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Executive Summary

The School of Education, located at Hattiban campus, is one of the seven Schools of Kathmandu University. Established in 1997, the School began its educational activities to enhance the quality of schools in Dhulikhel. The academic programs with M Phil and doctoral programs in Educational leadership began in 1998. In these 24 years, the School transformed into one of the region's most vibrant institutes of higher learning with 26 programs from bachelor to doctoral levels.

As granted by the Kathmandu University Act 1991, like other schools of the University, the Dean is the executive head of the School of Education too. Currently, the Dean is assisted by two associate deans—academic and external affairs. The Dean's office is also responsible for the Research Committee, the Faculty Board, and the Internal Quality Assurance Committee (IQAC).

The School has remarkably increased student enrollment in the last three years. In 2019, 189 students enrolled. The number increased to 203 in 2020, which jumped to 280 in 2021 despite the difficult time of the COVID 19 Pandemic. We have seen an encouraging number of women students selecting the School for their higher studies. In 2019, 38.09% of women students enrolled. The number increased in the subsequent years. In 2020, 39.9% of women students selected the School; in 2021, the percentage of women students was 45.35%.

In 2019, 147 students graduated. In 2020, the number of graduates decreased to 118 because the COVID 19 Pandemic badly hit us. However, we picked up in 2021, 214 students graduated. The share of women graduates was substantial. In 201, almost 50% of the graduates were women. In 2020, 42.37% of women graduated; in 2021, the percentage of women was 46.26.

The University has initiated the construction of a multi-storeyed building to facilitate the activities of the School. The construction is expected to complete in 2024. The School has a well-established library with adequate texts, reference books, and physical and electronic journals.

Aware of its social responsibility, the School of Education at Kathmandu University provides scholarships to students in need. In 2019, 29 scholars—full and partial—were awarded scholarships to study a range of courses from Bachelor to Doctoral levels. In 2020, the number increased to 43; in 2021, only 33 scholars won the scholarships.

Research practice is the signature academic activity of the School. It provides a positive impetus to the learning environment. The faculties involve in research activities in many different ways. For example, supervising M Phil and doctoral dissertations, providing consultancy service to clients, engaging in research activities through funded and self-projects, publishing through national and international journals, etc.

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Introduction

Kathmandu University School of Education (KUSOED), located at Hattiban, Lalitpur, is one of the seven Schools of Kathmandu University. It was established in 1997 to enhance the country's quality of education. The School carried out its first activity in raising the quality of the public schools in Dhulikhel Municipality mainly through in-service teacher training and other programs. Its first academic programs were initiated in 1998 with M Phil and PhD in Educational Leadership. In the coming years, the School expanded its academic activities by adding new programs, thereby escalating its scope. KUSOED today inspires and empowers educators from Nepal and abroad to create a generation of engaged and socially responsible citizens.

Realizing that education is the foundation for social transformation, KUSOED designs educational programs to contribute to individuals' learning needs in the nation's changing context. We also understand that we cannot remain isolated from the global trends that come with challenges and opportunities to educational institutions like ours. In order to address such challenges and opportunities to harness the achievements in educational practice, KUSOED strategically creates a vision for the future. Recognizing the excellent past track records, we implement the strategic plan described in this document.

KUSOED has been an innovative educational institution since its inception in 1997. It has been recognized as an educational innovator, policy influencer, and driver in the country. To take a lead role in the educational activities in the country, KUSOED has established its vision as

'Transforming society through educational excellence.'

To materialize the vision, KUSOED has the following mission statement:

Preparing competent, multidisciplinary education professionals and leaders through knowledge creation and innovative academic services

In the process of achieving its vision through the stated mission above, KUSOED is committed to the following values:

Maintaining respect, integrity, courage, and humanity by promoting local wisdom, creativity, collaboration, innovation, work culture, sustainability, and quality KUSOED is running different semester based academic programs at Post Graduate Diploma in Education, Master, M Phil, and PhD levels in diverse streams.

Brief History of the School of Education

Year	Activities
1997-	Kathmandu University School of Education (KUSOED) was established
	Began to improve the quality of education in the schools of Dhulikhel Municipality
1997-	through an in-service teacher training program. At the start, it was a UNESCO-
	supported project known as the 'Quality Education Project'.
1998-	Launched postgraduate and in-service teacher Training Programs.
	Commenced academic program in Educational Leadership with 4 MPhil students and 2
1998-	PhD students. MPhil students were supported with Japanese (Hashimoto) scholarships.
1990-	Ministry of Education provided scholarships to four candidates every year for MPhil
	and PhD students from 1999 to 2005 A.D.
2000-	Launched PGDE in English Education and Educational Management for secondary
2000-	level teachers.
2001-	Granted affiliation to Training Institute for Technical Instruction to run B. Tech. Ed.
2002-	Commenced Primary School Teachers' Training Program in collaboration with Rato
2002	Bangala School and Bank Street College of Education
2002-	Launched PGDE in Mathematics Education for Secondary Teachers.
2003-	Launched MEd in English Language Teaching (ELT) one-year program.
2004-	Launched MEd in English Language Teaching (ELT) two-year program.
2005-	Launched MPhil and PhD in Development Studies
2006-	Launched MEd Program in Mathematics.
	Launched 1-year PGD Program in Environment Education and Sustainable
2006-	Development in collaboration with Oslo University College, Norwegian University of
	Life Sciences, Norway, and the University of Dhaka.

2007-	Established Department of Educational Leadership and Department of Curriculum and					
2007	Instruction					
2007-	Launched MEd program in Educational Management					
	Started two-year MEd Program in Environment Education and Sustainable					
2008-	Development in collaboration with Oslo University College, Norwegian University of					
	Life Sciences, Norway, and University of Dhaka					
2009-	Commenced PGDE program in Early Childhood Education (ECE) in collaboration with					
2009	ECEC and NLA (Norwegian Teacher Training Institution).					
2011-	Commenced MPhil in Curriculum & Instruction program					
2011-	Launched MEd program in Educational Management via Distance/Online mode.					
2011-	Launched MPhil in Mathematics Education					
2012-	Restructured the Department of Education Leadership as Department of Education					
2012	Leadership and Development Studies					
2012-	Launched PhD in Curriculum & Instruction					
2013-	Launched MPhil in English Language Education (ELE).					
2014-	Launched M.Ed in Educational Leadership					
2014-	Launched Masters in Sustainable Development					
2018-	Launched MTVET Program					
2018-	Got Quality Assurance and Accreditation (QAA) from the University Grants					
	Commission (UGC), Nepal					
2018	Launched M Phil in STEAM Education					
2020	Launched PhD in English Language Education and in STEAM Education					
2021	Launched Graduate Diploma in Higher Education					

2022 Launched Bachelor in Technical Education

Current Programs

The followings are the current academic programs at the School of Education, Kathmandu University:

PhD Programs

- a) Educational Leadership
- b) Development Studies
- c) STEAM Education
- d) English Language Education

M Phil Programs

- a) Educational Leadership
- b) Development Studies
- c) English Language Education
- d) STEAM Education

Graduate Diploma

a) Graduate Diploma in Higher Education

Master Programs

- a) English Language Teaching (One and Two-year programs)
- b) Mathematics Education (One and Two-year programs)
- c) Leadership and Management (One and Two-year programs)
- d) Sustainable Development
- f) Technical and Vocational Education and Training
- e) Childhood Development
- f) STEAM Education
- g) Master of Sustainable Development
- h) Master of Training and Development

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) Programs

- a) Primary Teacher Training
- b) Early Childhood Education and Development

Bachelor Programs

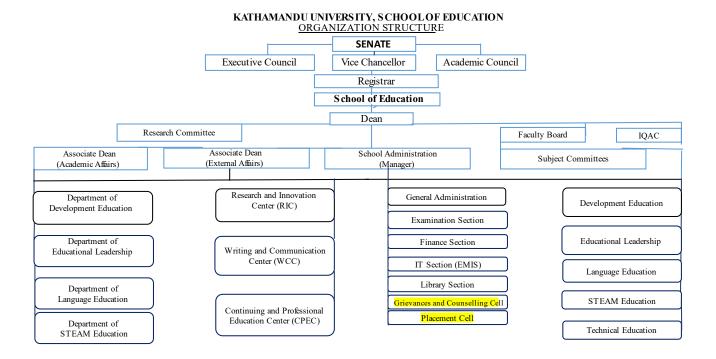
- a) B. Ed. Chinese Language Teaching
- b) B. Ed. Technical Education in Civil Engineering
- c) B.Ed. Technical Education in Information Technology
- d) B.Ed. Technical Education in Mechanical Engineering
- e) B. Ed. Technical Education in Mechanical Engineering-Automobile

Objectives

The School of Education sets the following objectives as its strategic directions:

- a) Improving responsiveness and relevance in education programs;
- b) Developing and maintaining an exemplary academic, physical and social environment;
- c) Consolidating e-learning and automating services;
- d) Strengthening research, innovation, and development;
- e) Enhancing institutional capability
- f) Increasing the disciplinary and geographical coverage

Organizational Structure of School of Education



Academic Progress: Enrolment Trend Analysis of the Last three years (2019-2021)

In 2019, the School enrolled 189 students in 14 different programs. Of these, one was a bachelor's program, five master's level programs, and four each in the master of philosophy and doctoral programs. Of 189 enrolled students, 28 were enrolled in the bachelor's program, 78 in five different master's programs, 81 in four masters of philosophy programs, and two scholars in doctoral programs. Of the total enrolled students, 38.09% were female, and 61.9% were male.

In 2020, 203 students enrolled in 13 programs. No students got enrolled in bachelor programs. The number of enrolled students in five master's programs increased to 101. In master of philosophy programs, 89 students got enrolled. In doctoral programs, 13 scholars were enrolled. Of the total enrolled students, 39.9% were female, and 60.09% were male.

In 2021, the enrollment reached 280. Three new master's programs were introduced — Childhood development, STEAM Education, and Master of Training and Development. In the postgraduate diploma, 14 students were enrolled. The enrollment in the master's program increased to 173, whereas in the master of philosophy programs, 80 students and 13 doctoral

students were enrolled. Of the total enrolled students, 54.64% were male, and 45.35% were female.

Looking at the data, the School shows a substantial increase in enrollment trends in the last three years. The number increased from 189 in 2019 to 203 and 280 in 2020 and 2021, respectively. One of the interesting trends is an increase in the number of female students in our programs. The 38.09% stake of female students in 2019 increased to 39.9% and 45.35% in 2020 and 2021, respectively.

Enrolment disaggregated by sex and disadvantage groups (2019)

Table 1: Enrolment disaggregated by sex and disadvantage groups (2019)

Levels	Programs	Total	Male	Fem	Disadvant	Differently
				ale	aged	-abled
					groups	
Bachelo						
r	Chinese Language teaching	28	12	16	-	-
	Total	28	12	16		
Master	English Language Teaching (One	9	4	5	-	-
	and Two-year programs)					
	Mathematics Education (Two-year	13	10	3		
	program)					
	Leadership and Management (One	22	10	12		
	and Two-year programs)					
	Sustainable Development	16	4	12	-	-
	Technical and Vocational	18	11	7		
	Education and Training					
	Total	78	39	39		
M Phil		<u>I</u>		1		
	Education Leadership	24	18	6		
	Development Education	26	20	6		
	English Language Education	22	18	4	-	-
	STEAM Education	9	8	1		

	Total	81	64	17		
PhD				•		
	Education Leadership					
	Development Education	1	-	-		
	English Language Education	-	-	-	-	-
	STEAM Education	1	1	-	-	-
Grand		189	116	72		
Total						

Enrolment disaggregated by sex and disadvantage groups (2020)

Table 2: Enrolment disaggregated by sex and disadvantage groups (2020)

Levels	Programs	Total	Male	Female	Disadvantaged	Differently-
					groups	abled
Master	English Language Teaching	15	4	11	-	-
	(One and Two-year programs)					
	Mathematics Education (Two-	13	10	3		
	year program)					
	Leadership and Management	32	20	12		
	(One and Two-year programs)					
	Sustainable Development	21	5	16	-	-
	Technical and Vocational	20	11	9		
	Education and Training					
	Total	101	50	51		
M Phil	Education Leadership	27	20	7		
	Development Education	24	17	7		
	English Language Education	25	16	9	-	-
	STEAM Education	13	11	2		
	Total	89	64	25		
PhD	Education Leadership	3	2	1		

	Development Education	4	2	2		
	English Language Education	3	2	1	-	-
	STEAM Education	3	2	1		
	Total	13	8	5		
Grand		203	122	81		
Total						

Enrolment disaggregated by sex and disadvantage groups (2021)

Table 3: Enrolment disaggregated by sex and disadvantage groups (2021)

Levels	Programs	Tot	Mal	Fema	Disadvant	Differen
		al	e	le	aged	tly-
					groups	abled
Post	PGD (Math Education)	14	12	2		
Graduate	Total	14	12	2		
Diploma						
Master	English Language Teaching (One and	19	11	8	-	-
	Two-year programs)					
	Mathematics Education (Two-year	21	15	6		
	programs)					
	Leadership and Management (One and	40	20	20		
	Two-year programs)					
	Sustainable Development	25	6	19		
	Technical and Vocational Education and	15	9	6		
	Training					
	Childhood Development	15	4	11		
	STEAM Education	27	14	13		
	Master of Training and Development		6	5		
	Total	173	85	88		
M Phil	Education Leadership	23	13	10		

	Development Education	18	9	9		
	English Language Education	21	16	5	-	-
	STEAM Education	18	10	8		
	Total	80	48	32		
PhD	Education Leadership	4	3	1		
	Development Education	4	3	1		
	English Language Education	4	1	3	-	-
	STEAM Education	1	1	-	-	-
	Total	13	8	5		
Grand		280	153	127		
Total						

Graduate Trend Analysis for the Last Three years (2019-2021)

According to the convocation grace list provided by Kathmandu University, 147 graduated from different programs at the School in 2019. Of these, 73 were women graduates. i.e., almost 50 %. In 2020, the number of graduates slightly went down to 118. The share of women graduates was 42.37%. In 2021, the number of graduates increased to 214, and the percentage of women graduates was 46.26%.

Graduates disaggregated by sex and disadvantage groups (2019)

Table 4: Graduates disaggregated by sex and disadvantage groups (2019)

Sl.	Levels	Programs	Total	Male	Female	Disadvantaged	Differently-
No						groups	abled
	Bachelor	CLT					
	PGDE		44	5	39	-	-
	Master of		29	21	8	-	-
	Education						
	Master of		11	6	5	-	-
	Education						
	(One year)						

Master	13	6	7	-	-
Master of	45	31	14	-	-
Philosophy					
PhD	5	5	-	-	-
Total	147	74	73		

Graduates disaggregated by sex and disadvantage groups (2020)

Table 5: Graduates disaggregated by sex and disadvantage groups (2021)

Sl.	Levels	Programs	Total	Male	Female	Disadvantaged	Differently-
No						groups	abled
	Bachelor		19	9	10	-	-
	PGDE					-	-
	Master of		40	22	18	-	-
	Education						
	(Two and						
	one year)						
	Master		18	9	9	-	-
	(MSD)						
	Master		5	4	1	-	-
	(MTVET)						
	Master of		30	20	10	-	-
	Philosophy						
	PhD		6	4	2	-	-
	Total		118	68	50		

Graduates disaggregated by sex and disadvantage groups (2021)

Table 6: Graduates disaggregated by sex and disadvantage groups (2021)

Sl.	Levels	Programs	Total	Male	Female	Disadvantaged	Differently-
No						groups	abled
	Bachelor(CLT)		22	15	7	-	-
	PGDE		22	1	22	-	-
	Master of		38+18	17+13	21+5	-	-
	Education						
	Master of		11+3	6+3	5	-	-
	Education						
	(One year)						
	Master (MSD)		14+10	5+2	9+8	-	-
	Master		3+3	2+1	1+2	-	-
	(MTEVT)						
	Master of		21+41	16+21	5+12	-	-
	Philosophy						
	PhD		8	6	2	-	-
	Total		214	108	99		

New Programs in 2019-2021

The following programs were introduced in 2019- 2021:

Graduate Diploma

a) Graduate Diploma in Higher Education

Master Programs

- a. Childhood Development
- b. STEAM Education
- c. Master of Training and Development

Bachelor Programs

- a. B. Ed. Technical Education in Civil Engineering
- b. B.Ed. Technical Education in Information Technology
- c. B.Ed. Technical Education in Mechanical Engineering
- d. B. Ed. Technical Education in Mechanical Engineering-Automobile

Physical Progress

Infrastructural Improvement

Considering the increase in the number of students in recent years, the University has planned to construct a multi-storeyed building to accommodate the classrooms, office space, studios, parking, canteen, faculty rooms, corridors, lifts, stairs, reception, and many more. Table 7 gives the detail.

Table 7: Details of New Building

S.N	Details of room	Numbers	Area in	Total Area,	Remarks
			SqFt	SqFt	
1	Classroom				
	Classroom 01	5	405	2025	
	Classroom 02	10	568	5680	
				7705	Total
2	Art Gallery	1	2890	2890	
3	Studio for 32 Students	5	2890	14450	
4	Basement Parking	1	63175	63175	25 car Parking
					Facilities
5	Faculty Room	1	403	403	
		5	308	1540	
				1943	Total
6	Toilet	6	290	1740	
7	Staircase	7	350	2450	

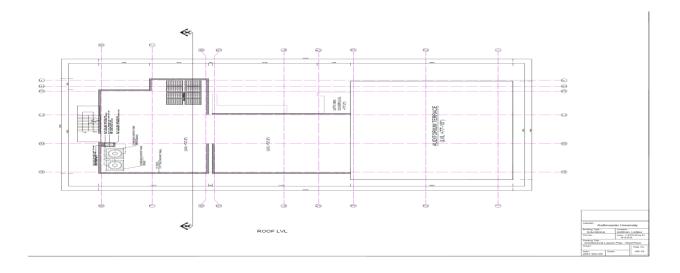
8	Lift	7	93	651	8 Person Capacity
9	Corridor	6	770	4620	
10	Reception/ Bank	1	220	220	
11	Data Server Room	1	407	407	

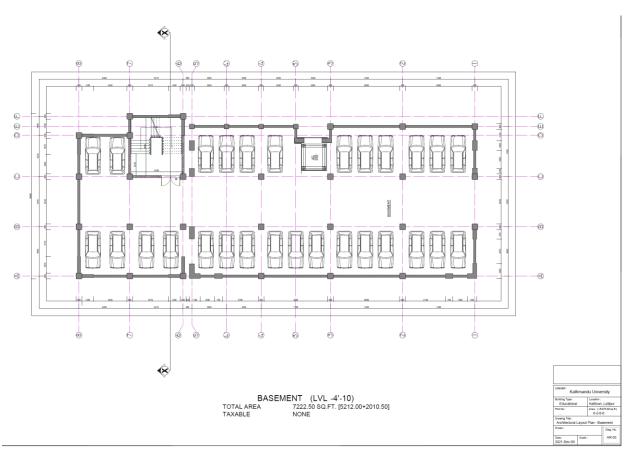
Floor wise Area

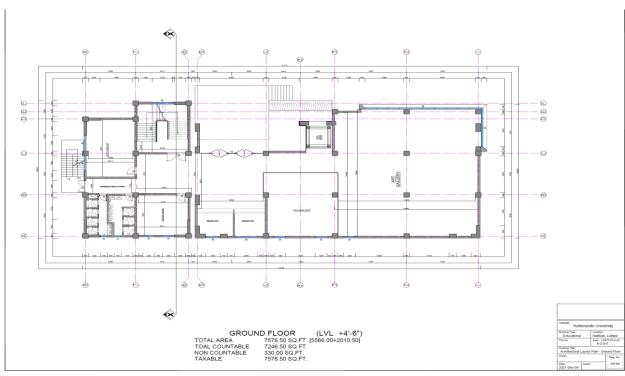
Basement - 6,317.50 sq. ft.
 Ground Floor - 6,317.50 sq. ft.
 First Floor - 6,789.00 sq. ft.
 Second Floor - 6,789.00 sq. ft.
 Third Floor - 6,789.00 sq. ft.
 Fourth Floor - 6,317.50 sq. ft.
 Fifth Floor - 6,317.50 sq. ft.

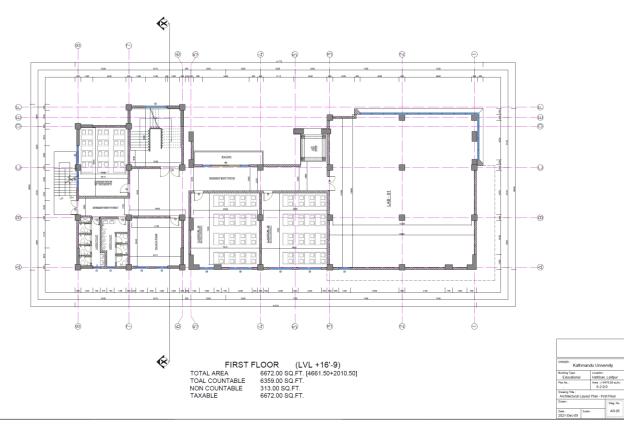
Total Built-up Area - 45,637.00 sq. ft. (4,241.36 sq. m.)

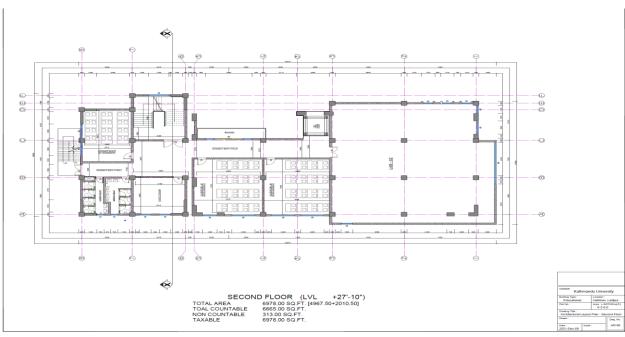
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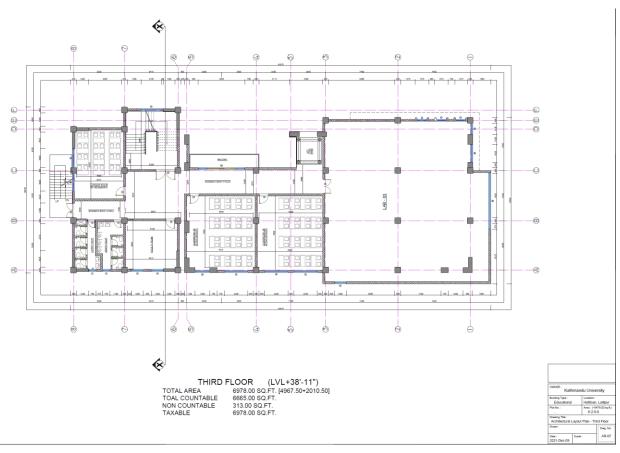


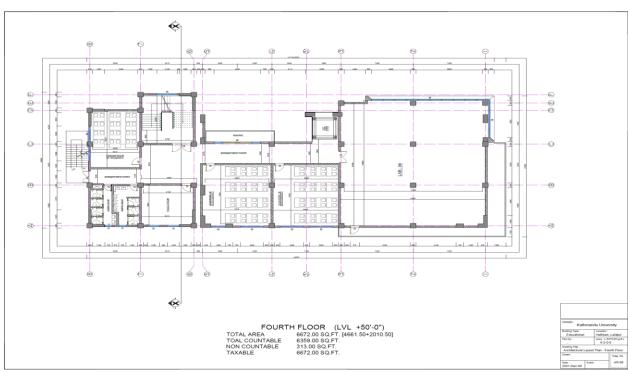


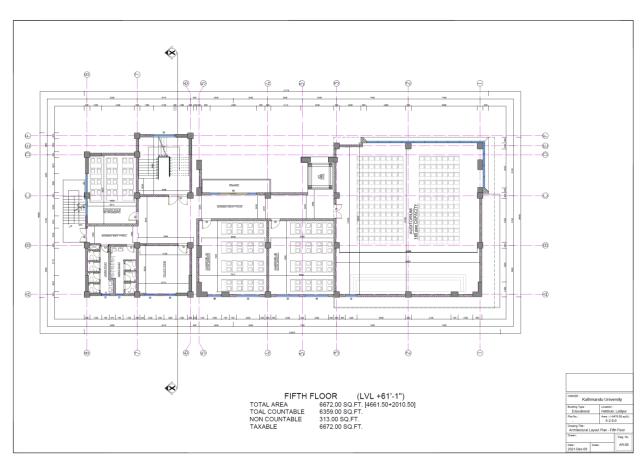


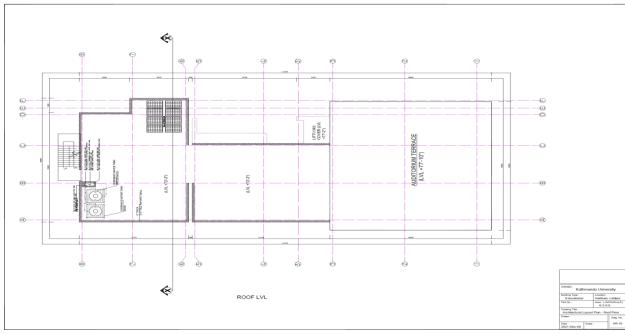












Library Facilities

The School has a well-established library with adequate texts, reference books, and physical and electronic journals. The library serves the two schools at the Hattiban campus,i.e., the School of Education and the School of Arts. A full-fledged library with adequate space for reading and managing books is planned in the new building.

Library Resources (Last five year	ars)				
	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Textbooks (item count/copies)	12500	14000	15000	16500	18700
Textbooks (Types / varieties)					
Reference books (item	1000	1200	1500	1800	2000
count/copies)					
Reference books(Types /	education	education	education	educatio	education
varieties)	and social	and social	and social	n and	and social
	science	science	science	social	science
				science	
Newspapers / Magazines	4	4	Journals	Journ	Remote access using
			acquire	a ls	personal e-mail
			d	acquir	
			through	ed	
			TUCL	throu	
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Online Journals subscribed by	NA	Subscribe	Subscri	Subs	Subsc ribes
Library / have access from		s Proquest	bes	c	Proqu est
library (Types, and are regular			Proque	ribes	
/ all volumes/issues after			st	Proq	
starting subscription) (Latest /				u est	
Recent					
additions / volumes / issues)					

Number of e-library	5	5	5	5	5
workstation					
Number of Computers in	5	5	5	5	5
library					
/ e-library for students and					
public use					
Seating capacity in the library	36	36	36	36	36
(reading room/seats)					
Seating capacity in the	30	30	36	36	36
library (reading room/seats)					
in relation					
to total students enrolled (in %)					
Average number of books	130-150	130-150	140-150	150-160	150-160
issued/returned per day (items)					
Average no. of weekly users /	1000-1200	1000-	1000-	1000-	1300-1800
visits (person)		1200	1200	1200	
Average no. of Documents	-	-	-	-	-
weekly consulted (items)					
Average Log- ins in the e –	As per user	As per	As per	As per	As per
library	need	user need	user need	user	user need
				need	

Financial Progress

Trend analysis of Budget of the Last Three Years (2019-2021)

The total estimated income of the School increased from NPR 72,000,000 in 2076/77 to 73,700,000 and 74,300,000 in the Fiscal Years 2077/78 and 2078/79, respectively. The increasing rate of the income was 2.36% and 3.20% in the Fiscal Years 2077/78 and 2078/79, respectively. The total expenditure in 2076/77 was 49,271,000, which increased to 53,235,000 and 59,300,000 in the financial years 2077/78 and 2078/79, respectively. The estimated expenditure increased by 8.01% and 20.35 % in the Fiscal Years 2077/78 and 2078/79, respectively. The recurring expenses were **42,121,000** (85.49%) in 2076/77, which increased to

49,285,000 (92.58%) and **57,100,000** (96.29%) in the financial years 2077/78 and 2078/79, respectively. The estimated recurring expenses increased by 17.01% and 35.56% in the Fiscal Years 2077/78 and 2078/79, respectively. The budget allocated 10.12% for the research and development activities in the financial year 2076/77 decreased in subsequent years. The estimated recurring increased by 54.78% in the Fiscal Year 2077/78, but the expenses in the Fiscal Year 2078/79 decreased by 7.36%. In this Fiscal Year, the research activities were hampered because of the COVID 19 Pandemic.

The details of the financial income and expenditure for the financial years 2019-2021 are provided below:

Table 8: Financial Details of the Fiscal Years (2019-2021)

Sl	Items	FY 2076/77	FY	FY
no.			2077/78	2078/79
	Total Income (Student	72,000,000	73,700,000	74,300,000
	fees)			
	Total Expenditure	49,271,000	53,235,000	59,300,000
	Recurring	42,121,000	49,285,000	57,100,000
		(85.49%)	(92.58%)	(96.29%)
	Salary and Allowances	27,300,000	32,200,000	42,600,000
	and PF	(64.81%)	(65.33%)	(74.61%)
	Recurring (without	14,821,000	17,085,000	14,500,000
	salary and allowances)	(35.19%)	(34.67%)	(25.39%)
	Research and	4,264,000	6,600,000	3,950,000
	Development	(10.12%)	(13.39%)	(6.92%)
	1. Academic	1,394,000	2,850,000	850,000
	Improvements	(3.31%)	5.78%	(1.49%)
	1a. Seminars and	500,000	2,450,000	700,000
	workshops			
	1b. Extracurricular	894,000	400,000	150,000
	activities			

2. Faculty	400,000	750,000	650,000	
development:	(0.95%)	(1.52%)	(1.14%)	
2a. Faculty	200, 000	450,000	450,000	
development:				
2b. Faculty children's	200, 000	300,000	200,000	
education expenses				
3. Research and	2,470,000	3,000,000	2,450,000	
Publication	(5.85%)	(6.09%)	(4.29%)	
3a. Assessment (viva,	1500,000	1500,000	1,600.000	
Dissertation supervision)				
3b. Research,	400,000	700,000	400,000	
development and				
Consultancy				
3c. Field visits,	570,000	800,000	400,000	
community initiative,				
Project:				
Office Operational	10,557,000 (25%)	104,85,000	10,550,000	
expenditure		(21.27%)	(18.48%)	
Capital Expenditure	7,150,000	3,950,000	2,200,000	
	(14.51%)	(7.42%)	(3.71%)	
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Social Engagement of the School

One of the School's main activities is its community engagement. All the departments reach their respective communities in different activities. This section provides information on the School's four departments interacting with the respective communities from 2019 to 2022.

Department of Language Education

1. Applied Linguistics: Recent Trends in Nepal on 27-28 December 2019

M Phil in English Language Education of February 2018 at School of Education Kathmandu University, in collaboration with J.S. Murarka Multiple Campus Lahan, Siraha along with Nepal English Language Teacher's Association (NELTA) Siraha organized this program. Tikaram Poudel, PhD from the School of Education Kathmandu University coordinated the program.



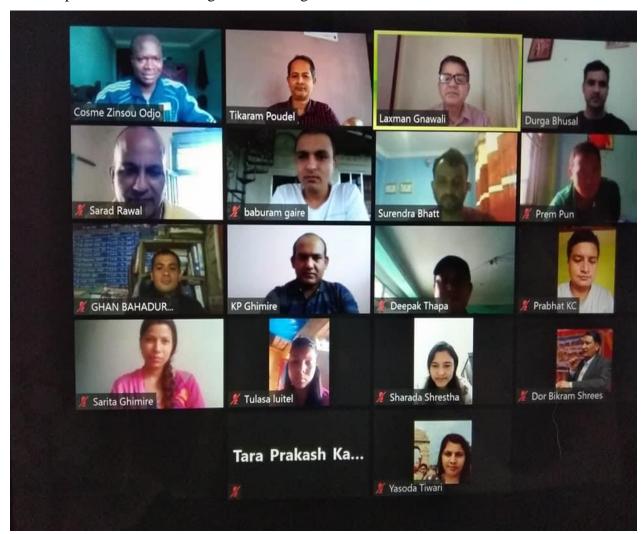
2. Current Trends in English Language Education: 6-10 July 2020

M Phil in English Language Education of February 2019 batch at School of Education Kathmandu University organized an International Webinar on Current Trends in English Language Education from 6-10 July 2020. Considering the risk of COVID 19 Pandemic, this program was organized online through Zoom and also aired on Facebook live. The program was virtually attended by participants from Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines, etc. Tikaram Poudel PhD from School of Education Kathmandu University coordinated the program.



3. A Six-Day Workshop on Academic Writing: 25-29 August 2021

The Writing Center at the School of Education Kathmandu University organized a six-day workshop on Academic Writing on 25-29 August 2021.



4. A Two-Day Virtual Webinar On Planning, Attending and Presenting in National and International Conference

The Writing Center at School of Education at School of Education Kathmandu University organized this program on 6-7 September 2020. The program began with the welcome speech of Prof Mahesh Nath Parajuli, PhD. Prof Laxman Gnawali PhD, Tikaram Poudel PhD, K P Ghimere, Ms Shikha Gurung, Ms Vidhya Pokharel, Siddhartha Dhungana and Ganesh Bastola gave the sessions on different aspects of the planning, attending and national and international conferences. Surendra Bhatta and Durga Bhusal moderated the sessions.



5. Thesis Writing Workshop: 13-17 September 2020 (Qualitative) and 19-23 September – 2020 (Quantitative)

The Writing Centre at the School of Education Kathmandu University organized this program in two phases: the first phase was for qualitative and the second for quantitative. The main bjectives of this virtual program were:

- a) To explore the recent trends in thesis writing for masters level scholars
- b) To develop thesis writing skills in young researchers
- c) To assist the students who have a potential barrier in bringing their thesis writing in proper academic structure

d) To promote institutional reputation among the scholars in the national and international arena



6. Lecture Series on Qualitative Research, Applied Linguistics, and English and Contemporary South Asian Society

The Research and Innovation Center at the School of Education Kathmandu
University, Nepal, organized a **Lecture Series on Qualitative Research, Applied Linguistics, and English and Contemporary South Asian Society** from 21 December



2020 to 9 January 2021. The series' theme was 'the indigenous knowledge system to understand the world'. Participants were master, Master of Philosophy, and PhD students, researchers and university teachers from Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines, etc.

Fourteen invited speakers from Nepal, India, Pakistan and Norway gave presentations on qualitative research, applied linguistics, English and contemporary South Asian society. These scholars have their expertise in applied linguistics, qualitative research, engineering, computer science, history, and human rights. Prof Mahesh Nath Parajuli and Prof Laxman Gnawali, the Dean and the Associate Dean respectively of the School of Education Kathmandu, highlighted the academic activities of the School of Education and welcomed the invited speakers and participants in the opening ceremony of the event on 21 December 2020.



Tikaram Poudel, PhD, the Research and Innovation Center at School of Education coordinator, coordinated the event in collaboration with M Phil scholars of the 2019 and February 2020 batch. The **Research and Innovation Center** thanks the contribution of Surendra Bhatt, Durga Bhusal, Laxman Bhandari, Gokul Ghimire, Hiralal Kapar, and Maniram Sharma for making the event a successful one.

7. Current Trends in English Language Education- Season 2: 16-19 January 2021

M Phil in English Language Education of February 2019 and February 2020 batches at School of Education Kathmandu University organized an International Webinar on Current Trends in English Language Education- Season 2 from 16-19 January 2021. Considering the COVID 19 pandemic's risk, this program was organized online through Zoom. The program was virtually attended by participants from Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines, etc.

Tikaram Poudel PhD from the School of Education Kathmandu University coordinated the program.

Department of STEAM Education: A Report 2019 – 2022

The department was established to develop and launch academic programs in Mathematics Education, Science Education, Technology Education, and multi-, inter, and trans-disciplinary STEAM Education. The department also conducts research-related activities in the field of STEAM Education. In addition, the Department organizes/conducts long/short-term teacher professional development programs to educate teachers, teacher educators, school leaders, and experts on innovative and progressive educational approaches and dimensions of curriculum, pedagogy, and assessment. Different programs under this department develop critically aware, responsible, and creative human resources that can transform educational practices at different levels through Transformative STEAM Education. The first program of the department was MEd in Mathematics Education in 2006. In 2019, the Mathematics Education unit was extended to the STEAM Education Department, and it started launching various academic programs.

The department has developed new programs and been contributing to developing human resources for the education sector, which is also one of the aims of the school. Also, the department has made a remarkable achievement in research and publication through the faculty. Graduate students from this department are engaged in several areas as teachers, teacher educators, and researchers. Their working culture and productivity in the workplace have become a remarkable reflection of the department. Under the additional activities section, the department of STEAM Education conducted several programs related to teacher education and research. Some of the programs are as follows.

- A Teacher Professional Development Session for Mathematics Teachers for grades 9-12
- Mathematics-focused Webinar Series-2022 (Every Friday)
- STEAM Education Webinar Series 2021 and 2022 (Every Saturday)
- An 8-day workshop on TI-Nspire Calculator Software

On December 4, 2021, the department of STEAM education conducted a session on "One-day Workshop Secondary Level Mathematics Teachers (Grade 9-12)" in Face-to-Face mode at Kathmandu University School of Education, Hattiban, Lalitpur. This workshop aimed to facilitate teachers and teacher educators with the knowledge and skills of innovative pedagogy to teach mathematics in a meaningful way. As per the feedback from the teacher, the program was successful in terms of transforming skills to teach mathematics meaningfully. The workshop was conducted on the following topics:

- Technical Aspects of Question Paper: Errors and Solutions in Answer Sheets
- ICT integration in Mathematics
- Model Drawing Method
- Data Science for Mathematics Teachers
- Problem-solving in Mathematics Teaching and Learning











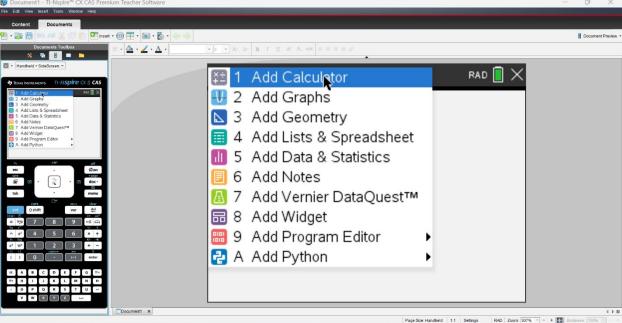
A 8-day Workshop TI-Nspire Calculator

The department of STEAM Education conducted this workshop with the collaboration of an US company and Dr. Marian Prince (T³ National Instructor) from Andrews University. The program was conducted among more than 30 teachers of 17 schools. The purpose of the program was to provide schools with high-tech calculator which have facilities and features of python program, graphing calculator, advance statistics, etc. The calculator was efficient in doing geometry, statistics, probability, calculus, etc. Similarly, teachers were provided with Premium Teachers' Software for PC, where teachers can create various resource materials to teach mathematics and science effectively. With the advanced AI and Simulation features, the software and calculator can do advanced mathematics and science tasks. The workshop was conducted in Online-mode by a facilitator from the US, and Nepali facilitators supported the entire Nepali team in learning and develop skills. After the completion of 7 days, Dr. Marian Prince came to

Nepal to handover the calculators to the schools and did one face-to-face session with the teachers. The following are some glimpses of the program.







2.7 How to multiply and divide algebraic fractions

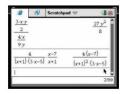
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(b) $\frac{4}{(x+1)(3x-5)} \times \frac{x-7}{x+1}$

Note: Include the multiplication operator between the variables.



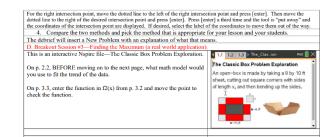
- 2. Notes
- Pressing the tab key (tab) will bring the cursor to the appropriate line of working.
- 2 Include the multiplication operator between variables and brackets.

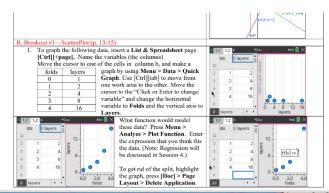


2.8 How to factorise over the complex number field

- To factorise over the complex number field, clear the Scratchpad page and press:
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- · C: Complex C
- . 2: Factor 2







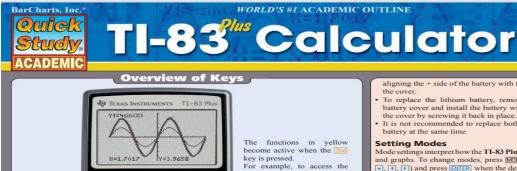


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Number of decimal places: "Float" displays up to 10 digits after decimal point (up to when the decimal terminates). The numbers through 9 display that particular number of digits to the right of the decimal (and include trailing zeros). This applies to answers displaye on the home screen, coordinates on a graph, coefficients in regression equations, and calculated results under various other memory. equations, and calculated results under various other menus. Unit of angle measure: "Radian" interprets angle values as radian and "Degree" interprets angle values as degrees. This is used primaril when calculating with trigonometric functions and polar and rectangula

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It is not recommended to replace both the AAA batteries and lithiun

Mode settings interpret how the TI-83 Plus displays and interprets number and graphs. To change modes, press MODE, then use the arrow keys (
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Numeric notation: "Normal" displays numerical expressions i standard form. "Sci" displays numerical expressions in scientifi notation, using an "E" to display the power of 10. "Eng" display numerical expressions in engineering notation, which is similar t scientific notation but allows one, two, or three digits before the

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Setting Modes

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each function.

Graph order: "Sequential" draws one function completely before an other function is drawn. "Simul" draws values for all functions for single value of **X** and then draws values for all functions for the new value of X, etc.

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General Info & Basics Turning On/Off

- To turn on the calculator, press ON
- To turn off the calculator, press [mi] [FF].

 If the calculator is on but not used for about five minutes, it will automatically be powered down.

 Pressing [mi] will turn the calculator on, and the screen will return exactly as it was before it was



STEAM Webinar Series-2021 (Online Mode) [Every Saturday]

For the purpose of spreading the awareness of STEAM education as a pedagogical innovation for holistic and sustainable learning, the department of STEAM education conducted this webinar series. The focus of STEAM as an educational approach is to facilitate teaching and learning activities in a multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary curriculum integration model. Having students involved in various project-based learning activities, students learn concepts of various subjects and disciplines by connecting the knowledge and skills of one discipline to another context of human life or the discipline. Here holistic learning happens. Academic and school leaders, teachers, teacher educators, university students, practitioners, researchers, etc., participated in the program. Based on the feedback and observations, the series successfully imparts STEAM education's knowledge and skills. Since this was an online-based webinar series, we recorded the sessions, edited them, and uploaded them to our YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy6R6fFPlfVEl8Qvo4UHwgw) so that people could watch the videos and sessions later. Some of the video links are as follows:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qT8fQ9IbBXw&list=PLWAfYWNnX2xrg87RWp-zrFhPreZntE6vE&index=8
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wct7iz1kjU&list=PLWAfYWNnX2xrg87RWp-zrFhPreZntE6vE&index=5
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aPfV1R7JzQ&list=PLWAfYWNnX2xrg87RWp-zrFhPreZntE6vE&index=10
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UrohQ4vJII&list=PLWAfYWNnX2xrg87RWp-zrFhPreZntE6vE&index=12
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUHLtwP7uPs&list=PLWAfYWNnX2xrg87RWpzrFhPreZntE6vE&index=16
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykcLUe1Uf14&list=PLWAfYWNnX2xrg87RWp-zrFhPreZntE6vE&index=17

Some of the photos and glimpses of the seminars.





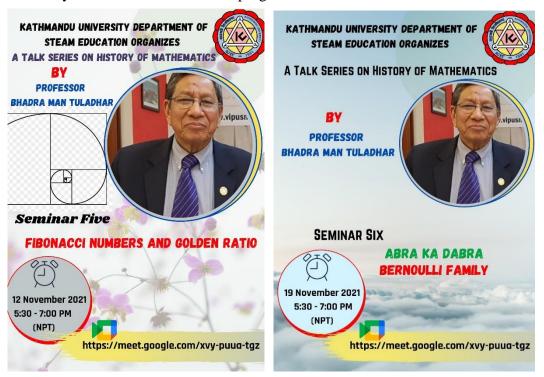


KUSOED Mathematics-focused Webinar Series-2022

One of the signature program of the department of STEAM education is Masters in Mathematics Education (2-years). The department started this program in 2006. To preserve the history of Mathematics, it is required that someone take initiative to take historical events nd development to people in the community. Similarly, the study of history of mathematics is crucial. With the motto of reaching out to many individuals who love mathematics and wants to study about the history of mathematics, the department counducted this mathematics-focused webinar series. This webinar series was facilitated by Professor Bhadra Man Tuladhar, a renown mathematician and scientist from Nepal. The department recorded the video of the seminar and uploaded them in departments' YouTube channel. The following are some video links to watch.

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKff7o_z2is&list=PLWAfYWNnX2xqwOi3htIT9ID lzmPfEEr6n&index=2
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6cTDsXHqPg&list=PLWAfYWNnX2xqwOi3htIT
 9IDlzmPfEEr6n&index=3
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BF yLNoFFrU&list=PLWAfYWNnX2xqwOi3htIT9IDlzmPfEEr6n&index=4
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxHacrH3Zko&list=PLWAfYWNnX2xqwOi3htIT9I DlzmPfEEr6n&index=5
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrTYRUnYE88&list=PLWAfYWNnX2xqwOi3htIT 9IDlzmPfEEr6n&index=6
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YmTtjlk0R4&list=PLWAfYWNnX2xqwOi3htIT9I DlzmPfEEr6n&index=16

Some of the Flyers and Pictures from this program.





Annual Plans of Departments

Department of Development Education

The Department of Development Education was established in October 2018. Previously, the School had a single department for Development Education and Educational Leadership. This Department operates programs that connect development with education by catering to the needs of the development sector. It has streamlined and consolidated demand-driven programs aiming to produce, examine and engage in the global and local development discourse from multiple paradigms and educational perspectives.

The main objective of this Department is to create creative, critical, and efficient development professionals who can meet the 21st challenges and needs contributing meaningfully to the development of the nations through various communities and activities. The purpose of the programs under this Department is to emphasize the capacity building of potential research of national and international scholars whose research is likely to become a basis for improving practices in their professions and could contribute to the development sector at local, national, and global levels. The program further aims to equip the analytical and practical skills to engage in development issues critically and debates from an interdisciplinary perspective and work across the intersections of development policy, research, and practice. The program aims to enable students to engage in social transformation processes utilizing research-based expertise and critical and comparative analysis.

The Department has created a network of graduates who have significantly served in the development sector through their deserving positions. These experts always assist the program promotion and collaborative activities or projects with the Department. The benefits that the School of Education receives from them are valuable since it is the major factor for the program's success within this Department.

Programs

- a) Ph.D. in Development Studies
- b) M. Phil in Development Studies
- c) Master in Sustainable Development
- d) Master in Technical and Vocational Education and Training,
- e) One-year master's in education in Training and Development.

The Department has become a milestone in education, development, and vocational education and thus has become the hub of learning the developmental needs. The Department has been conducting classrooms online as well as in blended mode. The community-driven activities such as fieldwork engage students at the community level and apply their knowledge from the classroom to the community. Further, the Department has regularly collaborated with development partners such as Nepal Participatory Action Network (NEPAN) for community engagement by conducting occasional discussion series. In the future, it has planned to work with local municipalities and collaborative work for the students' community development and knowledge implications.

Outcomes

The Department of development education provides a unique value proposition of sustainability. Its programs— TVET and Training and Research in higher education— develop a collaboration with the Government of Nepal, Development Partners, Community Based Organizations, and Industry through its integrated research initiatives with industry and the provision of tailored Master, Mphil,, and PhD postgraduate course offerings that reflect the changing demands of development, education, industry, technology, and careers.

Last Year's Review and Achievement

Course Revision of Master in Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Master in Sustainable Development, Guideline development of assessment and review. Master, Mphil, and PhD Guideline Development, Development of policies against sexual harassment was developed, and UNV SWVR research was completed.

Operational Activities

- Continue Research and Innovation
- Learning and Teaching: Prepare graduates for a rapidly changing and increasingly globalized world through student-centered and research-led learning and teaching.
- Internationalize the School's research, student and staff bodies, curriculum, courses, partnerships, and networks in key geographical markets.
- External Engagement: Generate mutually beneficial outcomes by developing and nurturing strategic partnerships locally, nationally, and internationally.
- Create a conducive environment that promotes staff wellbeing and further development.

Department of Language Education

The Department of Language Education (DLE) aims to produce a workforce in the field of language education to contribute to language teaching, language teacher education, and research and language education policy. The DLE networks widely with similar departments and institutions to create synergy in bringing about timely language learning and education changes. Programs currently under DLE include PhD in English Language Education, M Phil in English Language Education, M ED in ELT (2-year), M Ed in ELT (1-year), and B Ed in Chinese Language Teaching. The Department is proud of strong in-house faculty members and a good pool of visiting scholars. The Department plans to launch a two-year Masters's program in Writing and Literacy Studies in addition to upgrading the existing graduate and post-graduate

programs to suit the needs of graduates in the competitive environment of the twenty-first century.

DLE will contribute to the quality upgrade of research and communication at the School of Education by expanding writing, editorial, and communication services to other programs of the School through the newly established **Writing and Communication Center**. DLE will also launch short-term teacher training sessions, organize conferences, seminars, and workshops on current and pertinent issues related to language education, and undertake research to publish quality reports, book chapters, and journal articles.

Issues and Challenges

We identified the issues and challenges of the School in different criteria —policy and procedure, curricular aspects, Teaching Learning and Evaluation System, Research, Consultancy and Extension, information system, and public information.

At the policy and procedure level, one of the challenges faced was financial and administrative autonomy for the effective functioning of the School. The Regulation for Autonomy (2075/2018) of Kathamndu University has been drafted. The School regularly updates the curricula to catch up with the recent innovations in the respective disciplines. To address this issue, the School regularly updates the content and delivery modes with regular workshops and research outputs. The School follows the continuous assessment system (CAS) in the teaching, learning, and evaluation system. This issue intensified when we moved to online teaching from physical classes. To solve this, we organized regular workshop sessions and finally developed a guideline for the open book exam (OBE).

We felt one of the issues with the research was that we needed to develop comprehensive guidelines that help the scholars. Realizing this fact, we have developed guidelines for scholars through a series of discussions. The congested classrooms and office space have been a problem at the Hattiban campus. To solve this problem, a multi-storeyed building is being constructed. The School of Education puts students at the center of the teaching and learning process. To address this issue, the School has the Grievances and Placement Cell to address students' problems. One of the challenges the higher education institutes face is maintaining the information and the inability to produce the information when needed.

We are moving the digitalization of the entire system from the admission to the examination of every student. When we can digitalize the School's information, we can easily reach our information to the concerned stakeholders. We also believe that the University serves our society, and each member of society has the right to access the knowledge generated in universities.

Scholarships (2019-2021)

The School of Education at Kathmandu University fulfills its social responsibility by providing scholarships to economically vulnerable students. These scholarships enable to make true the dream of higher education. In 2019, the School provided scholarships to 29 scholars. Of these, 19 were men, and ten were women scholars. In 2020, the number increased to 43. Of these, 30 women scholars won the scholarships, and 13 were men. In 2021, 33 scholars studied with scholarships. The School arranges different scholarships for scholars from undergraduate to doctoral programs.

Table 9: Scholarship details (2019-2021)

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	Master of	2	1	1	3	1	1	8	6	2(50%)
	Mathematics			(60%)			1(60		(50%)	
	Education						%)			
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	Education						1(60			
	Leadership						%)			

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Projects (Ongoing and Recently Completed)

S.N	Title of the	PI/Co-PI	Funding	Collaboratin	Duration	Budget	Remarks
	project		Agency	g Partners			
1.	Linking	Prof. Dr.	SDC and	ETH, Zurich	Phase-I	625,398	
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				(ETHZ)	2021/2022	65,666,790	
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					2022/2023		
	Managing	Prof. Dr.	SDC	ETH, Zurich	2018-2019	Rs 1,382,	This is a
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	d Control	Nath		Federal			LELAM
	Trial	Parajuli		Institute of			project
	(RCT)			Technology			
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	Apprentice			(ETHZ)			
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2.	Enhancing	Dr. Bal	NORAD	Tribhuvan	2013 to	4,495,500	
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	nt of			College of			
	Teachers			Applied			
	Using ICTs			Applied			
	Using IC18						

S.N	Title of the	PI/Co-PI	Funding	Collaboratin	Duration	Budget	Remarks
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	Delivery						
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3.	Innovations in teaching and learning through contextuali zed approaches to increase the quality, relevance and sustainabili ty of education in Nepal	Dr. Bal Chandra Luitel	NORAD	Tribhuvan University as the main partner, Norwegian University of Life Sciences	2016 to 2023	4,576,657 NOK*14 = NRs. 64,073,202	
4.	Extension	Dr. Bal Chandra Luitel	NORAD	Tribhuvan University as the main partner, Norwegian University of Life Sciences	2020	500,000 NOK*14 = NRs. 7,000,000	
5	Advisory Services to Strengthen Training Capabilitie s of Nepal Police	Dr. Laxman Gnawali	The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)	Nepal Police Academy, Maharajganj, Kathmandu	January 2019 to June 2020	NRS 2,453,000	
6	Role of Religion and Culture to Tackle the Economic Vulnerabili ty and Root Causes of	Dr Prakash C Bhatttar ai	World Vision Internationa I Nepal		February 25- September 25, 2020		Complete d

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Outstanding Achievements

The combination of teaching and research gave a positive impetus to the learning environment at the School. The involvement of the faculty members and the students in combining the theory with the praxis in research focusing on the issues of our communities brought innovative academic outputs. These outputs of the School have been published both by national and international publishing houses. The School's research studies are vital for policy inputs at national and regional levels.

Another best practice that the School has been striving for is the innovations in the online mode of delivery. The School has prepared the Self Learning Materials (SLMs) for master-level courses, and these programs have been implemented for quite a long time now.

Currently the entire humanity has been struggling to fight against the COVID 19

Pandemic and it emerging new variants. This global health crisis has brought all the human activities in a standstill including the education sector. In spite of such a critical situation, the School of Education Kathmandu University successfully ran the classes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode engaging the students in both synchronous and asynchronous teaching and learning through MOODLE, google.meet, Zoom online portals. Without taking a break even for a week, when lockdown was imposed on 23 March, 2020, the School converted the face-to-face classes to ODL mode and entire credit hours of teaching were completed within the scheduled time. As per the scheduled semester, all the exams were conducted in July 2020, January 2021, July 2021 and January 2022 through Open Book Exam (OBE) and the students'

progress has been assessed. For the OBE special guideline has been developed, piloted and applied to assess students' progress. We run most classes online. We also encourage our students to attend classes physically at regular intervals whenever possible.

The global pandemic of COVID 19 brought a standstill in all our activities. Despite this one of the most difficult times in human history, the faculty members and students at the School transformed this challenge into an opportunity. This is evident in the list of publications that the School came with. We consider it one of the School's most outstanding achievements.

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