

Resume

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION:

- M. A:** Masters in Rural Development, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tribhuvan University, Padma Kanya Multiple Campus, Bagbazar, Kathmandu, Nepal (Result awaiting)
- LL.B.** Bachelors in Law, Faculty of law, Tribhuvan University, Nepal Law Campus, Exhibition Road, Kathmandu, Nepal (Running)
- B. A:** Bachelors in Humanities and Social Science, Tribhuvan University, Padma Kanya Multiple Campus, Bagbazar, Kathmandu, Nepal

4. **I. Com:** Proficiency Certificate in Management, Tribhuvan University, Baneshwor Multiple Campus, New Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal
5. **I. A:** Proficiency Certificate Level in Humanities and Social Science, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, (Private)
6. **S. L. C:** School Leaving Certificate Examination, Nepal S. L. C. Board, Ministry of Education and Culture, Kesharmahal, Kathmandu, Government of Nepal

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS/ COURSES

1. **FACILITATION TRAINING ON CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTION OBSERVATION:** A Three days training held on September 27-29, 2007 organized by National Election Monitoring Alliance (NEEMA) Kathmandu, Nepal. NEEMA is an alliance of 14 leading NGO's in Nepal. The major function of it is to monitor the upcoming constituent assembly's election that whether the election is holding on free and fair manner or not. It observes the entire election process from the beginning to the ending and alerts the concerned authorities if there is any sorts of irregularities seems in the election process. It works in coordination with the National Election Commission and other concerned organization working in this field.
2. **Four Days Workshop on "What to Expect" in Peace and Transition:** A Four Days training conducted on July 22-25, 2007 in Kathmandu, Nepal organized by the Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA). The CEDPA is an INGO that provides a supportive and participatory learning environment for south-to-south exchange of best practices and experiences, technical depth, strategy development and skill building.
3. **TRAINING ON SYSTEMATIC CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION:** A Seven Days Training, organized by *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)* from 19 to 25 August 2006 at Godavari Village Resort, Lalitpur, Nepal. The *FES* is a German based INGO working in creating awareness about the role and function of the state, political parties and civil society, educating the young generation about their rights and duties, debating the socially and ecologically just development policy and contributing to peace building activities. This training was especially organized for the civil society

- leaders, active journalists, political party leaders, government officers involved in nation-building process and community based social workers.
4. **TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT):** A Six Days Training Program organized by **Sam Bikash Abhiyan-Nepal** from 6 to 11 June 2006 at New Bneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal. This is an NGO established to provide Training for Trainers for Social activists in different Districts in Nepal.
 5. **FOOD TECHNOLOGY TRAINING:** A Seven Days Training Program organized by the Government of Nepal, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, **Food Technology Development and Training Department**, Babarmahal, Kathmandu, Nepal from 25 to 31 Baisakh 2060 BS (8 to 14 May 2003 AD). This training is provided for the industrialists and professionals involving in self-entrepreneurship that generates legal awareness in food quality control with practical and theoretical knowledge.
 6. **DIPLOMA IN SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY:** A Six Months (300 Hours) Course in Computer Application at **Computer Point Nepal**, Naxal, Kathmandu, Nepal, enrolled in 2002 June and awarded in 2003 June. The sub-courses included under main course were: Introduction to Computers & MS-DOS, MS-Window, MS-Word, MS-Excel, MS-PowerPoint, Adobe PageMaker, Internet & e-mail, MS- Access Programming, Visual Basic, HTML, DHTML, MS FrontPage, Adobe Photoshop, Project Work etc.

PRIZES, CERTIFICATES AND MEDALS:

1. **HUMAN RIGHTS JOURNALISM AWARD:** Awarded by the **Institute of Human Rights Communication, Nepal** (IHRICON) and **Ministering Gender Equality Program** (MGEP - UNDP), Nepal on 24 Poush 2060 B.S. (8 January 2004 A.D.) for 'Contributing to Enhance Civil Awareness through Outstanding Reporting on Violence Against Women and Concerning Legal Provisions'.
2. **PRIZE ON POETRY:** Won Special Prize on 'All Campus Poetry Context' organized by Tribhuvan University, **Padma Kanya Multiple Campus**, Department of Nepali Literature, Bagbazar, Kathmandu, Nepal on the occasion of 134th Birth Day of Youth Poet Late Motiram Bhatta held on Bhadra 24, 2056 B.S. (9 September, 1999).
3. **SPEECH AWARD:** Won 'All Campus Speech Contest' organized by **Free Student Union** on the occasion of 49th Anniversary of Padma Kanya Multiple Campus held on Aswin 1, 2056 B.S. (18 September 1999).
4. **POETRY AWARD:** Awarded on 'All Campus Poetry Contest' organized by **Free Student Union**, Padma Kanya Multiple Campus,

Kathmandu, Nepal on the occasion of 49th anniversary of the Campus held on 2056 Aswin 1 B.S. (18 September 1999 A.D.)

5. **CHESS AWARD:** Won the 'All Campus Chess Contest' with first position organized by Tribhuvan University, **Baneshwor Multiple Campus** on the occasion of 7th Anniversary of Baneshwor Campus, Kathmandu, Nepal held on Chaitra 1, 2053 B.S. (14 March 1997 A.D.)
6. **NATIONAL POETRY AWARD:** Awarded with Cash prize and Certificate by **Shree Panchakumari Samajik Guthi**, Panchakumari Marg, New Baneshwor, Kathmandu, a Social Trust establish to contribute in social activities and literary Promotion. This prize was awarded on the occasion of 132th Moti Jayanti (the Poetry Contest was organized in celebrating of 132th Birth Day of the Great Nepali Poet Late Moti Ram Bhatta) held on 2054 Bhadra 16 B.S. (July 1, 1997 A.D.)
7. **PRIZE ON DEBATE:** Honored by Second prize on 'All Campus Debate Contest' organized by **Baneshwor Multiple Campus**, Kathmandu, Nepal on the occasion of 8th Anniversary of the Campus held on 12 Falgun 2054 B.S. (24 March 1998 A.D.)
8. **SECOND POSITION ON PLAY CONTEST:** Secured Second position on script-writing and act-performance on 'All Nepal Drama Contest' on the theme of "Education to Girl" organized by the 'Nepal Bal Sngathan' (Nepal Children's Organization) on the occasion of '30th Children's Day' held on Bhadra 4, 2049 B.S. (20 August 1992 A.D.)
9. **SILVER MEDAL ON DEBATE CONTEST:** Won Silver Medal on District (Inter-Secondary) Level Debate Contest organized by the Government of Nepal, Ministry of Education, Culture and Social Welfare, **District Education Office, Kathmandu**, Nepal held on 2052 B.S. (1995 A.D.)

ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS

1. **AUTHOR:** Author of Nepali Drama Book entitled "**Mato Ko Ijjat**" (The Honor of Land), published on 1996 March. This is a patriotic multi-act play divided into 16 episodes and dedicated to the motherland.
2. **EDITOR:** Worked as a Publisher and Editor of Nepali vernacular weekly Newspaper entitled "**Janachetana**" in the year 2002.
3. **EDITOR:** Worked as a Publisher and Editor of Nepali vernacular monthly magazine entitled "**Himganga**" in the year 2002.

4. A variety of pomes, essays, plays and stories in various disciplines of Nepali literature have been published in magazines, Newspapers and University publications.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Present Experiences:

1. **EXECUTIVE MEMBER:** Working as an Executive Member (elected by majority of the votes) of the **SANCHARIKA SAMUHA (SAS)**, a Forum of Women Communicators established after the Beijing Conference in April 1996 with the objective of promoting a healthier and gender sensitive media. The motto of the organization is "Communication for Equality".

In April 1996, after studying the Beijing Platform for Action closely, the group of women legally registered "Sancharika Samuha" to the Government of Nepal with the objective of taking forward the Section 'J - Women and Media' in Nepal.

As its slogan, "Communication for Equality" implies mainstreaming gender in the media has always been the overriding concern of Sancharika Samuha (SAS). For this purpose, SAS has been conducting various activities on media advocacy on gender and equality particularly related to reducing gender based violence. SAS has also been conducting activities for raising awareness through the production and publication of IEC materials, conducting public outreach programs, research, media monitoring and monitoring the implementation of BPFA and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). With these activities and programs, SAS has been able to play a catalytic role between the women's movement and the media contributing to generate a better understanding and in bridging the differences that exist.

2. **EXECUTIVE MEMBER:** Working as a Founder Executive Member of the **FREEDOM FORUM**, a leading National and International Advocacy Mission for Press Freedom and Freedom of Expression and a pioneer institution working on journalism, freedom of expression, peacekeeping and democracy sectors. It is a relatively new initiative towards attaining the long cherished goals of press freedom and human rights movements in Nepal. It is a non-governmental (not for profit) organization working for the cause of democracy and supporting other like minded institutions, protection and promotion of human rights, press freedom and freedom of expression as well as the empowerment of various development

initiatives. This is a purely social organization registered with the District Administration Office at Kathmandu and the Social Welfare Council of Nepal. Its head office is in Kathmandu, Nepal. A group of committed professionals and intellectuals with a fairly long time involvement in the media, legal advocacy and human rights movements have come together. They have initiated a campaign for democracy, human rights and media freedom soon after the Royal Takeover of Feb 1, 2005. The same initiative has now taken an organizational shape under the banner of "Freedom Forum".

3. **PRODUCER/ REPORTER/PRESENTER:** Working as a producer/presenter/reporter of the popular radio magazine "Sambahak". It on airs nationwide on various FM networks at a time through the Ujyalo National Network. It is a gender awareness program focuses on political, constitutional issues. It is a Sancharika Samuha's presentation.
4. **DISTRICT COORDINATOR:** Working as a Kathmandu District Coordinator of National Election Monitoring Alliance (NEEMA). NEEMA is an alliance of 14 leading NGO's in Nepal. The major function of it is to monitor the upcoming constituent assembly's election that whether the election is holding on free and fair manner or not. It observes the entire election process from the beginning to the ending and alerts the concerned authorities if there is any sorts of irregularities seems in the election process. It works in coordination with the National Election Commission and other concerned organization working in this field.
5. **TRAINER/INSTRUCTOR:** Working as an instructor/trainer on constituent assembly election and gender issues as well.
6. **REPORTER/ NEWS EDITOR:** Working as a Reporter and News Editor with the *Independent News Service (INS)*, a First Public News Agency in Nepal, located in Thapathali, Kathmandu, Nepal.
7. **FEATURE WRITER:** Working as a Freelancer Feature writer on feminist issues in *Rajdhani Daily*, the Nepali vernacular Newspaper publishes from Kathmandu.
8. **MEDIA COORDINATOR:** Representing as a Media Coordinator on behalf of the Sancharika Samuha in the *Steering Committee of National Coalition on Violence against Women*. This the network of the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, INGOs, NGOs, Women Journalist Organizations etc. established to work on violence against women.

Past Experiences:

1. **EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT:** Worked as a Founder Executive President of '*Paribartanshil Nepal*', an NGO working on Equality, Women, Children, Income Generating Fields and Public Awareness sectors as well.

2. **EXECUTIVE MEMBER:** Worked as a Founder Executive Member of ***Conflict Management and Centre for Peace*** (CMCP), an NGO working on Democracy, Conflict Management, Peacekeeping and Women Empowerment sectors.
3. **REPORTER:** Worked as a Reporter with the ***Kantipur Daily***, published by Kantipur Publications, a leading Publication House in Nepal, for 6 plus months as a trainee journalist.
4. **REPORTER/COLUMNIST:** Worked as a Reporter with the ***"Bimarsh Weekly"*** the vernacular Nepali newspaper. I used to write column on violence against women and other contemporary feminist issues.
5. **REPORTER/ COLUMNIST:** Worked as a Reporter with ***"RASTRIYA BIMARSHA WEEKLY"*** the Nepali vernacular newspaper. I also used to write columns on feminist and other contemporary issues.
6. **REPORTER:** Worked as a Reporter and Interview taker on behalf of the ***"Janabhawana"*** vernacular Nepali weekly on sports bit for one year on 1998.
7. **PROGRAM COORDINATOR:** Worked as a Program Coordinator to many programs for many INGOs/NGOs.
8. **CONSULTANT:** Involving as a Consultant to many media monitoring and campaigning programs as well as violence against women programs.

POLITICAL CAREER:

1. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Worked as a Vice President of ***Nepal Vidyarthi Sangh*** (Nepal Student Union), Padma Kanya Multiple Campus Unit, Bagbazar, Kathmandu, Nepal from 2001 to 2002. It is a sister organization of renowned Nepali Congress Party.
2. **EXECUTIVE MEMBER:** Worked as an Elected Member of ***Free Student Union*** of Padma Kanya Multiple Campus, Bagbazar, Kathmandu, Nepal for two years Executive tenure from 2055 to 2057 B.S. (1999 to 2001 A.D.)
3. **JOINT- SECRETARY:** Worked as an Elected Joint-Secretary of ***Free Student Union*** of Baneshwor Multiple Campus, New Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal for two years Executive Term from 1998 to 2000.
4. **TREASURER:** Worked as a Treasurer of ***Nepal Vidyarthi Sangh*** (Nepal Student Union) Baneshwor Multiple Campus Unit for two years from 1997 to 1999.

REFERENCES:

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2. **Ms. Dr. Durga Pokharel:** Former Minister for Women, Children and Social Welfare, Government of Nepal, Phone No: 00977-1-4372066, Budhanilakantha, Kathmandu, Nepal
3. **Mr. Tara Nath Dahal:** President, Freedom Forum and Former President of the Federation of Nepalese Journalist (FNJ). Mobile No. 00977-9851087891, Residential telephone No. 00977-1-6633315, Kausaltar, Bhaktapur, Nepal.

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