A System Model of Online Trading System for Nepal Stock Exchange" at IEEE International Conference: INDIA Com - 2014. The conference was held in Bharati Vidyapeeth's Institute of Computer Applications and Management (BVICAM), New Delhi, India, during 5-7 March 2014.

Mr. Subedi Presents a Paper in SAARC Literary Festival

Mr. Prakash Subedi, Lecturer in English at School of Arts, presented a paper entitled "Images of War in South Asian Poetry" at the SAARC Literary Festival, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The program was organized by the WRITE Foundation, the Bangladesh chapter of the Foundation of SAARC Writers, on February 27-28, the festival was focused on the theme "Beyond Borders: Towards Trust and Reconciliation." It was attended by noted scholars, academics, and writers from all the eight SAARC countries including Nepal.

Mr. Pant Presents on ICT in Education

Mr. Padam Raj Pant, School of Education, presented a paper titled "Virtual Classroom with moodle, the Best Practice Using ICT in Education" at FNCCI Hall of Hetauda, Makawanpur. The workshop, titled "Use of ICT in Education", was jointly organized by ICT Association of Nepal, Ministry of Education and Consulate General of India Birgung, Nepal (CG Birgung), on 14 March 2014.



Ladies at Hyatt Hotel to celebrate Women's Day



KU Main Campus Staff Team Wins Football Tournament

Courtesy Visits

His Excellency Ranjit Rae, Ambassador of India to Nepal, paid a visit to the University and Dhulikhel Hospital on 3 March 2014.



His Excellency Ogawa, Ambassador of Japan to Nepal, visited the University and Dhulikhel Hospital on 14 March 2014. His Excellency also planted Sakura tree at Dhulikhel Hospital.

Dr. Philippe H. Le Houverou, Vice President, World Bank and Mr. Johannes Zutt, Country Director of World Bank to Nepal, visited the University on 26 March 2014



Prof. Dr. Bernard Amadei, US Science Envoy, Mortenson Chair in Global Engineering, University of Colorado and Mr. Ari Nathan, Director, Regional Environment Science Technology and Health Office for South Africa visited the University on 3 Feb. 2014

Honourable Minister for Planning and Physical Facilities, Mr. Bimalendra Nidhi, visited the University on 29 March 2014.

