

RESUME

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

Ph. Din Economics: Center for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD), School of Social Sciences, JawaharlalNehruUniversity, New Delhi, India, 2005. (Thesis title: *"Poverty Environment Linkages: A Study of Use and Management of Forest Resources in Mahabharat Tract, West Nepal"*).

M. Phil in Economics: (Course work covering total 19 credits completed securing CGPA: 6.68/9) from CSRD/SSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. (Aug. 2000- July 2001). (Courses passed: Agriculture Economics, Regional Economics, Regional Geography, Environmental Economics, Political Economy, Methods of Regional and Social Analysis)

Masters in Economics: (First division with 72.2% marks). Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University (T.U.) Kirtipur, Kathamadu, Nepal, 1986-1988. Opt. Subjects.: Demography and Thesis (Tilte: Bonded Labour in Nepalese Agriculture).

Bachelors in Art :(2nd division, 59.7%), BhairahawaMultiple Campus, T.U., Nepal (1983-1985), Subjects: Economics and Nepalese Culture,History and Archeology (NEHCA).

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Shikshyasebi Samman by Gorge John Education Foundation, PN Campus, Pokhara, 2025.

Dirgha Sewa Padak, by Tribhuvan University, 2018.

Mahendra Vidhyabhusan 'Ka' by Nepal Government, 2005.

Research Fellowship, for M Phil and PhD study from University Grants Commission, Nepal during 2000 to 2004.

Full Fee Waiver for M Phil/PhD study form Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, during 2000 to 2004.

Nepal Rastra Bank Scholarship, during the study of Masters in Economics at Central Department of Economics, TU, Kirtipur, during 1986-1988.

Purna-Shanti Scholarship, during the study of Bachelor in Arts at Bhairahawa Multiple Campus, Shidhrthnagar, during 1984-1985.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2020 June 15 to 2023, Head of Department of Economics, Prithvi Narayan Campus, TU.

2015 April 15 onward, Professor of Economics, (Permanent), Tribhuvan University (TU), Prithvi Narayan Campus, Pokhara, Nepal.

2010 June to April 2015, Associate Professor (Permanent), Tribhuvan University, Prithvi Narayan Campus, Pokhara, Nepal.

1994 Dec. to June 2010: *Lecturer* (Permanent), T.U., P.N. Campus, Pokhara, Nepal.
 1990 to Dec. -1994: *Assistant Lecturer* (Contract), T.U., P.N. Campus, Pokhara, Nepal.
 1990 Aug.- Dec.1990: *Junior Research Associate*, Integrated Development System. Katmandu.

ACADEMIC WORKS AND INVOLVEMENT

Academic Involvement:

- **Member, Working committee**, Tribhuvan University Gandaki Chapter, 2026, Nominated by TU Executive council.
- **Member, QAA Technical Committee**, University Grants Commission, Nepal. 2024 May onward.
- **Peer Review Team Member**, QAA Division, University Grants Commission, Nepal, currently.
- **Member, Advisory Council**, Pokhara Metropolis, December 2022 onward.
- **Executive Member**, Economics Subject Committee, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, April 2022-2025.
- **Chairperson**, Department of Economics, and Member, Campus Management Committee, Prithvi Narayan Campus, July 2020 to 2023.
- **Member**, Economics Subject committee, Nepal Open University, Kathmandu, 2020 April to 2024.
- **Member**, Gandaki Pradesh Development Council, Nominated on August, 2019 by Gandaki Pradesh Council of Ministries.
- **Member**, Working committee for Determination of Gandaki University Structure and Working Module, Government of Gandaki Province, Nepal, January to April, 2075.
- **Member**, Working Committee, Specialty Hospitals Establishment in Gandaki Province, Nepal, May to June, 2075.
- **Expert Economist**, Working Team for Preparing First Five Year Plan of Machhapuchhre Rural Municipality, under Geonet Pvt. Ltd. 2076.
- **Expert Economist**, Working Team for Preparing First Five Year Plan of Madi Rural Municipality, under Geonet Pvt. Ltd. 2075.
- **Expert**, Working Team for Metropolis Profile and Poverty Mapping, Pokhara-Lekhnath Metropolis, 2074-2975.
- **Member**, Development and Social Engineering Subject Committee, Pokhara University, 2064 to date.
- **Member Secretary**, Research Committee and Coordinator, Research Management Cell, Prithvi Narayan Campus, Pokhara, BS 2068 to 1980.
- **Member**, P. N. Campus Working Committee, Building Strong University, Collaboration with Universities Denmark and Tribhuvan University, BS 2069-70.
- **Mentor**, Small Scale Research Projects, Social Inclusion Resource Center, P. N. Campus, Supported by Social Inclusion Research Fund. BS 2069-71.

Workshop/ Seminar Participation:

- Participated as Paper Presenter on International Seminar on “Unpacking the Concepts of Stability, Democracy and Rights: Conceptual Investigations”, Kathmandu 11-13 April 2012, Summit Hotel, Lalitpur, Collaboratively Organized by Universities Denmark and Tribhuvan University, Nepal.
- *Participated in Training Course on “Environmental and Natural Resource Economics”, 3rd – 20th May 2010, AIT Conference Centre, Pathumthani, Thailand, Organized by SANDEE (South Asian Network on Development and Environment Economics).*

- International Conference on “*Economics of the New Imperialism*” Organised by International Development Economics Associates, held at School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 22-24 January, 2004.
- *Participated and paper presented on “Workshop on Environmental Economics for Ph. D. Scholars”*, Organised by Ecological Unit, Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India, 9- 13 December 2002.

Research Projects:

- 2021 Principle Researcher, *Intergovernmental Relation in Gandaki Province, Nepal*, A Study report submitted to Gondaki Province Tranning Academy, Pokhara, Nepal.
- 2020 *Team member*, Auditing Report of Gender Sensitive Budgeting in Gandaki Province Nepal, Report prepared and submitted by School of Development and Social Engineering, Pokhara University, Pokhara, Nepal to Gandaki Province Policy and Planning Commission.
- 2019 *Review of Planning, Budget and Revenue policy at Local Level in Gandaki Province*, A study report submitted to Sayapatri Society Kaski.
- 2019 *First Five year Periodic Plan (2076/77-2080/81) of Machhapuchhre Rural Municipality, Kaski*, Nepal, Co-Author and Economist, GeonetPvt.ltd., Pokhara.
- 2018 *First Five year Periodic Plan (2075/75-2079/89) of Madi Rural Municipality, Kaski*, Nepal, Co-Author and Economist, GeonetPvt.ltd., Pokhara.
- 2018 *Madi Rural Municipality Profile*, Member of Working team, Geonet Pvt. Ltd.
- 2013/14 *Principle Researcher*, Research Team of Prithvi Narayan Campus, “Determinants of Intimate Partner’s Violence against Women: A Study of Western Hills, Nepal”. An Institutional Research Project awarded by UGC/Nepal.
- 2013 Principle Researcher, Quality Assessment of Family Planning Services: A Comparative Study between Baglung and Kaski Districts. A Research Project for Family Health Division, Ministry of Health, GON, on behalf of OIRED, Nepal, July 2013.
- 2001 “Role of Women in Agriculture: A Comparative Study of Western Hill and Terai, Nepal”. Research Report submitted to Dean’s Office, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, T.U., Kirtipur, Kathmandu. June 2001.
- 1998 “Socioeconomic Condition of TharuHaruwa Households: A Case Study of SaljhundiVDC, Rupandehi”. Research Report submitted to Research Division, T.U. Kathmandu; August 1998.
- 1998 “*Variation in Costs and Yields of Vegetable Farming: A Case Study of Malepatan, Pokhara*”. Research Report submitted to Research Committee, Prithwi Narayan Campus, Pokhara. (Co-researcher with S. N. Pandeya).

Research Papers Published in Professional Journals:

- 2021 “Beyond triple bottom line: 4Ps framework for the sustainability of the firms.” *International Journal of Export Marketing*, Vol. 4, No. 4, PP. 328-348. (Joint authorship with K.R.Bhandari, A. Thapa and B.Paudel).
- 2014 “Comparative analysis of pattern and trends of major deposits of Nepal SBI Bank and Everest Bank Limited”. *Pokhara Management Review*, No.5, January 2013.
- 2013 “Users’ status and variation in fuel wood Use: An analysis of evidences from Western Hill, Nepal”, *The Journal of Nepalese Business Studies*, vol. VIII, June 2013.
- 2012 “Pattern and determinants of consumption expenditure in Pokhara: An analysis of rural urban difference”, *The Himalayan Geographers*, vol 7, August 2012.
- 2012 “Role of community forestry in sustainable livelihood: Evidence from Bajung, Parbat”, *Economic Literature*, vol X, August 2012.

- 2012 "Issues and challenges of foreign employment and development in Nepal." *Pokhara Management Review*, No. 3, January 2012.
- 2011 "Nature and intensity of rural indebtedness in Syangja: A Study form ChinnebasVDC." *Pokhara Management Review*, No.2, January 2011.
- 2011 "Impact of economic factors on decision making power of rural Nepalese women entrepreneurs". *The Economic Journal of Nepal*, vol. 34 (4), Oct-Dec. 2011. (Co-authored with Deepak Raj Paudel)
- 2010 " Role of Remittance to Rural Household Economy: A Study of Western Hill Nepal." *Economic Literature*, vol IX, April 2010.(Co-authored with Sabitra Devi Regmi).
- 2010 "Interpretation of Research Findings: An Introductory Note." *Pokhara Management Review*, No. 1, January 2010.
- 2007 "Issues in Poverty Measurement: An Appraisal based on Existing Literature"; *Economic Literature*, Vol. VIII, May 2007.
- 2006 "Poverty Environment Linkages: An Appraisal based on Available Literature". *The Economic Journal of Nepal*, Vol. 29, No. 4, Sept.-Dec. 2006.
- 2005 "Forest Management System in Western Hill Nepal: A Study of Mahabharat Tract, Arghakhanchi District". *The Journal of Nepalese Business Studies*, Vol. II, No 1, Dec. 2005.
- 2005 "Dependency Theory in Development Discourse: A Review". *Himalayan Journal of Sociology and Anthropology*, Vol. II, 2005.
- 2004 "Patterns of Manufacturing Industries in Nepal: A National and Regional Analysis", *Economic Journal of Development Issues*, Vol 5, No 1.
- 2003 "Growth and Regional Variation of Major Crops in Nepal"; *The Economic Journal of Nepal*, Vol. 26, No. 3.
- 2001 "Bonded Labour System in Nepalese Agriculture: A Study on HaruwaSystem in Rupandehi", *Tribhuvan University Journal*, Vol. XXIII, No.1, June 2001.

REFEREES

Prof. Dr. AmitabKundu, CSRD, Jawahalal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Prof. Dr. Gunanidhi Sharma, Former Vice Chairman, NPC, Nepal

Prof. Dr. Nav Raj Kanel, CDECON, Kirtipur Campus, Kathmandu.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Gender: Male **Marital Status:** Married

Nationality: Nepali **Religion:** Hindu

Parent's Names: Mr. Maniram Bhattarai and Mrs. Gunabati Bhattarai

Area of Expertise: Development and planning/ Environment Economics/ Research

Language Proficiency: Nepali, English

Computer Knowledge: Word and Data processing and analysis (SPSS, STATA, Minitab, etc.)

Foreign countries visited: India, China, Thailand, Hong Kong China, Australia.

Membership: **Board Member and Advisor**, Sayapatri Society, Kaski (current)
Executive Member, NUTA, PN Campus Unit (1998-2000),
Executive Member: Nepal South Asia Center (NESAC), Kathmandu.
General Member: South Asian Network for Development and Environment Economics (SANDEE).