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NEGAAS TO CONVENE 34TH AGM

The 33rd Annual General Meeting of NEGAAS is to on Saturday, December 24, 2022 amidst a special function at Alfa House Banquet, Buddhanagar Kathmandu. At the outset, NEGAAS President Prof. Dr. Tanka Nath Dahmala will welcome chief guest, the Special Guests, Executive, and Life Members of NEGAAS. Following his welcome address, NEGAAS Secretary Er. Ravi Khanal is scheduled to present the progress report of 2022 and the tentative program for 2022 at the meeting. Then, Treasurer Er. Kalidas Neupane will put forward income and expenditure report of the financial year 2022/23. One of the highlights of the program is the release of NEGAAS News, an annual publication of the Alumni's Organization. As per the program of the meeting new members will be presented the certificate of Life Membership of NEGAAS. Prior to the discussion at the meeting, chief Guest-Mr. Gopal Prasad Sigdel, Secretary of Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport, Government of Nepal and special guest- Mr. Nirajan Khadka, Country representative of Erasmus Mundus Association Nepal will give special remarks.

NEGAAS-Nepali Samaj e.v.

NEGAAS and Nepali Samaj e.v. organized jointly four different webinars on four important current topics relevant to Nepali society. The webinars "Knowledge Transfer Between Nepal and Germany" opened a professional discussion on themes such as general information session about GIZ Nepal and NEGAAS; Waste management; Hydropower in Nepal and Fact based about Nijgadh Airport.

Organized by: Nepali Samaj e.v. Cooperation partners: NEGAAS and Diaspora 2030

ONLINE MEETING IN NEPALI LANGUAGE
Knowledge Transfer between Nepal and Germany

Dr. Dhaka Bhandari
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GIZ

Ravi Khanal
SECRETARY, NEGAAS

Saurav Koirala
GIZ KATHMANDU

Join our Zoom Meeting!
29th January 2022
09:00 - 09:30 NST /
12:15 - 13:45 German Time
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85464077653>
Meeting-ID: 854 6407 7653

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Topic: **Fact based discussion about Nijgadh Airport**
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निजगढ अन्तरराष्ट्रिय विमानस्थल

Dipendra Jha
DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
NIGGADH AIRPORT

Kashish Das Shrestha
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SENIOR PRINCIPAL
ENGINEER,
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Participant's, presenters and speakers expressed their views on those topics and suggested ways to improve situation in Nepal as per the standard norms of the topics concerned.



NEGAAS Supports for Women in STEM Program

NEGAAS supported the program organized by centre for natural and applied sciences related to “Capacity Building of Female researchers in STEM field in Nepal”

Specific topics discussed under the programs were: Info Session on DAAD scholarship, Writing the research proposal for scholarship and research grants and Info session on Erasmus Mundus scholarship.

Speakers such as “Dr. Babita Paudel, Dr. Shova Shrestha, Ms. Sheila Dangol and Ms. Rumi Singh Maharjan” spoke on various dimensions and procedures of DAAD scholarship.



One program focused on how DAAD supported professional and researcher in various ways under its cooperation.

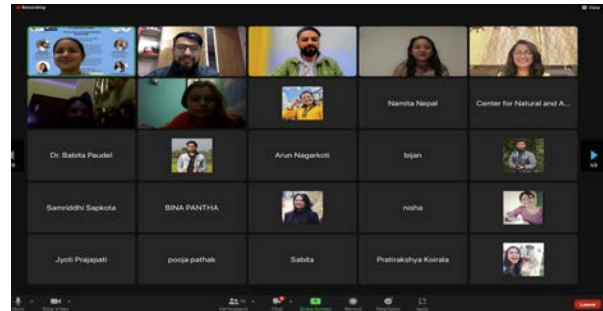
Three experts: Prof. Dr. Rameshwor Adhikari, Dr. Sanjeeta Sharma Pokharel and Prof. Hari Datta Bhattarai expressed their views on various research method and research goal for getting scholarship and grants.



There was one program specifically on Erasmus Mundus Scholarship.



Various researcher and scholars had joined the program. Two experts Mr. Nirajan Khadka and Dr.



Bhawana Kharel dwelt on purpose, procedures and approaches for getting Erasmus scholarship.

NEGAAS –Bidhan Amendment

NEGAAS under took various activities – regular and special – during 2022. One of them was amending the constitution of NEGAAS under the guidance of committee constituted by NEGAAS for the purpose. The amendment was done for coping with the challenges of changing times. One post –Joint Secretary was added to the number of executive members of the NEGAAS.

NEGAAS e- Journal 2021

A specific act of publication was introduced by NEEGAAS during the period it was related to publication of e-journal in place of previously published paper journal of the organization. Ten different articles by scholars and expert were contributed for the journal which is available in website. One features of the e-Journal was related

to the interview of senior member Mr. Santosh Birkarm Shah. The reports of the program undertaken under NEGAAS and GIZ have also been presented in the publication.

The editor in chief of the e-Journal is Prof. Dr. Tri Bikram Bhattarai.

NEGAAS Monthly Meeting

NEGAAS held monthly meeting during the period for discussion of various agendas related to

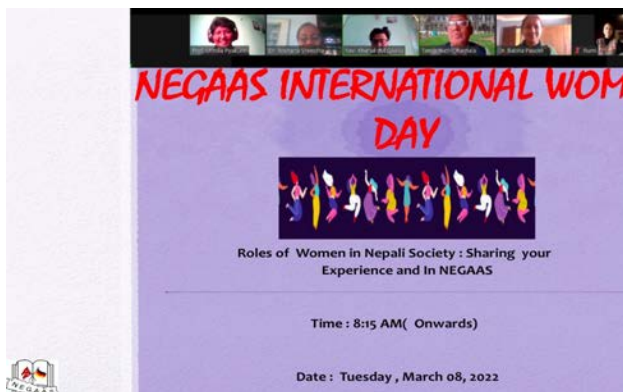
the organization and its activities. The meetings were in the modality – physical and virtual as per the convenience of the members and the office bearer



NEGAAS 's International Women's Day Celebration

NEGAAS organized a special program on women in the context of international women's day Program on March 8, 2022. It was in support of the

theme for International Women's Day, "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow"



upon policy makers in Nepal to make provision for gender equality and equity in all sectors of Nepali society for the benefit of Nepali women including particularly marginalized ones.

President, Prof. Dr. Tanka Nath Dhamala in his opening remarks highlighted the importance called

Various NEGAAS members such as: Dr. Roshana Shrestha, Former President of NEGAAS; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Urmila Pyakurel; Ms. Rumi Singh Maharjan; Dr. Babita Paudel - shared their experiences and knowledge on gender equality and

it's various dimensions in the light of Nepali Women's background.

equality in Nepal benefiting all women in 77 districts of the country.

NEGAAS secretary emphasis the need for directing governance and sustainability for ensuring gender

NEGAAS also participated in the program of German unity day observed on 27th September 2022 at German Embassy Kathmandu. The guest of the honour for the day was the Vice President of Nepal.

NEGAAS AT GERMAN EMBASSY



Program Migration and Diaspora (PMD) Activities - a NEGAAS project report handover to GIZ

The project- Program Migration and Diaspora- was one of the highlights of the activities organized in 2021 by NEGAAS in collaboration with Centrum für internationale Migration und Entwicklung (CIM) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Nepal. The report of the same was handed over to Ms. Pasma Dahal of CIM coordinator.



NEGAAS had presented special appreciation letter to country Director Dr. Elke Forester for the support and backing for the project granted to NEGAAS by GIZ Nepal on 31st May 2022.

NEGAAS Meeting with Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

NEGAAS offered a token of love to Dr. Judith Schildt and Ms. Franziska Lieblang from Alexander von Humboldt Foundation -Department of Sponsorship and Network, Asia Division, Germany at Central Department of Mathematics at Kritipur on 20th October 2022.



NEGAAS Who is Who

One of the highlights of 2022 was NEGAAS commencement of building Who is Who of our members of the organization.

Representing NEGAAS – German Embassy



NEGAAS, Secretary Er. Ravi Khanal also represented NEGAAS at GIZ returning expert program organized in German Embassy on 7th July 2022.

NEGAAS Member Achievement

Mr. Ganga Datta Nepal



He has successfully defended PhD Dissertation in Water and Climate Change and awarded Doctor title from Tribhuvan University of Nepal. For the study he he has received three different scholarships to attend short research course in Germany. Firstly, DAAD Re-Visit Fellowship Program at University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of

Civil Engineering, Detmold, Germany. Secondly, he participated in the foundation course on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation at Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany and thirdly Water Resource Management and Climate Change Adaptation CIPSEM course at Technical University of Dresden, Germany. Those Fellowships

and course has materialized his dream towards in-depth research on water and climate change, under the supervision of internationally renowned Professor in scientific manner; which has concreted my pathways PhD degree.

Additionally, on his leadership role successfully organized the Climate Change Induced Water Disaster: 'case of 2021 Melamchi River flooding Sindhupalchok' 1-6 Nov. 2022 Dhulikhel, Kavrepalanchok Nepal. There were 25 participants from DAAD Alumni from South and South East Asian Countries: Nepal, India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Indonesia and Vietnam. There were five local participants from Melamchi Municipality and Helambu Rural Municipality of Sindhupalchok. After six days of concentration and discussion on thematic groups and field visit, the workshop came-up with the result as a finding. Result is synchronized and published in a poster, the result is handed-over to the local and federal government of Nepal. It

was appreciated that the decisive factor to succeed the event is experience and leadership of program organizer. Participants were highly qualified scientists from the region, and have provided high level thought to come up with concrete findings.

Dr. Meghnath Dhamala



Dr. Meghnath Dhimal was nominated as a member of Expert Group of WHO South East Asia Region on Environment Determinants of Health and Climate Change, New-Delhi, India Also, he was nominated as a member of Wellcome Trust's Health Effects of Heat Interventions Advisory Committee, UK.

On the occasion of national science day, he has received the health sector's Science, Technology and Innovation Award of the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology, Government of Nepal from the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Nepal.

Nominated as a co-author for writing policy report and article on 10 New Insight in Climate Science (<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/global-sustainability/article/ten-new-insights-in-climate-science-2022/62C90D59C9F9890791B64762EAA06B8D>) and (<https://unfccc.int/event/10-new-insights-in-climate-science-2022>)

He also served as a Contributing Author of UNFCCC, IPCC sixth assessment report 2022 on Climate Change and Health. Similarly, he has Contributed 32 peer reviewed publications and 9000 citations in 2022 with a total of 24000 citations, h-index 42 and i-10 index 108.

Dr. Babita Paudel



In 2022, she received the prestigious Humboldt Alumni Award from the Humboldt Foundation Germany on the project- Capacity building of female researchers of the STEM field through networking to reduce the gender gap in Nepal. In addition in 2022, she received the “Women in Science and Technology” award from Nepal Academy of Science & Technology.

Similarly, she received travel grant from International Foundation for Science (IFS), Stockholm Sweden. She was invited by IFS as a panelist to discuss on the topic Decolonizing Science -Impacts, implications and recommendation in the recognition of the

UN’s World Science Day for Peace and Prosperity. Program was held in Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA) Stockholm on November 10, 2022.

In 2022, her team received a National Priority Research Grants on the project - Exploration of genetic diversity and nutraceutical potential of traditionally used wild edible fruits from Kaligandaki and Karnali river corridors. This project is funded by Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal and her role is as a Co-PI.

Er. Sandhya Regmi



International Consultant & Project Management Specialist Er. Sandhya Regmi worked in a senior position as Contracts Manager (from Jan 2020 to July 2022) in a 150 km long 'North-South Railway Construction Project in Manila, which is the

largest railway project in the Philippines. The project engages about 2000 experts, engineers and technicians from around 20 countries of the world, where she was the only Nepali engineer in this mega-structured project, which is worth USD

15.8 billion and is funded jointly by ADB and JICA. Sandhya was in-charge of the 2 Contract Packages, each amounting to approx. USD 340 and USD 400 million respectively, for construction of railways, deploying Japanese state-of-the-art technology (rolling stock), sky bridges, tunnels, airports, construction of huge depots on 33 hectares of land including underground railway stations as well as all buildings and stations equipped with security technology operated by automation technology.

Prof. Dr. Chandra Bahadur Joshi



Er. Ravi Khanal



Er. Ravi Khanal, Secretary of NEGAAS received a grant for participating on 85th UNEP/UNESCO/BMUV International short course on Environmental Management for

Er. Regmi successfully presented proposals to the United Nations Women's Guild (UNWG) in Vienna for the educational development of schools of the physically challenged in Nepal and was awarded 'UNWG Charity Grant 2022' and established a library in Khagendra New Life Special Education School in Jorpati in January 2022. She was awarded a 'Certificate of Honor' by the school for her contributions during the library inauguration ceremony. Currently, Sandhya is a Ph. D. Scholar at Lumbini Buddhist University.

Dr. Joshi as the Founder Secretary of Shree Ratna Pustakalaya, one of the vibrant public libraries in Nepal, have been felicitated by it for the contribution he has made so far to bring it to this height.

Developing Countries - Sustainable Cities (SC85) organized by CIPSEM (Centre for International Postgraduates Studies of Environmental Management at Technical university of Dresden as a full time online course.

Ar. Rupesh Shrestha;

Ar. Rupesh Shrestha was awardee Prize for scientific poster "Integrated Design and Planning Strategy for Flood Resilient Housing in Nepal"

Mr. Shrestha, life member of Nepal German Academic Association received a prize for his poster titled "Integrated Design and Planning Strategy for Flood Resilient Housing in Nepal"

at scientific conference - Day of Hydrology (Tag der Hydrology), which took place from August 30 to September 1, 2021 at the University of Potsdam, Germany. He received the poster prize during his research stay at University of Kaiserslautern, Institute of Water Management and Hydraulic Engineering.



NEGAAS wishes all the best to its member on the occasion of New Nepali Year 2079

NEGAAS wishes all the best to its member and German Community living in Nepal and abroad on the occasion of New Year 2022.

NEGAAS extends its cordial Thanks to following Office Bearers, Executive and Life Members for having hosted the regular monthly meetings of NEGAAS in 2021/2022

Obituary



NEGAAS expressed condolence to the Former President Mr. Surendra Dhakal on the demise of his beloved mother late Rama Dhakal and wished the departed soul eternal peace

Special Thanks

NEGAAS would like to express special thanks to the institutions mentioned below

German Embassy to Nepal	GIZ NEPAL
Diaspora 2030	Center for Natural and Applied Sciences
Goethe Zentrum Kathmandu	Central Department of Mathematics TU
Nepalese Alumni from Australia (ANAA)	Nepali Samaj e.v.
DAAD-Delhi	Centrum für internationale Migration und Entwicklung (CIM)
Humboldt Club Nepal	Erasmus Mundus Association Nepal

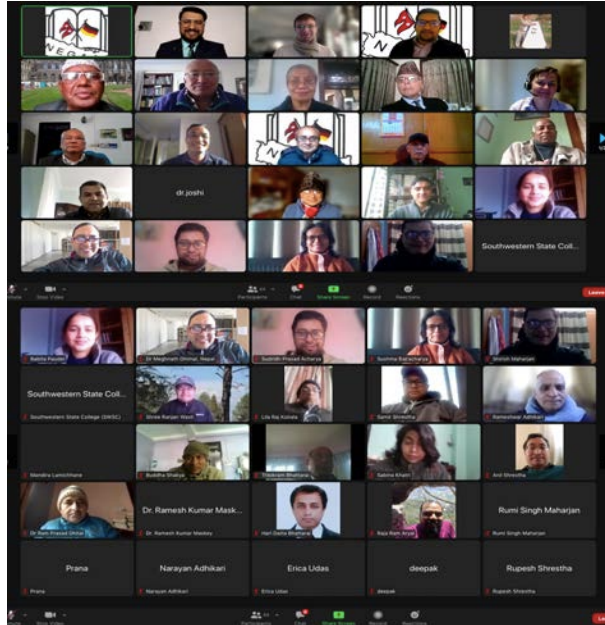
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 Dr. Katja Lasch, Director of DAAD-Delhi Regional office
 Dr. Judith Schildt, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation -Department of Sponsorship and Network, Asia Division, Germany
 Ms. Franziska Lieblang, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation -Department of Sponsorship and Network, Asia Division, Germany
 Mr. Sebastian Woitsch Director of Goethe Zentrum Kathmandu
 Mr. Dipendra Jha, Chief Attorney, Madhesh Pradesh
 Mr. Kashish Das Shrestha, 2019 National Geographic Explorer, Sustainable Development Policy Advisor
 Mr. Sachin Aryal, Msc in Environmental Protection, Hohenheim University
 Dr. Alka Sapkota, HOD, Himilayan Whitehouse International College
 Dr. Shova Shrestha, DAAD Alumni Soil Scientist, National Soil Science Research Center NARC
 Mr. Nirajan Khadka, Country Representative, Erasmus Mundus Association Nepal
 Dr. Bhawana Khakurel, Alumni Erasmus Mundus
 Dr. Sangeeta Sharma, JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow, Kyoto University Japan
 Prof. Hari Datta Bhattarai, Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University
 Mr. Shiva Adhikari, President Nepali Samaj e.v
 Ms. Pasma Dahal Jha, GIZ Nepal/ CIM
 Mr. Saurav Korala, GIZ Nepal/ CIM
 Mr. Jagu Bishunke GIZ Nepal/ CIM
 Mr. Bhim Kumar Shrestha, Hardik Business Support Pvt. Ltd

NEGAAS organized 33rd AGM

From the pages of history Nepal German Academic Association (NEGAAS) convened its 33rd Annual General Meeting on Saturday, January 08 2022 through ZOOM. In the meeting, the President of NEGAAS Prof. Dr.-Tanka Nath Dhamala welcomed the life member and the general Members of NEGAAS. The secretary of NEGAAS Er. Ravi Khanal, presented the achievement report and programs of NEGAAS for the year ahead. Treasurer Er. Kalidas Neupane presented income and expenditure for the financial year 2021/2022.



On the occasion, Guest of Honour distinguished Guests- Dr. Katja Lasch Director of DAAD-Delhi Regional office and Mr. Sebastian Woitsch Director of Goethe Zentrum Kathmandu wished the new team good luck and expressed confident over the new team's future work being more focused on the best utilisation of German Alumni for the benefit of various sectors of Nepal. They also appreciated the work undertaken by 2020/21 Executive Team for promoting the cause of NEGAAS.

Latest List of NEGAAS Life Members:

1. Mr. Daya Ram Acharya
2. Prof. Dr. Narayan Prasad Adhikari
3. Prof. Dr. Rameshwar Adhikari
4. Mr. Raja Ram Aryal
5. Ms. Sushma Bajracharya
6. Dr. Satish K Bajaj
7. Dr. Dambaru Raj Baral
8. Mr. Sambhu Dev Baral
9. Asst. Prof. Dr. Netra Lal Bhandari
10. Prof. Dr. Hari Datta Bhattarai
11. Prof. Dr. Pradeep Bhattarai
12. Prof. Dr. Tribikram Bhattarai
13. Mr. Yuba Raj Bhusal
14. Prof. Dr. Marcus Brem
15. Mr. Shambhu Charmakar
16. Mr. Amrit Chitrakar
17. Ms. Anita Chitrakar
18. Dr. Bhupendra Devkota
19. Mr. Surendra Dhakal
20. Prof. Dr. Tanka Nath Dhamala
21. Dr. Meghnath Dhimal
22. Dr. Ram Prasad Dhital
23. Mr. Dev Raj Gautam
24. Mr. Surendra Gautam
25. Mr. Bishal Ghimire
26. Mr. Hira Mani Ghimire
27. Mr. Madhab Raj Ghimire
28. Mr. Girija Prasad Gorkhaly
29. Er. Jeetendra Kumar Gurung
30. Prof. Dr. Shekhar Gurung
31. Prof. Dr. Chandra Bahadur Joshi
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33. Assoc. Prof. Rajendra Joshi
34. Dr. Rajendra K. C
35. Mr. Prachan Karanjit
36. Mr. Rajendra Kumar Karki
37. Mr. Shankar Prasad Kharel
38. Er. Sabina Khatri
39. Assoc. Prof. Lila Raj Koirala
40. Dr. Ajay Jung Kunwar
41. Mr. Rom Raj Lamichhane
42. Dr. Mandira Lamichhane Dhimal
43. Dr. Sunil Prasad Lohani
44. Er. Narendra Bhupal Malla
45. Prof. Dr.-Ing. Ramesh Kumar Maskey
46. Mr. Ganga Datta Nepal
47. Prof. Dr. Bharat Raj Pahari
48. Dr. Wolfgang Palz
49. Mr. Aatma Prakash Paneru
50. Er. Surendra Pandit
51. Dr. Mahesh Raj Pant
52. Prof. Dr. Tulsi Pathak
53. Dr. Babita Paudel
54. Dr. Chinta Mani Pokharel
55. Mr. Sunil Kumar Poudyal
56. Mr. Pramesh Pradhan
57. Mr. Rajendra Pradhanang
58. Mr. Krishna Hari Pushkar
59. Prof. Dr. Urmila Pyakurel
60. Prof. Dr. Novel Kishore Rai
61. Dr. Shashi S. Rajbansi
62. Er. Sandhya Regmi
63. Dr. Rishi Shah
64. Mr. Santosh Bikram Shah
65. Mr. Buddha Bahadur Shakya

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| 67. Mr. Prabin Raj Sharma | 93. Er. Ashok Ratna Tuladhar |
| 68. Dr. Anil Bahadur Shrestha | 94. Er. Sanjeev Kumar Raut |
| 69. Mr. Hari Kumar Shrestha | 95. Er. Ravi Khanal |
| 70. Dr. Kamal Krishna Shrestha | 96. Mr. Deepak Tolange |
| 71. Prof. Dr. Malakh Lal Shrestha | 97. Mr. Sabin Dhakal |
| 72. Ar. Buddha Shrestha | 98. Er. Ajay Sharma |
| 73. Mr. Narayan Bahadur Shrestha | 99. Mr. Sanjit Shrestha |
| 74. Mr. Nitesh Shrestha | 100. Er. Kalidas Neupane |
| 75. Dr. Roshana Shrestha | 101. Er. Heeraman Waiba |
| 76. Ms. Rubika Shrestha | 102. Er. Sarad Mainali |
| 77. Ar. Rupesh Shrestha | 103. Mr. Buddhi Narayan Shrestha |
| 78. Dr. Samir Shrestha | 104. Prof. Dr. Jyoti Upadhyaya Devkota |
| 79. Ar. Sharmila Shrestha | 105. Mr. Abhinab Kadel |
| 80. Dr. Saroj Krishna Shrestha | 106. Mr. Shree Ranjan Wasti |
| 81. Mr. Shanker Kumar Shrestha | 107. Dr. Menuka Maharjan |
| 82. Prof. Sharada Shrestha | 108. Ar. Prana Shrestha |
| 83. Dr. Shiva Shrestha | 109. Ar. Rumi Singh Maharjan |
| 84. Mr. Simon Shrestha | 110. Er. Sudridh Prasad Acharya |
| 85. Ms. Sulochana Shrestha Shah | 111. Ms. Erica Udas |
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| 89. Mr. Prithbi Man Thapa | 115. Ms. Oshin Sharma |
| 90. Dipl.-Kfm. Ram Pratap Thapa | 116. Mr. Kishor Prasad Bhatta |
| 91. Mr. Ram Singh Thapa | |

New Member Included

1. Ms. Oshin Sharma
2. Mr. Kishor Prasad Bhatta

NEGAAS expressed thanks to all those who contributed to various program undertaken by the organization during 2020-2022. NEGAAS has a great appreciation for what they did during the period to enhance the cause of the organization.

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