



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



on

Women and Youth for Transforming Agribusiness Ecosystems

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Introduction: Agriculture in Nepal and India and its Link to Agribusiness

Agriculture plays a vital role in the economies of both Nepal and India, supporting livelihoods, ensuring food security, and contributing significantly to national GDP. In Nepal, agriculture employs more than half of the population and remains the backbone of rural livelihoods. Similarly, in India, agriculture continues to sustain millions of farmers and contributes substantially to rural employment and economic stability.

Despite its importance, traditional agriculture in both countries is undergoing transformation due to technological advancements, market integration, climate change, and globalization. This transition has led to the emergence of agribusiness, which extends beyond farm production to include value chains, processing, marketing, distribution, and agricultural services.

Agribusiness offers enormous opportunities for innovation, entrepreneurship, and employment generation. Particularly, it has opened new pathways for women and youth to participate actively in agricultural value chains through agripreneurship, digital agriculture, agro-processing, and market linkages. Harnessing the potential of women and young entrepreneurs is essential to transform agriculture into a more resilient, productive, and sustainable agribusiness ecosystem.

Women and Youth for Transforming Agribusiness Ecosystems: Why Their Role Matters

Women and youth represent two of the most dynamic and transformative forces in agriculture and agribusiness. Their participation is crucial for ensuring innovation, sustainability, and inclusive growth in food systems.

Women contribute significantly to agricultural production, post-harvest activities, livestock management, and household food security. However, their role often remains under-recognized and under-supported. Empowering women through access to resources, training, and markets can dramatically improve productivity and rural livelihoods.

Youth, on the other hand, bring creativity, technological skills, and entrepreneurial energy to the agricultural sector. With growing interest in digital agriculture, climate-smart practices, and agribusiness start-ups, youth are increasingly becoming drivers of modernization in agriculture.

Together, women and youth can transform agribusiness ecosystems by:

- Promoting innovation and technology adoption
- Strengthening agricultural value chains
- Enhancing food security and sustainability
- Creating employment and entrepreneurial opportunities
- Advancing inclusive and equitable rural development

Encouraging their participation is therefore essential for building resilient and future-ready agribusiness systems.



Challenges Faced by Women and Youth in Agribusiness Ecosystems

Despite their potential, women and youth face numerous barriers that limit their participation and success in agribusiness.

Limited Access to Land and Resources

Women often lack land ownership rights and access to productive assets, while youth struggle to access land and capital needed to start agribusiness ventures.

Financial Constraints

Access to credit, investment, and financial services remains limited for women and young entrepreneurs, restricting their ability to expand businesses.

Limited Access to Technology and Training

Many women and rural youth have limited exposure to modern agricultural technologies, digital tools, and business management skills.

Market Barriers

Weak market linkages, limited infrastructure, and poor access to information often restrict their participation in profitable value chains.

Social and Cultural Constraints

Gender norms, societal expectations, and lack of institutional support often prevent women from fully participating in leadership and decision-making roles.

Policy and Institutional Gaps

Insufficient policy support and inadequate institutional frameworks can hinder the development of inclusive agribusiness ecosystems.

Addressing these challenges is essential to unlock the full potential of women and youth in transforming agriculture and agribusiness.

Why This International Conference?

This international conference aims to provide a global platform for dialogue, knowledge exchange, and collaboration among researchers, policymakers, practitioners, entrepreneurs, and development partners working in agriculture and agribusiness.

The conference seeks to:

- Highlight the role of women and youth in transforming agribusiness ecosystems
- Share innovative practices, research findings, and successful case studies
- Promote collaboration between academic institutions, governments, and development organizations
- Discuss policy frameworks and institutional mechanisms to support inclusive agribusiness
- Encourage agripreneurship and innovation in agriculture

Through interactive discussions, presentations, and networking opportunities, the conference aims to contribute toward building sustainable, inclusive, and resilient agribusiness systems in South Asia and beyond.

Call for Papers

Researchers, academicians, policymakers, development practitioners, agripreneurs, and students are invited to submit original research papers, review articles, and case studies related to the themes of the conference.

Submissions should focus on innovative ideas, empirical research, policy analysis, or practical experiences related to women and youth in agribusiness ecosystems.

Selected papers will be presented during the conference sessions, and outstanding papers may be considered for publication in relevant academic journals or conference proceedings.

Themes of the Conference

Authors are encouraged to submit papers under the following themes:

- **From Farm to Future: Empowering Women and Youth as Catalysts for Sustainable Development**
Explores how women and youth can drive sustainable agricultural practices, entrepreneurship, and innovation to transform the agricultural sector.
- **Climate-Resilient Agribusiness: The Role of Women and Youth in Food Systems Transformation**
Focuses on climate-smart agriculture, adaptation strategies, and the role of women and youth in building resilient food systems.
- **Digital Agriculture and Innovation: Unlocking Opportunities for Women and Young Agripreneurs**
Examines the role of digital technologies, precision agriculture, mobile platforms, and data-driven farming in creating new agribusiness opportunities.
- **Gender Dynamics: Inclusion in Agribusiness Ecosystems**
Discusses gender equality, women's empowerment, leadership roles, and policy frameworks that support inclusive agribusiness.
- **Inclusive Agribusiness Ecosystems: Financing, Market Access, and Policy Support**
Analyzes financial inclusion, market integration, public-private partnerships, and institutional support mechanisms.

Submission Guidelines

Authors are requested to follow the guidelines below while submitting abstracts and papers:

1. Abstracts should be 250-300 words clearly outlining objectives, methodology, results, and significance.
2. The abstract should include title, author(s) name, affiliation, and contact details.
3. Papers must be original and not previously published or submitted elsewhere.
4. Full papers should follow standard academic formatting and referencing styles.
5. Abstracts and papers must be submitted via email to: intconfnepal2026@gmail.com
6. The conference committee will review submissions, and selected authors will be invited for oral or poster presentations.

Guidelines for Presentation

Poster Content

Posters should clearly communicate the research study and include:

- Title of the study
- Author(s) and affiliation
- Introduction and objectives
- Methodology
- Results and findings
- Conclusion and implications
- Acknowledgements (if any)

The content should be concise, visually appealing, and easy to understand.

Poster Design

- Poster size should preferably be AO (Portrait format) 48"x 36"
- Use large readable fonts for titles and headings.
- Include figures, charts, tables, and images to illustrate findings.

- Maintain a clear layout with balanced spacing and sections.
- Avoid excessive text; use bullet points and visuals wherever possible.

Registration

Participants are required to register for the conference before the specified deadline.
Early Bird Registration (By 25 May 2026)

Category	Registration Fee (Early Bird)	On spot Registration
Members (India)	₹ 6000	₹ 6500
Non-members (India)	₹ 7000	₹ 7500
Accompanying person	₹3000	₹3000
Delegates from Nepal	NPR 6000	NPR 6500
International Delegates	USD 100	USD 100
Students/RA/SRF/YP	₹ 3000	₹ 3500

Registration Includes

- Conference/Seminar Kit
- Local hospitality during the conference excluding lodging facilities
- Local transport arrangements

Participants must complete the registration process by submitting the fee through the designated bank accounts provided by the organizers.

Bank details for the Indian participants

Particulars	Details
Account Name	SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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Branch	PUSA CAMPUS, NEW DELHI
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MICR Code	110025041

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Account Name	Nepal Farmers Advisory Council Pvt. Ltd.
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Branch	New Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal
Account Number	1420100005715001

Awards

1. Fellow Mobilization Award
2. Best Community Mobilizer Award
3. Young Scientist Award
4. Young Women Scientist Award
5. Outstanding Research Scholar Award (For PhD)
6. Outstanding Research Scholar Award (For M. Sc.)
7. Innovative Farmer Award
8. Innovative Women Farmer Award
9. Award for NGO
10. Best Agri-business Award
11. Best Extension Professional Award

Award recipients will receive certificates and recognition during the conference closing ceremony. The selection of the award will be done accordingly to the criteria laid down by the committee formulated for these awards. (Kindly see annexure)

Important Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: 25th May 2026
- Registration Fee Submission: 25th May 2026
- Award Application Deadline: 25th May 2026

Submit abstracts and award applications to: intconfnepal2026@gmail.com

Note:

- ✓ All award applicants must be members of the society.
- ✓ Applicants must complete their registration.
- ✓ The registration fee receipt, application form, or transaction details must be submitted/shared for verification.



About MOBILIZATION Society, India

MOBILIZATION Society was established in 2003 as a non-profit professional society aimed at sensitizing and mobilizing development partners and community for sustainable development. Presently the Society has about 2000 Life Members including 20 foreign members. The Society has successfully organized twelve national seminars in collaboration with renowned institutions like IIT-Delhi, ICAR-IVRI, Bareilly, GBPA&UT, Pantnagar etc., publishes books on relevant issues, bringing out quarterly on-line and printed research journal "Journal of Community Mobilization and Sustainable Development" (ISSN 2230-9047, NAAS Rating 5.02) besides other academic/developmental activities. The Society was also one of the collaborators of two International Conference organized at Andaman in December, 2016 and New Delhi in February, 2017. The 12th National Seminar on "Futuristic Agriculture: Technology, Sustainability and Beyond" was organized at College of Post Graduate Studies in Agricultural Sciences, Umiam, Meghalaya, India from 22-24 May, 2025.

About Nepal Farmers Advisory Council (NFAC)

Nepal Farmers Advisory Council Pvt. Ltd (NFAC) is an ISO certified independent private limited company established with a vision to promote Agribusiness, Value Chain, Production, Trade, Service, Research, Training, and National and International consultancy services contributing to Agricultural Development and Commercialization. It is governed by the executive board of 11 members and is supported by a team of professionals' with a wide range of experiences in Government and Non-Government sectors. Nepal Farmers' Advisory Council aims to provide one stop solutions and advisory services to small, medium and large scale enterprises. NFAC led Nepal Agri-Business Alliance (NABA) has been established for the purpose of providing single door services to Agri-entrepreneurs, farmers and value chain actors. This organization has signed MOU for collaboration with Michigan State University, USA; International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), USA; Center on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP); and other organizations for various programs.

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Conference Venue: Hotel Bhadgaon, Bhaktapur, Nepal

Hotel Bhadgaon offers comfortable accommodation in the heart of the historic city, blending warm Nepali hospitality with easy access to local heritage sites.

Located in the ancient city of Bhaktapur, visitors can explore beautifully preserved temples, traditional Newari architecture, and vibrant local culture. Famous landmarks like Bhaktapur Durbar Square showcase centuries-old palaces, pagoda temples, and artisan squares. Walking through the city feels like stepping into a living museum filled with crafts, festivals, and authentic Nepali cuisine.

Dates: 9-11 June 2026

Hotel and Accommodations:

1. Hotel Bhadgaon, Bhaktapur

Email: gm@hotelbhadgaon.com and Website: www.hotelbhadgaon.com

Particulars	Rate	Remarks
Residential Program on Twin Sharing basis on Bed and Breakfast Package (BB)	USD 65 Net Per Night on Single/Twin Sharing	(Accommodation and Breakfast)
Residential Program on Triple Sharing basis on Bed and Breakfast Package (BB)	USD 85 Net Per Night on Triple Sharing	(Accommodation and Breakfast)

Note:

- Preferential tariff rates have been negotiated at Hotel Bhadgaon, Bhadgaon.
- For reservations, kindly contact Mr. Manoj Basnet, Operation Manager, Phone Number +9779801123462 and 977-01-6620038/39, Email Address: gm@hotelbhadgaon.com or the Conference Secretary, Mr. Safal Singh, at +977-9861531652, Email: nfacsafal@gmail.com

Other Nearby Hotels:

Additionally, you are kindly requested to contact other nearby hotels, as per your preference and convenience, to make arrangements for your stay

2. Hotel Mystic Mountain, Nagarkot

Phone Number: +977-985-1277701

Email: marketing@hotelmysticmountain.com

3. Hotel Garuda

Contact Person: Yugal Rajbhandari, Chief Executive

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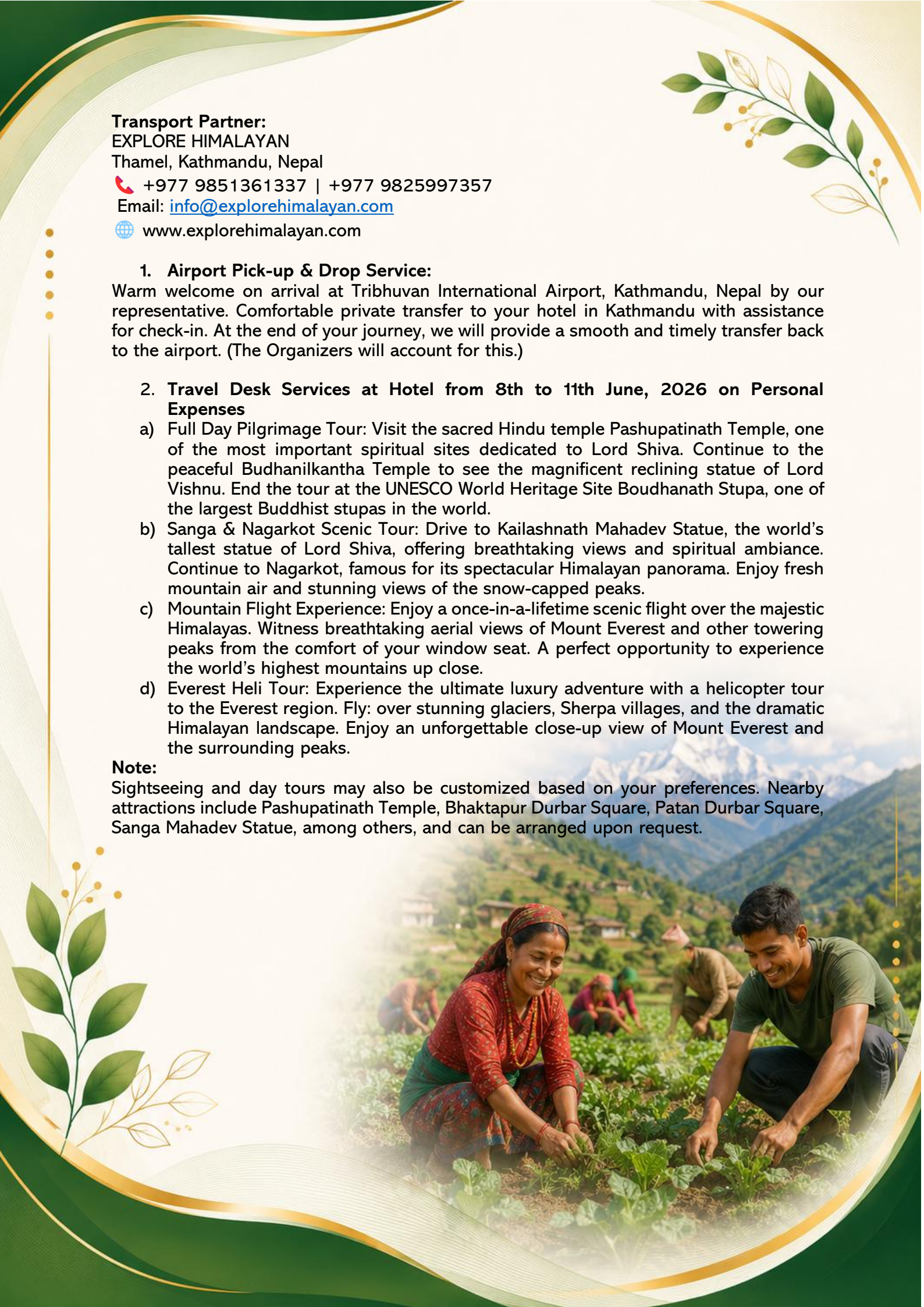
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2. Travel Desk Services at Hotel from 8th to 11th June, 2026 on Personal Expenses

- a) Full Day Pilgrimage Tour: Visit the sacred Hindu temple Pashupatinath Temple, one of the most important spiritual sites dedicated to Lord Shiva. Continue to the peaceful Budhanilkantha Temple to see the magnificent reclining statue of Lord Vishnu. End the tour at the UNESCO World Heritage Site Boudhanath Stupa, one of the largest Buddhist stupas in the world.
- b) Sanga & Nagarkot Scenic Tour: Drive to Kailashnath Mahadev Statue, the world's tallest statue of Lord Shiva, offering breathtaking views and spiritual ambiance. Continue to Nagarkot, famous for its spectacular Himalayan panorama. Enjoy fresh mountain air and stunning views of the snow-capped peaks.
- c) Mountain Flight Experience: Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime scenic flight over the majestic Himalayas. Witness breathtaking aerial views of Mount Everest and other towering peaks from the comfort of your window seat. A perfect opportunity to experience the world's highest mountains up close.
- d) Everest Heli Tour: Experience the ultimate luxury adventure with a helicopter tour to the Everest region. Fly: over stunning glaciers, Sherpa villages, and the dramatic Himalayan landscape. Enjoy an unforgettable close-up view of Mount Everest and the surrounding peaks.

Note:

Sightseeing and day tours may also be customized based on your preferences. Nearby attractions include Pashupatinath Temple, Bhaktapur Durbar Square, Patan Durbar Square, Sanga Mahadev Statue, among others, and can be arranged upon request.





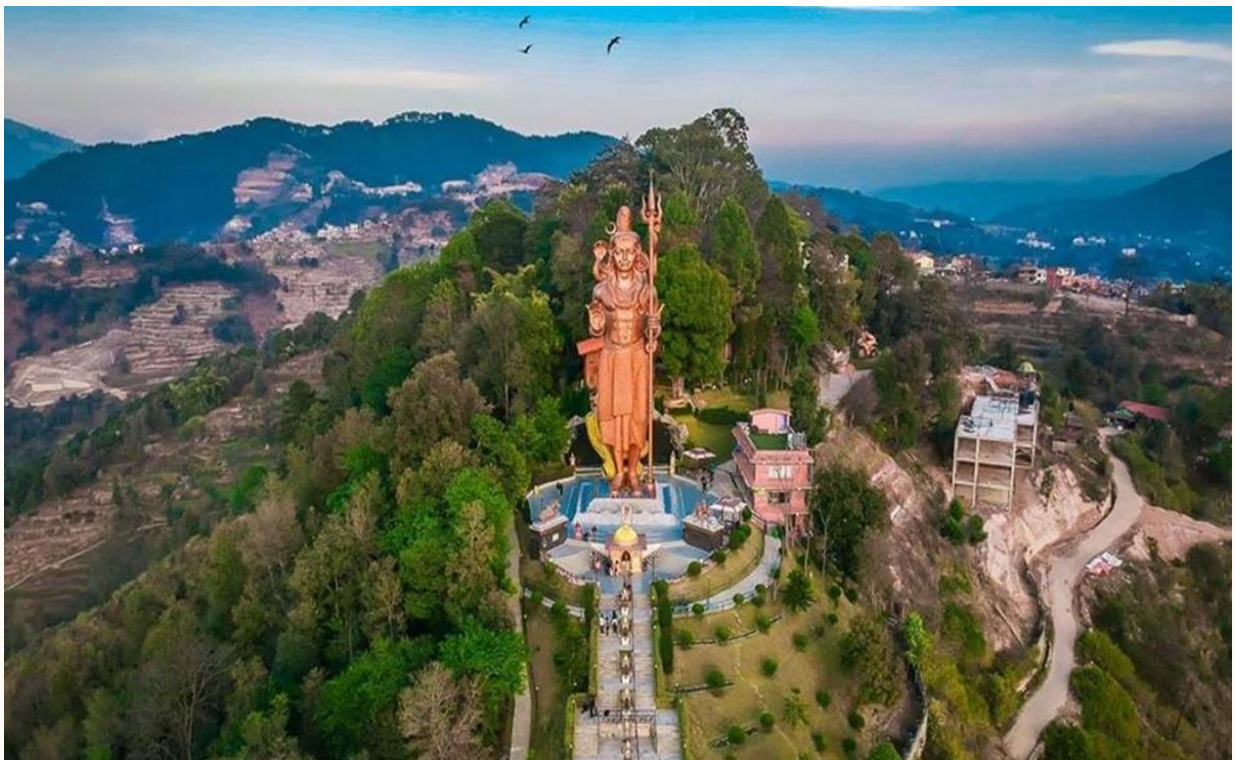
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Bhaktapur Durbar Square



Patan Durbar Square



Lord Shiva Statue, Sanga

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3. Academic Qualification:

S. No.	Degree	University	Year	Grade (Class)	Rank/Medal/Award

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5. Contribution in Teaching:

6. Contribution in Extension:

7. Research Projects:

8. Publications:

9. Institutional Building Activities:

10. Membership:

11. Awards:

12. Any Other Information:

Date:

Signature

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6. Contribution in Extension:

7. Research Projects:

8. Publications:

9. Technology Assessed:

10. Farmer Mobilization Steps:

11. Demonstrations:

12. Other Info:

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Date:

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5. Contribution in Extension:

6. Research Projects:

7. Publications:

8. Technology Spread:

9. Farmer Mobilization:

10. Demonstrations:

11. Other Info:

12. Conceptual Framework:

Date:

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Name & Designation of the Forwarding Authority

PROFORMA FOR YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD (Men/ Women)

1. Name and Designation:

2. Address:

3. Academic Qualification:

S. No.	Degree	University	Year	Grade (Class)	Rank/Medal/Award

4. Major Achievement:

5. Teaching:

6. Extension:

7. Research Projects:

8. Publications:

9. Extension Activities:

10. Institutional Development:

11. Other Info:

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PROFORMA FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH SCHOLAR (MSc/ PhD) AWARD

1. Name and Designation:

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3. Academic Qualification:

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4. OGPA:

5. Research Work:

6. Patents:

7. Publications:

8. Extracurricular Awards:

9. Membership:

10. Other Info:

Date:

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PROFORMA FOR AGRO-INDUSTRY AWARD

1. Organization Name:
2. Address:
3. Year of Establishment:
4. Innovations:
5. Technologies Modified:
6. Attributes:
7. CSR Activities:
8. Impact:
9. Publicity:
10. Awards:
11. Documents:

Date:

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PROFORMA FOR NGO AWARD

1. NGO Name:
2. Address:
3. Year:
4. Innovations:
5. Technologies:
6. Attributes:
7. Activities:
8. Impact:
9. Publicity:
10. Awards:
11. Documents:

Date:

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PROFORMA FOR INNOVATIVE FARMER/WOMEN FARMER AWARD

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. Education:

Land (Ha)	Irrigated Area	Water Bodies	Animal Resources	Farm Machinery

5. Agriculture Activities:

6. Technologies:

7. Income Details:

8. Spread of Innovation:

9. Contribution:

10. Other Info:

Date:

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