

DARPANGATHA

REFLECTING, IMPACTING & SUSTAINING



Reflecting for Change, Engaging for Impact, Sustaining for Better World



Welcome to the second edition of Darpangatha! This biannual newsletter by Shikharapur CLC aims to reflect, connect, and engage by sharing inspiring stories and updates from the past six months. Through Darpangatha, we bring you success stories, project reflections, and progress highlights from across CLC's initiatives.

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- To inform the public about the events and completed tasks.
- Engage and update the readers of the newsletter.
- To collect feedbacks and ensure to inculcate them.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Shikharapur CLC Infographics
- Inspiring Stories of Shikharapurian
- General Assembly of SCLC
- Open School Movement
- Collaboration with Government
- Initiatives on Gender Equality, Women Empowerment, Skill Development and Climate Action



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SHIKRAPUR CLC

INFOGRAPHICS 2024

Capacity Building

- 46 national interns
- 11 international interns
- 32 staff/board members trained
- 40 youth received specialized training

Education & Training

- Open School Participants 36 in Grade 10 & 30 in grade 8
- 9 residential students
- 13 training programs conducted
- 502 total youths trained
- 1,076 students from different colleges visited Shikharapur

Community Outreach

- Awareness campaign reaching 550 individuals
- 3 women received matching grants
- 3 official visits of CLCs conducted

Projects and Research

- Completed 1 baseline study
- 1 Project Impact Assessment Study
- Managing 2 active projects
- Well facilitated resource center

Lalita Lamichhane

FROM STUDENT TO LEADER - A JOURNEY OF DEDICATION, GROWTH, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Photo: Lalita Lamichhane in front of ONGD-FNEL Office in Luxembourg

At Shikharapur Community Learning Center, we are fortunate to have passionate and dedicated individuals like Lalita Lamichhane, whose journey from a student of open education to a leader and advocate for community development is nothing short of inspiring. Lalita's story is one of perseverance, self-growth, and a deep sense of commitment to education and community empowerment.

Lalita's connection with Shikharapur Community Learning Center goes back to her own days as a student at the Open School. Having faced challenges in accessing conventional education, Lalita turned to open education, which proved to be a turning point in her life. This platform gave her the opportunity to learn at her own pace and build the skills she needed to thrive. Her experience as a student not only shaped her perspective but ignited a passion for education and community service.

Lalita's transition from a student to a leadership role at Shikharapur has been remarkable. As the Field Coordinator of Climate Action, Open Education and Sustainable Agriculture Project funded by ONGD-FNEL Luxembourg, she has become a source of inspiration for many. Her work includes organizing programs that enhance the skills and capacities of learners, ensuring that education is accessible to everyone, regardless of their background.



One of her most notable roles has been as the Coordinator of Shikharapur Open School. Under her leadership, the Open Education Promotion Program has expanded, providing more people with the opportunity to pursue their education. Lalita has not only been instrumental in guiding students but has also played a pivotal role in expanding the reach of the Open Education Program, bringing more participants into the fold through door-to-door campaigns and outreach efforts.

Lalita's dedication to education and sustainable development has also taken her beyond Nepal's borders. She had the incredible opportunity to represent Shikharapur CLC as the Open School Coordinator at the Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Weeks 2024 in Luxembourg. This international exposure allowed her to gain valuable insights into global best practices for sustainable education and brought back fresh perspectives to further strengthen Shikharapur's programs. Her participation in this prestigious event highlighted her role as a global ambassador for open education and community development.

Throughout her career, Lalita has remained committed to improving her community. Whether through field visits, creating reports, or engaging in social initiatives, she works tirelessly to address the community's needs. Her leadership extends beyond education, with a strong focus on improving livelihoods and social well-being through awareness programs, workshops, and community-driven solutions.

For Lalita, Shikharapur CLC has been more than just an institution—it has been a platform for self-growth, leadership, and empowerment. As a leader, Lalita continues to be a guiding force in the community, working to improve access to education and create opportunities for all. Her dedication to open education and community development serves as a model for others, demonstrating how passion, hard work, and resilience can lead to meaningful change.

We invite you, our readers, to share your thoughts and suggestions on what more Shikharapur CLC can do for the community. Your input is invaluable, and we look forward to embracing your ideas as we continue our mission to empower and uplift the people of our community.

SHIKHARAPUR OPEN SCHOOL: INSPIRING LEARNING YOUTHS

Shikharapur Community Learning Center organized a successful training program for the students in grade 10 and basic levels at Shikharapur Open School. The event aimed to motivate students and develop their skills for future success. The program, chaired by Shyam Bahadur KC and attended by guest speaker Vinod Mahat, principal of Shikharapur Open School, also included a motivational animation and fun games for the students.



Special sessions were led by resource persons like Shashi Sharma Aryal, Kishorman Shrestha, Lalita Lamichhane, and others. Successful alumni shared their experiences, and students visited local businesses, including a demo farm and a pheasant farm, to learn about entrepreneurship.

Special thanks were given to Shyam Shrestha for assisting with the field trip and Usha Karki for hosting the students at her pheasant farm.

This training is part of the learning center's mission to inspire young minds and encourage entrepreneurial thinking for a better future.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SCLC



Mayor Mohan Basnet inaugurating the general assembly

The 18th Annual General Meeting of Shikharapur Community Learning Center was successfully held in presence of Chief Guest Mr. Mohan Basnet, Mayor of Dakshinkali Municipality. The event showcased the year's activities and financial report, while also providing Rs. 25,000 in support to Champadevi Open School. Additionally, three entrepreneurial farmers received diesel tractors under the ONGD-FNEL Youth Women Entrepreneurship Agriculture Project's 60:40 Matching Grant fund. The gathering included the mayor, deputy mayor, ward chairpersons, department heads of education, agriculture, and livestock, and other stakeholders, who commended the community's efforts and emphasized continued collaboration. The meeting concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from Chairman Shyam Bahadur KC.



Secretary Nisha Bisunke sharing annual report

SPECIAL EXPOSURE

LIVING MOUNTAIN LAB VISIT

Empowering Farmers with Sustainable Agriculture Practices

Shikharapur Community Learning Center (SCLC) organized a one-day observation visit to the "Living Mountain Lab" at ICIMOD, Godavari, on Mangsir 27, 2081. The program aimed to enhance farmers' knowledge of sustainable and climate-friendly agriculture techniques through practical exposure.

Program Highlights: The visit included 48 participants, such as progressive farmers, women farmers, students, and representatives. Key observations included:

- Mushroom Cultivation: Techniques for Shitake and Oyster mushrooms using compost.
- Kiwi Farming: High-yield practices producing 40-60 kg per plant.
- Hydroponics: Soil-less farming with nutrient-rich water.
- Solar Irrigation: Efficient systems pumping 12,000 liters of water.
- Sustainable Storage: Cost-effective, electricity-free cold chambers.

Participants also explored biodiversity, plastic-free environments, and techniques for farming on sloped terrains.



Entrepreneur Farmers and Students at ICIMOD

Outcomes and Recommendations: The visit provided valuable insights into innovative agricultural methods, fostering collaboration among participants. SCLC plans to make such programs an annual event, expand participation, and conduct post-visit evaluations to improve impact and effectiveness.

EMPOWERING GIRLS WITH SELF-DEFENSE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

On December 10th, SCLC, in partnership with ONGD-FNEL Luxembourg, organized a self-defense training program for over 500 girls in Dakshinkali Municipality as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence.

Led by the Academy of International Self Defense (AISD), the training equipped girls with practical self-defense techniques, boosting their confidence and resilience. The event, attended by local dignitaries, emphasized the importance of life skills education in creating a safer and more equitable community for women and girls.

This initiative aligns with SCLC's commitment to promoting gender equality and empowering individuals to succeed in life, reflecting the shared vision of ONGD-FNEL.

<https://youtu.be/w7-NpXH9Tuw>



EMPOWERING FEMALE FARMERS IN DAKSHINKALI MUNICIPALITY



Power Tillers Distributed to Women Farmers in Dakshinkali

Shikharapur Community Learning Center (SCLC), with support from ONGD-FNEL Luxembourg, gave power tillers to three women farmers in Dakshinkali Municipality. This was part of the Youth and Women Sustainable Agriculture Project, which aims to support women in farming. Before the distribution, SCLC worked with the Agriculture Department to assess the needs of women farmers. A matching grant model was introduced, where the project paid 60% of the cost, and the farmers paid 40%. The Agriculture Department helped choose farmers who could use the equipment effectively.



The power tillers were handed over during SCLC's Annual General Meeting on December 26, 2024. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and other local leaders attended the event. The farmers who received the power tillers were Binita Dangol Balami, Sunita Lama, and Basanti Kunwar. These machines will help them save time, grow more crops, and earn more money. This effort not only supports the farmers but also helps their communities grow stronger.

A BASELINE STUDY REPORT ON INTERRELATIONSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE RESILIENCE, AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION OF DAKSHINKALI MUNICIPALITY, KATHMANDU AND INDRASAROWAR RURAL MUNICIPALITY, MAKWANPUR

This report examines the challenges and opportunities within Nepal's agricultural sector, focusing on key themes identified through Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and Key Informant Interviews (KIIs).

Nepal's agricultural sector faces significant challenges despite its potential for sustainable growth. Recent research through focus groups and interviews reveals that farmers struggle with limited access to modern tools and training, while climate change impacts like irregular rainfall and extreme weather events threaten crop yields. Water scarcity and soil degradation further compound these issues.

The study recommends implementing climate-resilient practices, including drought-tolerant crops and improved irrigation systems. It also emphasizes the need to address market inefficiencies and gender disparities that affect smallholder farmers. Key recommendations span individual, institutional, and national levels, focusing on expanding agricultural services, improving infrastructure, and strengthening sustainable agriculture policies.

These changes could transform Nepal's agricultural sector into a resilient system that ensures food security while supporting environmental and socio-economic development.



Ms. Pravina Amatya, President, NUSAN, sharing her insights

WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE: IMPACTS AND FUTURE LEARNING

On November 12, 2024, the SCLC, in collaboration with ONGD-FNEL Luxembourg, NUSAN, and Indrasarovar Rural Municipality, successfully organized a one-day workshop on "Climate Change: Its Impacts and Future Learning." The event, held at the Indrasarovar Rural Municipality Hall, brought together around 40 participants, including local officials, farmer and women's group members, security personnel, and community representatives.



Key discussions focused on the environmental and agricultural impacts of climate change, including soil fertility loss, unseasonal rainfall, and the need for sustainable farming practices. Resource person Mr. Sagar Koirala highlighted actionable solutions such as promoting indigenous seeds, reducing greenhouse gases, and adopting alternative energy sources.



The program, chaired by Mr. Shyam Bahadur KC, emphasized collaboration between local governments and communities to address environmental challenges. Chief guest Mr. Dev Krishna Pudasaini called for proactive policies and citizen awareness to mitigate the growing threats of climate change. This interactive workshop marked an important step in fostering community resilience and sustainable development in the region.

PROJECT IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Ms. Manushi Giri and Mr. Paulas Shrestha led an independent assessment. This involved discussions with the project team, focused group discussions with beneficiaries, stakeholders, and local representative. Field visits were conducted to assess real impact.



SCLC: Empowering Rural Communities

SCLC empowers youth, women, and farmers in Shikharapur through sustainable development initiatives. This Impact Assessment Report of “Agricultural Entrepreneurship Development and Open School Education for Women and Youth” project guided by the Logical Framework Approach, evaluates the center's success in achieving its objectives:

- Expanding education and employment for rural youth.
- Enhancing agricultural productivity and food security.
- Fostering gender equality.

Key findings include:

- Positive Impact: Increased adoption of sustainable farming, improved incomes, and greater community ownership.
- Success Factors: Community-led programs, effective training, and strong stakeholder engagement.
- Challenges: Logistical delays and resource limitations.

The report highlights the transformative impact of SCLC's work and emphasizes the importance of community-led approaches, effective resource management, and addressing gender disparities for successful rural development.



CELEBRATING COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION: MARIA BELÉN ZAMBRANO BERMEO'S VISIT TO SCLC

On November 14, 2024, the Shikharapur Community Learning Center (SCLC) was honored to host Maria Belén Zambrano Bermeo, Nepal Projects Manager. Maria's visit highlighted the dynamic partnerships between SCLC, ONGD-FNEL, and local stakeholders, focusing on education, sustainability, and community empowerment.

At the heart of her visit was the Sheshnarayan office, where Maria was introduced to the transformative Open School program. This initiative, dedicated to marginalized communities and school dropouts, impressed Maria with its innovative approach and commitment to inclusivity.

Maria's journey continued to the eco-friendly Bottle House, where she engaged with entrepreneur farmers and residential students. Witnessing firsthand their dedication to sustainable farming and entrepreneurship, Maria praised the project as a beacon of creativity and resilience. "The Bottle House exemplifies how sustainable practices can drive community transformation," Maria remarked, inspired by the project's impact.

The visit culminated in Phakhel, Makwanpur, where Maria toured newly acquired land destined to become a hub for sustainable farming and biodiversity conservation. Funded by Luxembourg's Ministry of Environment, Climate, and Biodiversity (MECB) through ONGD-FNEL, this project embodies SCLC's commitment to sustainable development and community resilience.

Maria's reflections on SCLC's initiatives echoed a shared commitment to global sustainability goals, emphasizing the power of innovation and collaboration in driving lasting positive change. Her visit underscored the transformative impact of partnerships in creating a brighter future for communities in Nepal.

As we reflect on Maria's insightful visit, we celebrate the ongoing journey of collaboration, innovation, and community-driven development at SCLC.



EMPOWERING PARTNERS: WORKSHOP ON IMPACT EVALUATION AND M&E TOOLS



On November 22, 2024, ONGD-FNEL hosted a workshop in Pokhara, bringing together representatives from partner organizations across Nepal. The workshop focused on impact evaluation, logical framework development, M&E tools, report writing, and case study preparation.

Participants learned practical strategies, including designing SMART indicators, conducting thorough evaluations, and crafting compelling reports. The event fostered collaboration and provided tools to make projects more efficient and impactful.

The serene atmosphere of Pokhara enriched the learning experience, highlighting ONGD-FNEL's commitment to empowering communities through effective development initiatives.



A JOYFUL TEEJ CELEBRATION: COMMUNITY AND TOGETHERNESS AT SHIKHARAPUR LEARNING CENTER

On September 4th, 2024, Shikharapur Community Learning Center (CLC) celebrated a vibrant Teej special program, showcasing the rich cultural traditions associated with this important festival.

Various groups under the CLC came together to organize a day filled with performances, traditional music, and dance, highlighting the significance of Teej in promoting women's empowerment and solidarity. Participants adorned in colorful traditional attire shared stories and songs that reflect the spirit of the festival, fostering a sense of community and joy among attendees.

The program also included discussions on women's rights and roles in society, emphasizing the importance of education and empowerment. Overall, the event was a resounding success, bringing together diverse voices and reinforcing the bonds of community.



"A WOMAN'S STRENGTH COMES FROM HER ABILITY TO LEAD, CREATE, AND MAKE CHANGE ON HER OWN TERMS."



**Introductory
meeting with
new program
manager at
ONGD FNEL**

**"Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so much."**

– Helen Keller

NEW LAND ACQUISITION FOR AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT!

We are thrilled to announce the recent purchase of a 10 Ropani land at Makwanpur, Ward No. 4, Fakhel, marking an important milestone in the growth of the Shikharapur Community Learning Center. This acquisition, made possible through the funds raised by ONGD-FNEL, will serve as the foundation for our future agricultural development initiatives.

The newly acquired land will host a variety of educational projects designed to provide hands-on learning experiences for students. In collaboration with the nearby Kalika Agriculture School, we aim to foster a dynamic learning environment where young students can gain practical knowledge in agriculture. The project will also feature residential homes for students, offering a space for them to live and learn.

With a focus on modern agricultural practices such as tunnel farming and sustainable crop management, the land will serve as an interactive farm where students can gain firsthand experience. Our vision is to make this site the best place for students to receive practical training and develop essential skills for a successful future in agriculture.

In preparation for the project, road construction has been completed, and a baseline survey has been conducted, laying a solid foundation for the upcoming activities.

We are excited about the opportunities this new land will provide for both the students and the community, and we look forward to watching the Shikharapur Community Learning Center grow into a center of excellence for agricultural education!

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KALIKA SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL INDRASAROWAR



Kalika Secondary School is a government school located in the beautiful Phakhel region. It's a special school that offers classes in agriculture for students in grades 9 to 12. The school is supported by the local government and aims to become a leading institution in agricultural education.

Kalika Secondary School is excited to partner with the Shikharapur CLC-ONGD-FNEL project. This partnership will help improve agricultural education and create valuable opportunities for students and the community.

Drone Shot of Kalika Technical School



International Students- Windeshiem Honor's College, Netherlands



The "Managing Projects for Sustainable Development (MPSD)" program at Windesheim Honors College took a group of five BBA students (Vivi, Sem, Maud, Fenna, and Prisca) on a transformative journey to Nepal. They engaged in hands-on research across various agricultural sectors, studied the impacts of floods on local farmers, and explored sustainable farming practices focused on soil health. Their experience included working at the Shikharapur Community Learning Center on ongoing projects, as well as staying with a Newari family in a traditional village, where they gained deep cultural insights through interactions, learning about Nepali cuisine, language, and society.



Viviane Fischer's thoughts:

My time with SCLC will always be cherished. From our initial contact over Teams in the Netherlands to the final moments in Nepal, the experience was incredibly welcoming. The SCLC staff were kind, supportive, and always ready to assist, which was crucial in conducting our research to support local farmers. We fondly remember the shared lunches, field visits, hikes, and events that allowed us to immerse ourselves in the vibrant Newari and Nepali culture. We were even invited to a graduation ceremony and had the opportunity to experience a Christian church service. On behalf of the entire team, I express deep gratitude for this unforgettable experience and wish SCLC the best in bringing their future ambitions to life.

Sem Huisintveld's Thoughts:

The last few weeks in Pharping were truly unforgettable for our project team. We were eager to start, and from day one, we were welcomed with warmth by the staff and local team, making us feel immediately included. This allowed us to dive into our research and project work with confidence, always feeling comfortable asking questions. Activities such as visiting schools and participating in SCLC's weekly initiatives further immersed us in the local culture, helping us quickly feel at home. The efficiency and responsiveness of the SCLC team in organizing our schedule and planning our time in Pharping made everything smooth and enjoyable. Working with SCLC and being part of the Pharping community was an incredibly valuable experience, one we will always remember.

EXAM ANXIETY AND STRESS MANAGEMENT SESSION FOR KALIKA SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Shikharapur Community Learning Center (CLC) organized an insightful session on Exam Anxiety and Stress Management for the dedicated students of Kalika Secondary School, Makwanpur, who are currently residing at the CLC for their Secondary Education Examination (SEE) preparation. The session aimed to equip students with strategies to manage stress and anxiety during this crucial time.

The program featured expert guidance from resource persons Ms. Sanskriti, Ms. Sony, and Ms. Anusuya from St. Xavier's College. Their valuable support and advice provided the students with practical tools to handle exam-related pressure, ensuring they can perform at their best.



WORKSHOP ON CV WRITING, PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT, AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS AT SHIKHARAPUR OPEN SCHOOL

On 21st August 2024, a valuable workshop was recently conducted at Shikharapur Open School, organized by social work trainee students from St. Xavier's College, Maitighar. The workshop provided our students with essential lessons on CV writing, personality development, and leadership skills, equipping them with the knowledge and tools necessary for personal and professional growth.

The interactive sessions offered practical insights and techniques to help students build strong resumes, enhance their communication, and develop leadership qualities—skills crucial for their future success.



Interns from St Xaviers' College, facilitating a workshop

A NEW DIMENSION IN WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP



-AUGUST 12, 2024

In an event organized by the Bottle House Women Entrepreneurs Farmers' Group, also known as the Women Entrepreneurs and Livestock Farmers Group, the "Organic and Biofertilizer Production Study and Resource Center" was inaugurated on August 12, 2024. The launch, which also marked the beginning of vermicompost production, took place in the presence of Shyam Bahadur Khatri, the Ward Chairperson of Dakshinkali Municipality Ward No. 5, as the chief guest.

The event was chaired by the group's president, Apsara Bisunke, and the special guests included Executive Member Suresh Basyal, Shikharapur SASIKE Chairperson Shyam Bahadur KC, municipal members Shrijana Bisunke and Madan Kumar Maharjan, along with technical experts from the Agriculture and Livestock Development Branch of Dakshinkali Municipality. After the formal program, a training session was provided to the entrepreneurial farmers.



THAMES STUDENT AT SCLC

On August 9th, Shikharapur Community Learning Center (CLC) welcomed an enthusiastic group of students from Thames International College. This initiative brings together learning and volunteerism, allowing students to apply their knowledge in a practical setting while contributing to the local community. The collaboration highlights the commitment of both institutions to fostering passionate learners who are eager to make a positive impact.

ORIENTATION ON NATIONAL CURRICULUM FORMAT FOR INFORMAL EDUCATION



Shikharapur Community Learning Center held an orientation program on the national curriculum format for informal education on Wednesday, Ashadh 19, 2081, at the Shikharapur Campus Hall.



The event was inaugurated by Mohan Basnet, Mayor of Dakshinkali Municipality. Key attendees included Basanti Tamang Dangol, Deputy Mayor of Dakshinkali Municipality, Janardan Rijal, Head of Education at Dakshinkali Municipality, Dev Krishna Pudasaini, Chairperson of Indrasarovar Rural Municipality, and Neelkantha Dhakal, Director of the Center for Education and Human Resource Development, who participated as a guest and resource person.

PILOTING A NEW TEST TOOLS OF INFORMAL EDUCATION



Shikharapur Community Learning Center successfully prepared and administered the test tools based on the curriculum for informal education provided by राष्ट्रिय योग्यता प्रारूप (National Qualifications Framework) to individuals aged 15-60. The tests were conducted from 2081/3/12 to 2081/3/16 with active participation from the participants.

The assessments covered five learning areas, including practical problem-solving, health and creativity, social behavior and values, language communication, life and technology, based on prior learning.

The program was monitored and inspected by Laxman Dahal, an Officer (Grade 8) from the Education Department of Dakshinkali Municipality.

3-MONTH BEAUTICIAN TRAINING CONCLUDES IN DHADING

On July 7, 2024, the second group of a 3-month beautician training program, organized by the Vocational and Skill Development Training Center in Gajuri, Dhading, in coordination with Shikharapur Community Learning Center, concluded successfully with a ceremony.

Shyam Bahadur KC, the center's President, chaired the event, with Purushottam Pandey, the Head of the Vocational Training Center, as the chief guest. Participants who completed the training were awarded certificates in recognition of their achievements.

Shikharapur activist and Rukmini Foundation Chairperson Shashi Sharma Aryal, Shikharapur Open School Coordinator Lalita Lamichhane, and lead trainer Subhadra Khadka extended their best wishes for the participants' future careers. The program was moderated by Nisha Bisunke, Secretary of Shikharapur Community Learning Center.

The training was held at the Agricultural Study Resource Center building in Shikharapur.



GRADUATES OF BEAUTICIAN TRAINING

SHIKHARAPUR CLC AND RUKMINI FOUNDATION JOIN FORCES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN NEED

On July 30, 2024, Shikharapur Community Learning Center (CLC), in collaboration with the Rukmini Foundation, made remarkable strides in supporting students during crucial times. The collective efforts of many generous supporters, these initiatives have provided much-needed assistance to students facing educational challenges.



The collaboration focuses on offering resources, mentorship, and financial aid to help students continue their education and overcome obstacles. Photos from the event showcase the dedication and selfless work of the teams involved, highlighting the positive impact being made on the lives of students who truly need support. Both organizations remain committed to their mission of empowering young learners and ensuring that no student is left behind.

SHIKHARAPUR CLC LEADS COMMUNITY EFFORTS ON INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY 2024



SHIKHARAPUR CLC PERFORMS AT INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY 2024

On September 8, 2024, Shikharapur Community Learning Center (CLC) proudly took part in the main event of International Literacy Day 2024, organized by the Education and Human Resource Development Center. The celebration, held under the esteemed presence of Hon. Education Minister Vidya Bhattarai as the chief guest, brought together various organizations dedicated to promoting literacy and education across the nation.

Shikharapur CLC's team had the unique opportunity to present the compelling play "Vidya Dhanam Sarva Dhanam Pradhanam," which highlighted the significance of free and compulsory education for all. The thought-provoking performance resonated with the audience, reinforcing the idea that education is the greatest wealth anyone can possess. The play aligned perfectly with the event's theme of advocating for accessible education, leaving a lasting impression on the attendees.

On September 8, 2024, Dakshinkali Municipality, in collaboration with Shikharapur Community Learning Center (CLC), organized a vibrant morning rally to reaffirm the commitment to compulsory and free education. The event brought together local representatives, social workers, schools, colleges, monasteries, and community groups, showcasing community solidarity in supporting education as a fundamental right.

Later, Shikharapur CLC participated in the main celebration organized by the Education and Human Resource Development Center, featuring a performance of the play "Vidya Dhanam Sarva Dhanam Pradhanam" in the presence of Hon. Education Minister Vidya Bhattarai. Together, the rally and the play underscored the vital role of education in community development, with heartfelt thanks to all participants for their contributions to a successful celebration.



DAKSHINKALI'S COMMITMENT TO FREE EDUCATION

On September 9, 2024, Dakshinkali Municipality, in collaboration with Shikharapur Community Learning Center, held a public orientation to announce its commitment to compulsory free education. Chaired by Mayor Mohan Basnet, the event featured insights from Janardan Rizal, Director of the Education Branch, and contributions from Dr. Dhruv Raj Regmi from UNESCO Kathmandu and educationist Bidyanath Koirala. The program concluded with the mayor's remarks on the significance of Literacy Day and future directions for education, attended by local representatives, school leaders, and educational stakeholders.



PRIME MINISTER

K.P. SHARMA OLI VISITS SHIKHARAPUR'S STALL

During the National Education Day 2081 main ceremony held at the Army Officers Club in Bhadrakali, Shikharapur Community Learning Center (CLC) actively participated by displaying and selling a variety of locally produced goods from its income-generating groups. The products, including organic produce, handmade crafts, and other locally sourced items, represented the collective efforts of the women and youth involved in Shikharapur's livelihood programs.

A highlight of the event was the visit from Honorable Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli, who took time to observe the Shikharapur stall, appreciating the initiative and the impact of the community's efforts. The stall not only showcased the center's commitment to skill development and economic empowerment but also created networking opportunities for the community.

Alongside Shikharapur, Uchai Community Learning Center also had a stall, further enhancing the diversity of products and contributions to the event. The participation of both centers reflected a shared commitment to education, entrepreneurship, and community growth.



Secretary Nisha sharing about entrepreneur's program to PM

OPEN SCHOOL SYSTEM

“Learning as a continuous phenomenon” Open School is an institution to provide alternative educational service for school dropout youths together with mothers of different age groups. Shikharapur Community School is the Mother School of Open School that provides basic and secondary level open education and for school dropouts from various backgrounds and settings.



BOTTLE HOUSE

Bottle house is an architectural innovation built entirely from recycled glass bottles. More than 9000 discarded glass bottles were utilized in the process. SCLC aims to establish more eco-friendly innovations and further advance this foundation.



SHIKHARAPUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND CAMPUS

Shikharapur Community School and Campus are the other foundations together with SCLC. The institutions provide formal education to the students with well equipped classes and trained teachers. The school and campus are technology friendly and have become model educational institutes for Pharping.



SCLC INITIATIVES

AGRICULTURE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE (ALRC)

The ALRC is an extension to the Shikharapur Sustainable Farmer's School with the vision to provide bigger, permanent space and infrastructure to provide more expertise and sustainable support for farmers and rural youth and to expand services to wider population. This project is supported by Dakshinkali Municipality, Bagmati Province and ONGD-FNEL, Luxembourg.



SKILL DEVELOPMENT

The SCLC utilizes local resources to develop entrepreneurship skills by working with youths. Training for organic farming, crop cultivation, computer classes, digital literacy are some of the programs conducted in this foundation. SCLC collaborates with CTEVT, Skill Development Line Agencies and Municipalities for conducting such trainings over the year.



STUDENTS' RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

The students' residential program is specifically designed for those who want to persistently continue their education but are unable; due to some hindrances like inaccessibility of schools/colleges, distance of school/college from their home. SCLC provides a platform for students and help them gain different entrepreneurial and vocational skills. This program is under ONGD-FNEL supported Youth and Women Agriculture Entrepreneurship project.

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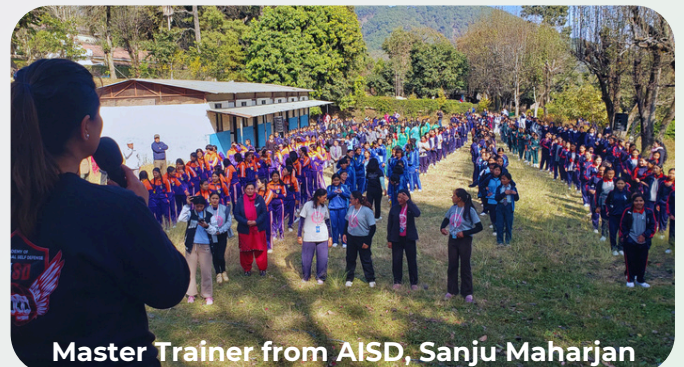
THIS IS THE DARPANGATHA'S PHOTO WALL REFLECTING THE SUCCESSFUL STORIES THAT ARE EMBROIDERED IN SCLC.



Matching Grant recipient farmer



Training of open school participant



Master Trainer from AISD, Sanju Maharjan



Training of farmers at Bottle house



Youths capacity building



St Xavier's Students celebrating St. Ignatius Day



Students of HICAST at Bottle house

DARPANCHHAYA



Meeting with Hon. Minister of Education Ms. Bidhya Bhattarai



CLC Leaders meet Hon. Minister of Education



Learning visit participants from college



Farewell Event of Shikharapur Community School



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Exposure of Open School Participants



Exposure of Open School Participants



Motivational Session of Open School Participants



Motivational Session for students of Kalika School

DARPANCHHAYA



Open School Participants



Visitor Students from Thames International College



Training of Open School Participants



Girls Empowerment Exchange Visit from Hamro Palo



Facilitating Top Student of Open School



Monks in Open School



Key Informants Interview- Ward no. 7 Chairperson



Guiding the inters at Shikharapur...



Fr. Bobby, Director of Loyola Campus felicitates Mr. Niroj, Director of SCLC



Students at work, WHC, Netherlands at ALRC

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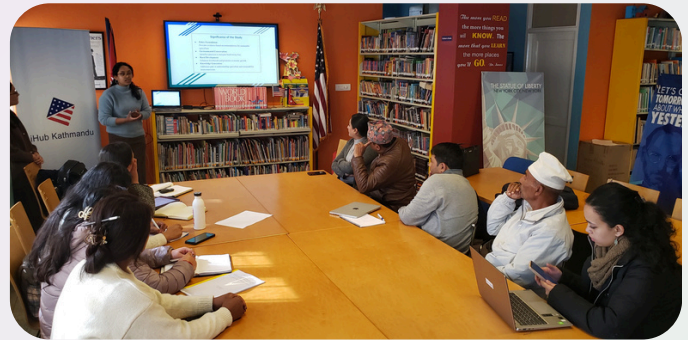
Shikhrapur CLC supports Champadevi Open School



Regular meeting of SCLC/Open School



Sarina sharing her task during Debriefing Meeting



Divyanti sharing her task during Debriefing Meeting



Chairperson of Dupcheshowr Rural Municipality at SCLC



Team of Share and Care Nepal at SCLC



Visitors Team from Dupcheshowr Rural Municipality at SCLC



SCLC Beneficiary Team at ICIMOD, Godawari



Field Visit and monitoring of Matching Grant Recipient Farmer, Talku



Field Visit and monitoring of Matching Grant Recipient Farmer, Simpani

“IF NOT HERE, IF NOT NOW, IF NOT ME,
THEN WHERE. THEN WHEN. THEN WHO.”



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500+ students line up for mass training of self defense through Zumba by AISD

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