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The UGC Celebrates the 18th Anniversary

The UGC held a special ceremony to mark the 18th anniversary on 23rd November 2011. Held in the UGC seminar hall, the ceremony was attended by the honourable Minister for education, Secretary for education, Vice -chancellors of different universities, professors, educationists, journalists, and staff of the UGC.

Addressing the ceremony Honourable Education Minister Dina Nath Sharma said that there was a need to change the mindset of leaders in all political parties before restructuring the state to bring drastic changes in the education system. He also said that the due to the traditional mindset of the political parties, the country did not have a clear and concrete national education policy. Stating that although the country had entered the era of open economy, open politics and World Trade Organisation, he said continuing with the four-decade-old education policy and acts had not made students competent in the international market.

Likewise, focusing on the need of

national education policy to govern the overall higher education system in the country, Minister Sharma added that the parliament will pass the higher education bill, popularly known as The Umbrella Act, only after addressing the concerns raised by the stakeholders. He also said that the government is ready to discuss the Act with the stakeholders and open to all alternatives.

As the key speaker Prof. Dr. Suresh Raj Sharma, Vice-chancellor, Kathmandu University, said that instead of promoting studies abroad, the state should enhance the quality of education within the country. Presenting the paper on higher education, he stated that the government is giving 'No Objection Letter' to 35,000 students every year for abroad study. Prof. Sharma stated that the government should increase the budget and draft appropriate policies to retain students and give quality education in the 21st century.

Former Chairman of the UGC Dr. Kamal Krishna Joshi emphasized on the freedom of academicians and universities for the development of the higher education.



Minister for Education Mr. Dina Nath Sharma addressing 18th Anniversary Ceremony of UGC.

He also suggested the government to make revision in the umbrella act that undermines the roles and responsibilities of the UGC.

Mr. Bhola Nath Pokharel, Member-secretary, UGC, said that the traditional education system was of no use today at a time when the world is based on knowledge economy. Highlighting the programs and activities of the UGC, he informed that the UGC is making interaction with stakeholders regarding the higher education policy in the federal structure of new Nepal. He also urged the government for not passing the proposed act that aimed to destabilize the autonomy of the UGC.

The program was chaired by Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chairman, UGC. Chairman Gurung thanked all the participants especially to the Honorable Minister Sharma for his participation in the program as the chief guest. Closing the ceremony he also requested to the Honorable Minister for incorporating the suggestions from concerned stakeholders before passing the proposed bill.



Prof. Shiva Kumar Rai, Member, NPC, Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chairman, UGC, Mr. Dina Nath Sharma, Minister, MoE, Mr. Kishor Thapa, Secretary, MoE, Dr. Kamal Krishna Joshi, Former Chairman, UGC and Mr. Bhola Nath Pokharel, Member Secretary, UGC (from left to right) in the program.

Visits

- “Focus on research will lead to the professional and resourceful teaching. Research and teaching are, thus, two sides of a coin”, said, Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chairman, of the UGC while inaugurating a four day workshop on Research Methodology organized by Central Department of Nepal Language, Patandhoka on 17th of August 2011. He expressed the hope that the workshop will be beneficial for teachers not only to teach the research methodology courses but also for handling the research projects and supervising the research students.
- The UGC Chairman Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung participated, as the Chief Guest, in the Annual General Meeting and Award Distribution Program of Mahankal Campus, Gotikhel, Lalitpur on 18th September 2011. Delivering the inaugural remarks, Prof. Gurung expressed his happiness on the smooth and successful running of the campus in the remote area of Lalitpur and also he assured the support to the campus from the UGC in the future.
- Adikabi Bhanubhakta Acharaya’s contribution is unique for the development of Nepali language and literature. Adikabi Bhanubhakta Campus that was established in the name of Bhanubhakta, has been contributing to uplift the higher education in the country. This was highlighted by Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chairman, UGC, while speaking as Chief Guest at the inauguration ceremony on the Silver Jubilee of the campus on 3rd September 2011 in Damauli, Tanahun. He also expressed his happiness at the academic progress of the campus.
- Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chairman of the UGC, inaugurated the Fifth Anniversary of Nepal Rastriya (NR) College, Kathmandu and distributed awards for the winners of the extra-curricular activities on 15th September 2011. Delivering the inaugural speech as the chief guest, he appreciated the progress of the campus and stressed on the enhancement of the quality education in the campus.
- Mr. Bhola Nath Pokharel, Member-secretary, UGC, participated as the Chief Guest on the celebration of Silver Jubilee of Bhanu Bhakta Multiple Campus, Tanahun on 24th October 2011. On the occasion, he inaugurated the Silver Jubilee Memorial pillar constructed in the premises of the campus and garlanded the statue of the Adikabi Bhanu Bhakta Acharaya. Also, on the same occasion, he honoured the contributors who supported in the establishment of the campus. In addition to this, he had interaction with teachers, students and members of campus management committee on different issues of the campus. During the ceremony, he highlighted the programs launched by the UGC to promote quality education and highlighted the challenges of higher education system in Nepal.
- Mr. Bhola Nath Pokharel, Member-secretary, UGC, attended the inauguration program of Turbine Testing Lab (TTL) at Kathmandu University on 10th November 2011. He was accompanied by the Technical Advisor of SHEP, Prof. Dr. Hridaya Ratna Bajracharya.
- Prof. Hridaya Ratna Bajracharya participated in APQN/INQAAHE workshop on Good Practices in Quality Assurance held in Tokyo, Japan on 25th October 2011. According to Prof. Bajracharya, his participation in the workshop was useful to get comments and feedbacks on the system and practices of the QAA that he shared in the workshop. The visit was instrumental to enhance networking with other QAA organizations for continued consultations, get exposed to various concepts and experiences of QAA system, learn lessons to explore functional collaborations and co-operations towards developing QAA system capacity in the country and building mutual recognition.

Orientation Program for Ph.D. and M.Phil. Fellows

One day orientation program for Ph.D. and M. Phil fellows of fiscal year 2010 - 2011 was organized by the UGC on 28th September 2011. The orientation was focused on the challenges and opportunities, procedures, financial and technical supports regarding the fellowships. In the program Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chairman, UGC, said that the fellowships are provided to enhance the quality of higher education through capacity building of teachers and he advised the fellows to carry out in-depth research.

Delivering the welcome speech in the program Mr. Bhola Nath Pokharel, Member-secretary, UGC, not only highlighted the importance of research on higher education but also focused on the significance of the fellowships

provided by the UGC for the academic career of the faculties. Highlighting the objectives of the program Mr. Pokharel said that the program is for creating the awareness regarding the problems that occur during the research. He also suggested the fellows to complete the study within the deadline and make the timely reporting on progress.

Chief Administrative Officer Mr. Subas Chandra Dhungel said that the value of the fellowships is greater than the money provided by the UGC as the fellowship will contribute to their future career and increase their academic qualifications. Finance Controller Mr. Kedar Prasad Acharaya also advised the fellows to complete the research on time.

UCC Meeting

Meeting of the University Coordination Committee (UCC) was organized at the UGC Office under the chairmanship of the UGC Chair Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung on 16th October 2011. The meeting was attended by all the Vice Chancellors of all universities in Nepal and the executives of the UGC. The meeting discussed the contemporary issues of the higher education in Nepal and made the following decisions:

- a) The higher education bill (called Higher Education Act) which is now in the parliament for the discussion is inappropriate in the present context of Nepal at times when the entire country is going through the restructuring process. Thus, the bill should not be passed in haste.
- b) All the drafts of the higher education bills will be

thoroughly studied and a draft framework will be produced for the regulation of higher education in Nepal.

- c) Realizing the importance of participatory interaction with the stakeholders, the UGC will implement the programs and policies of the government as it is outlined in the 2068/2069 budget.
- d) A team of the Vice Chancellors and academicians will study the higher education system at the international level especially the SAARC countries and prepare a report for monitoring the higher education in Nepal.
- e) The Open University can be established based on the work that the UGC has already done and the government can prepare an Act for its operation.

Orientation Program

The UGC conducted a three day orientation program for selected 43 campuses of the SHEP Reform Grants under Scheme D at the seminar hall of the UGC from 21st – 23rd September 2011. The program was participated by the chairmen of campus management committees, principals and representatives of selected campuses. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was also signed with the selected campuses to provide incentive grants for undertaking the preparatory work including development of 5-years Strategic Plans.

Congratulating to the selected

campuses in the inaugural session Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chairman, UGC, said that there is a positive relationship between the UGC and community campuses and the UGC is always willing to support the campuses for their development. He suggested the



Chairman Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung with Member Secretary Mr. Bhola Nath Pokharel handing the signed MOU to Campus Chiefs in the program.



UGC Chairman and Member Secretary with the participants in the program.

participants for the joint engagement to uplift the campuses rather than cultivating the politics in the campus.

In closing session of the workshop, Prof. Gurung appreciated the contribution of the community campuses and focused on the need of the public university to bring

together all the community campuses. He also motivated the campus authorities to achieve the academic quality that is needed for the country and the global market. He further informed that the UGC is planning for the wide discussion on higher education policy that will help to make coherent and concrete national policy. Participants expressed their happiness for being selected under the scheme D. Mr. Bhola Nath Pokharel, Member-secretary, UGC, thanked all the participants for their active participation in the orientation program.

Education Minister at UGC

Honorable Minister for Education Dina Nath Sharma made an inspection visit to the UGC on 21st November 2011. During the visit, Minister Sharma interacted with the UGC staff about the higher education and received information regarding the UGC's annual programs, progresses, and challenges. Minister Sharma also said that he is attempting to fulfill the remaining board members of UGC and assured that members will be appointed as soon as possible.

Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chairman, UGC, expressed happiness on the visit of Honorable Minister. Informing the plan for increasing the regular grants to community campuses Member-secretary of UGC Mr. Bhola Nath Pokharel requested Minister Sharma for allocating the satisfactory budget on higher education. He also requested the Minister not to pass the controversial higher education bill (The Umbrella Act) in haste without addressing the concerns raised by the stakeholders.



Minister for Education Mr. Dina Nath Sharma (third in the left row) interacting with UGC staffs.

43 Campuses Selected under Scheme D

The UGC selected 43 community campuses for the SHEP Reform Grants under Scheme D on the first week of September. The selection was undertaken on the basis of predefined eligibility criteria and selection criteria. The campuses under scheme D are entitled to get maximum of \$30,000 in performance grants and maximum of \$ 40,000 in Matching grants, the total of performance and matching grants ceiling is however \$ 60,000.

The final selection list of community campuses is presented below:

A. District-Level Selection List:

S.N.	Campus	District
1	Pathivara M. Campus	Taplejung
2	Okhaldhunga Campus	Okhaldhunga
3	Gaurishanker M. Campus	Dolakha
4	Chautara M. Campus	Sindhupalchowk
5	Kalika Himalaya Campus	Rasuwa
6	Kitini College	Lalitpur
7	Nilkantha Campus	Dhading
8	Ramananda Bisheswor Mahendra Campus	Mahottari
9	Gaurishanker Yadav Rautahat Campus	Rautahat
10	Hari Khetan M. Campus	Parsa
11	Myagdi M. Campus	Myagdi
12	Gupteshwor M. Campus	Parbat
13	Balewa Paiunpata M. Campus	Baglung
14	Tila Karnali M. Campus	Kalikot
15	Swargadwari M. Campus	Pyuthan
16	Salyan Campus	Salyan
17	Rapti Babai Campus	Dang
18	Accham M. Campus	Accham
19	Jagannath M. Campus	Baitadi
Conditional Selection*		
20	Mangalbare M. Campus	Ilam
21	Dolpo Campus	Dolpa
22	Sinja M. Campus	Jumla
23	Rara Campus	Mugu
24	Jaljala M. Campus	Rolpa
25	Bajura Campus	Bajura

B. Selection from Most Remote Area
(Ka Barga as per the GoN Classification)
Special Consideration among the
*applicants – Conditional Selection**

S.N.	Campus	District
26	Badi Malika M. Campus	Bajura
27	Gokuleshwor M. Campus	Darchula

C. Regional Level Selection List:

C.1 Regional Level Selection – Eastern Region

S.N.	Campus	District
28	Shahid Adarsha Campus	Okhaldhunga
29	Gauradaha M. Campus	Jhapa
30	Urlabari M. Campus	Morang
31	Rampratap Ramprasad Tamang Janta M. Campus	Siraha
Total Campuses Selected in the Eastern Region		4

*** Conditional Selection: Campuses under conditional selection will be eligible to receive Reform Grants when they fulfill the minimum eligibility criteria of 15 graduating students in a given year and a pass rate of not less than 20%.**

C.2 Regional Level Selection – Central Region

S.N.	Campus	District
32	Lampantar M. Campus	Sindhuli
33	Gramin Adarsha M. Campus	Kathmandu
34	Chaturbhujaeshwor Janata M. Campus	Sarlahi
35	Shahid Smarak College	Chitwan
36	Maiyadevi Girls College	Chitwan
Total Campuses Selected in the Central Region		5

C.3 Regional Level Selection – Western Region

S.N.	Campus	District
37	Bhaktiadarsha Campus	Lamjung
38	Dibyajyoti M. Campus	Nawalparasi
39	Rammani M. Campus	Rupandehi
40	Kapilvastu M. Campus	Kapilvastu
Total Campuses Selected in the Western Region		4

C.4 Regional Level Selection – Mid-Western Region - None

C.5 Regional Level Selection – Far-Western Region

S.N.	Campus	District
41	Janata M. Campus	Accham
42	Patan M. Campus	Baitadi
43	Ghoda Ghodi M. Campus	Kailali
Total Campuses Selected in the Far Western Region		3

QAA Orientation Program

The UGC organized an orientation program for preparing the Self Study Report (SSR) for community campuses that have applied letter of intention (LOI) under the Quality Assurance and Accreditation (QAA) on 4th November 2011.

In the orientation program, Member-Secretary of the UGC Mr. Bhola Nath Pokharel stressed on the importance of QAA and mentioned that it is as an important aspect of reform in higher education. He pointed out the need and demand of QAA in Nepal because of rapid growth in the number of higher educational institutions and programs.

Prof. Dr. Hirdaya Ratna Bajracharya, Technical Advisor, SHEP, highlighted the scope of QAA system in SHEP. Prof. Dr. Panna Thapa, Dean, Science and Technology, KU, shared the experiences as peer reviewer involved in the peer review visit of different campuses. Prof. Dr. Kaniya Bhakta Mathema, Director, QAA Division, UGC, presented details on procedures and technical aspects of SSR preparation.



Participants in the program.

Review Meeting

The first quarterly review meeting of fiscal year 2068/69 was carried out at UGC with different Universities on 30th November 2011.

The meeting was aimed at briefing and updating the progress of the Universities in the last four months. Prof. Dr. Tri Ratna Manandhar, VC, Nepal Sanskrit University, Prof. Dr. Kailash Nath Pyakurayal, VC, Agriculture and Forestry Science University, Prof. Dr. Padam Lal Devkota, VC, Mid-western University, Prof. Dr. Jai Raj Awasthi, VC, Far-western University, and representatives of Tribhuvan University, Purwanchal University, Kathmandu University, and Pokhara University presented the progress report of their universities in the meeting. The VCs

of three newly established Universities Prof. Pyakuryal, Prof. Devkota and Prof. Awasthi also shared the challenges and difficulties faced by them especially the management and development of the infrastructures in the existing TU premises as mentioned by the Acts.

In the meeting, Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chairman, UGC, advised the Universities to follow the format arranged by National Planning Commission for reporting their progress. Mr. Bhola Nath Pokharel, Member-Secretary, UGC, suggested the Universities for the maximum use of allocated budget so that it will be justifiable to demand additional budget from the government.

Consultation Meeting

A dissemination and consultation meeting was held for the Deans of TU and KU, and the Head of the Central Departments of TU on October 21 at UGC to disseminate the newly arranged research provisions and to get their feedback and suggestions. The consultation meeting also aimed at enhancing functional linkages in delivering the research awards.



Participants in the consultation meeting.

Faculty Research Grants Awards

The UGC recently published the final list and proposals of the research candidates for Faculty Research Grants Awards 2067. The list of final proposals and research candidates is as follows:

S.N.	Team Leader	Research Topic	S.N.	Team Leader	Research Topic
1	Dr. Narayan Poudyal Department of Veterinary Medicine & Public Health, Himalayan College of Agricultural Science & Technology, Bhaktapur.	Prevalence and Epidemiological AntibioGram of Thermophilic Campylobacter in faeces of Broiler chicken collected at retail slaughterhouses of Bhaktapur	17	Dr. Narayan Prashad Adhikari Central Department of Physics, Tribhuvan University.	Proposal to upgrade the computational physics laboratory at Central Department of physics, Tribhuvan University to spin glass system like AuFe and CuMn
2	Dr. Rameshwor Giri Department of VET Medicine & Public Health, Himalayan College of Agricultural Science & Technology, Bhaktapur.	Status of Bovine Tuberculosis (BTB) in Cattle and Buffalo Population in DOTS Area	18	Lalu Prasad Poudel Central Department of Geology, Tribhuvan University.	Geology of the lesser Himalayan crystalline klippe at Kanhu (Tanahu District) and its significance in the Himalayan Tectonics
3	Pom Raj Bhandari Department of Management, Classic College International.	A role of Quality Management System (ISO 9001:2008) in industrial Growth and Sustainability	19	Dr. Amar Prasad Yadav Central Department of Chemistry, Tribhuvan University.	Electrochemical sensor for environment monitoring of heavy metals in water samples of Nepal
4	Sudarshan Ghimire Department of Management, Adarsha M. Campus.	Development of Regulatory and Legal Framework for saving and Credit Co-operative in Nepal	20	Dr. Ram Kailash Prasad Yadav Department of Botany, TU	Prospect of Bio-fuel (Bioethanol) Production in Nepal
5	Dr. Bhupendra Hada Faculty of Education, Sanothimi Campus.	Effectiveness of Practice Teaching in Nepal	21	Dr. Sabita Shrestha Central Department of Chemistry.	Carbon Nanotechnology: Oxidation / Purification of Carbon Nanotube
6	Diwakar Pandey Department of Management, Apex College.	Learning Environment and Students achievements in Higher Education Institutions in Nepal	22	Shankar Prasad Khanal Central Dept., of Statistics, Tribhuvan University Kirtipur.	Statistical Analysis for Describing Risk Factors for visual impairment and Blindness in Kathmandu Valley
7	Dr. Hom Nath Chalise Department of Education, Sanothimi Campus, Bhaktapur.	Walking and sleep Quality of Nepalese elderly living in Bridhaashram	23	Shiva Kumar Rai Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University.	Impact of Land Business on Socio-Economic status and Natural Resource in Eastern Terai, Nepal
8	Hari Prasad Pokhrel Siddha Jyoti Campus, Sindhuli.	A study related to Sindhuli based Dalit enrollment in University level	24	Dr. Paras Nath Yadav Central Department of Chemistry, Tribhuvan University.	Thiosemicarbozones and their Platinum Complexes
9	Rishi Ram Rijal English Education, Mahendra Ratna Campus, TU	Practical in three years B.Ed. English language Courses: A follow up study	25	Dr. Sampurnanand Jha Central Department of Biotechnology, Post Graduate Campus.	Morphogenic and Genotoxic Effects of Insecticides on Vicia faba and Allium cepa used by Farmers in Kathmandu Valley
10	Purna Bahadur Lamichhane Faculty of Education, Sanothimi Campus.	A study in Indigenous Knowledge and its relation to school education	26	Dr. Akkal Dev Mishra Science & Technology, P.N. Campus, Pokhara.	Investigation of chemical constituents of some local mushroom species of Nepal
11	Shiva Prasad Khanal Department of Education, Mahendra Ratna Campus, KTM.	A comparative study of Socio-Economic condition of Haliyas and Non - Haliyas in Far Western hills, Nepal	27	Janardan Lamichhane School of Science, Kathmandu University.	Screening of medicinal plants of Nepal and use of Local community for their Industrial production
12	Sunita Yonghang Limbu Mahendra Ratna Multiple Campus, Ilam.	The ways of enhancing access of marginalized group in Higher Education	28	Dr. Indramani Bhagat Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University.	Study of Sclerotium rolfsii on tomato and its management
13	Sarita Rajbhandari Education Dept., Mahendra Ratna Campus, Tahachal, KTM.	Quantitative Analysis of the Opportunities to Develop the Thinking Skill	29	Mohan Sharma Department of Microbiology, St.Xavier's Campus, Kathmandu.	Study the Prevalence of Genetically Modified Organism (GMOs) in plant derived food products in Nepalese market using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Techniques
14	Saloni Rajbhandari Department of Electrical Engineering, Pulchowk Campus.	Integration of Wind Energy on National Grid of Nepal	30	Govinda Prasad Dhungana Department of Microbiology, Siddhanath Science Campus, Mahendranagar.	Prevalence of Tuberculosis (TB) among HIV infected persons of Kailali and Kanchanpur Districts
15	Prachanda Man Pradhan Department of Civil and Geomatics Engineering, Kathmandu University.	Lateral resistance behavior of Partial Masonry infill in reinforced concrete Buildings	31	Sandeep Shrestha Department of Environmental Science, Kathmandu University.	An assessment on the water quality monitoring set-up for Narayani River
16	Dr. Krishna Das Manandhar Central Department of Biotechnology, Tribhuvan University.	Identification of antigeic protein from Leshmania donovani as maker for diagnosis of visceral Leishmaniasis	32	Rashindra Prasad Yadav Patan Multiple Campus.	Statistical Analysis of Local Governance Support Programme of Nepal

S.N.	Team Leader	Research Topic
33	Pursottam Kharel Department of Computer Science & Engineering, KU, School of Engineering.	Problem and Prospect of e-Government in Nepal
34	Dr. Navin Mishra Pediatrics Department, Kist Medical College.	Assessment of risk factor of suicide in children and young adults
35	Pragya Gartoula Nepal institute of Health Sciences, Purvanchal University.	A study on Exploration of Knowledge Status about Mental Health among Health Professionals of Chitwan District, Nepal
36	Dr. Eans Tara Tuladhar Department of Biochemistry, IOM, Maharajung, KTM.	Assessment of Systematic Inflammatory makers and Oxidative Status among Nepalese Smokers
37	Radha Devi Ranabhat IOM, Nursing Campus, Maharajgunj, KTM.	Midwifery care competencies of nurse midwives in first stage of labor at different hospital
38	Mandira Shahi National Center for Health Educational Professions, IOM-TU.	The Prevalence and factors associated with Obesity among adult women
39	Dr. Ang Tshering Sherpa Kist Medical College, Imadol, Lalitpur.	Situation Analysis of Teaching Learning Activities of Basic Science Departments of Tribhuvan University. Institute of Medicine and its Affiliated Colleges
40	Dr. Pawan Kumar Lal Das Physiology Department, Kist Medical College	Effect of Occupational Exposure of dust on Pulmonary Function Tests
41	Chandra Kala Sharma IOM – Nursing Campus, Maharajung, KTM.	Stress and coping mechanism of infertile women attending infertility clinic in Kathmandu
42	Janaki Rai Maharajung Nursing Campus, KTM.	Stress among the adolescent and their coping mechanism
43	Dr. Vijaya Kumar Sharma Department of Biochemistry, Maharajung, KTM.	Assessment of cardiovascular risk in patients with chronic kidney disease
44	Bonodita Acharya Dhungel Medical Microbiology, Kist Medical College, Lalitpur.	A study of perception and knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS among school students in Imadol and significance of educational intervention
45	Rajani Shah Shree Medical and Technical College, Bharatpur-12, Chitwan.	Factors associated with neonatal deaths and survivors in Chitwan district
46	Anil Kumar Singh Nepal Commerce Campus, KTM.	Evaluation of effectiveness of IEC/BCC materials related to safe motherhood and newborn health, production, broadcasting, printing, distribution and their use.
47	Prem Sagar Chapagain Central Department of Geography, TU.	Energy types and consumption patterns of Rural Households and hotels in the Langtang valley of Nepal Himalayas
48	Pashupati Nepal Central Department of Geography, Kirtipur, KTM.	People's Perception and Adaption strategies to Climate Change in the Sisnekhola Watershed of Western Hill, Palpa
49	Khem Raj Bhattarai Kantipur College of Business Mgmt & Humanities Studies, New Baneshwor, KTM.	Impact of Climate Change on Livelihood on Rural Communities in Shankhuwasabha districts of Nepal

S.N.	Team Leader	Research Topic
50	Jiban Mani Poudel Central Department of Sociology/ Anthropology, TU, Kirtipur.	Adaption in Climate Change: A study on Perception, Knowledge and Response
51	Durga Neupane Rural Development, Padma Kanya Campus, Bagbazar, KTM.	Nepalese Migrant Women workers' Role and its Socio-Economic Impact
52	Dr. Pushpa Kamal Subedi Central Dept. of Population Studies, Kirtipur, KTM.	Political and Economic situations of Elderly in Nepal
53	Rishikesh Pandey Population, Gender and Development, Pokhara University.	Nepalese migrant women workers and their socio-spatial exclusion : A study of western development region, Nepal
54	Binod Pokharel Central Dept. of Sociology/ Anthropology, Kirtipur, Tribhuvan University.	A research proposal on street vendors, Food and cultural change : A case study from Kathmandu valley
55	Prof. Prem Shanti Tuladhar Central Dept. of Nepalbhasha, Tribhuvan University.	The study of Intangible culture of Newars
56	Ram Raj Pokhrel Dept. of Sociology/Anthropology, Patan Multiple Campus.	Social Inclusion/Exclusion of Jyapus in Newar Community
57	Dr. Rebati Prasad Neupane Central Department of English, TU, Kirtipur, KTM.	BA second Year Students' responses to Process- Based English Writing Pedagogy in TU
58	Laxman Datt Pant Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, National Integrated College, Dillibazar, KTM.	Assertations and Assessments: An editor- reader comparison on Nepali Newspaper
59	Bhim Lal Gautam Central Dept. of Linguistic, TU, Kirtipur.	A study on Kumal language
60	Dr. Gitu Giri Culture and Archaeology Department, Bhairahawa Campus.	Lumbini: Sacred Value and Challenges
61	Ram Prasad Gyawali Central Dept. of Economics, TU, Kirtipur.	Domestic and foreign Factors Determining the money stock in Nepal
62	Dr. Min Bahadur Pun English Department, Prithivi N. Campus, Pokhara	The Emergence of Nepali writers in English after the 1990 restoration of Democracy in Nepal
63	Rudra Pageni Department of Mass Communication & Journalism, Kantipur City College, KTM.	Media influence to public policies in Nepal
64	Raj Kumar Baral Central Dept. of English, TU, Kirtipur.	A study on the effectiveness of B.A. major English syllabus of Tribhuvan University
65	Dr. Ram Chandra Bhattarai – Dept. of Economics, Patan Multiple Campus, Lalitpur.	Transactions costs and evolution of New Institutions in Farmer's managed irrigation system(FMIS) in Nepal
66	Ram Chandra Poudel Central Department of English, Tribhuvan University.	Construction of Political Discourse through Performance of Political Speeches in Nepal

Institutional Research Grants Award

The UGC has selected twelve candidates for Institutional Research Grants Award 2067 on the basis of competitive selection of the submitted proposals, presentations and documentary evaluation of the research team. The list is as follows:

SN	Cluster	Team Leader	Designation	Institution	Research Topic
1	Agriculture	Dr. Dharma Raj Dangol	Reader	Institute of Agriculture & Animal Science, Rampur Chitwan	Baseline study of Rampur Ghole at IAAS, Chitwan
2	Education	Dr. Damodar Jnawali	Professor	Central Dept. of Education, TU, Kirtipur (Geography)	Geography education in Nepal : Status, Issues and Challenges
3		Dr. Lekhnath Sharma	Reader	Gorkha Campus, Gorkha	Paradox of private schooling: Poor and better off participant
4	Humanities & Law	Dr. Narendra Raj Khanal	Professor	Central Dept. of Geography, TU, Kirtipur	Changes in river morphology due to Inter- basin transfer of river flow and its consequences: A case study of Kulekhani Basin in the middle Hills of Nepal
5		Mr. Madan Gopal Shrestha	Lecturer	Padma Kanya Campus, TU (Central Dept. of Population)	Deprivation and migration in mid hill
6	Engineering	Dr. Nanda Bikram Adhikari	Assistant Professor	Institute of Engineering, TU, Pulchowk Campus, Pulchowk (Dept. of Electronics & Computer Engineering)	IT- based drinking water supply flow monitoring and leak detection
7		Mr. Bal Krishna Bal	Assistant Professor	School of Engineering, Kathmandu University (Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering)	Opinion mining and argumentation analysis in newspaper editorials
8	Medicine & Nursing	Prof. Naveen Shrestha	Professor	Central Institute of Science & Technology (CIST), Pokhara University, New Baneshwor (Dept. of Pharmacy)	Performance evaluation of Public Health college in Nepal
9		Dr. Keshab Parajuli	Professor	School of Health & Allied Sciences, Pokhara University	Choices, shifts and continuation of temporary contraceptive methods among women of reproductive age in Western Development Region , Nepal
10	Science & Technology	Dr. Krishna Kumar Shrestha	Professor	Central Dept. of Botany, TU, Kirtipur	Species richness pattern and plant resources management in Manaslu Conservation Area, Central Nepal
11		Dr. Megh Raj Pokhrel	Reader	Central Dept. of Chemistry, TU, Kirtipur	Chemical modification of natural polymers and their application in waste /drinking water
12		Dr. Ram Prasad Regmi	Reader	Central Dept. of Physics, TU, Kirtipur	Assessing wind electricity potential in and around the Kathmandu Valley

Staff Recruitment

The Commission appointed seven new staff in different posts under Second Higher Education Project recently. The list of recruited staff is as follows:

S.N.	Name	Designation
1	Prof. Dr. Kanaiya Bhakta Mathema	QAA Director
2	Mr. Jeevan Koju	Procurement Officer
3	Ms. Gitanjali Upadhyaya	Program Officer
4	Mr. Vinod Bhattarai	Program Officer
5	Ms. Sunita Humagain	QAA/Research Assistant
6	Mr. Sita Ram Dahal	QAA/Research Assistant
7	Ms. Mamata Prajapati	Senior Accounting Officer

Announcement

The UGC made announcement for the Ph.D. and M. Phil. fellowships on 21st October and 5th November 2011 respectively. Similarly, the UGC also invited proposals for Mini Research, Faculty/Institutional Research and M. Phil./Masters' Thesis Research Support grants on 5th November 2011. The last date of submission for the application for Ph.D. fellowship was 30th November and 15th December 2011 for other announcements.

Likewise, public announcement was made for the eligible and interested institutions to submit Letter of Intention (LOI) for Quality Assurance and Accreditation on October 24, 2011.

QAA Follow-up/ Preparatory Visit

The final follow up assessments at Damak Multiple Campus (DMC), Jhapa and Janpriya Multiple Campus (JMC), Kaski were carried out on 13th -15th September and 12th - 14th November 2011 respectively.

Similarly, PRT preparatory visits to Birendranagar Multiple Campus, Surkhet and Kailali Multiple Campus, Kailali were carried out on 20th October and 19th November 2011 respectively.