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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

- **LLM (Criminal Law and International Law), National Law College, Tribhuvan University** (2017 - 2019, Pursuing)
- **LL.B, Kathmandu School of Law, Purbanchal University, (2010-15)**
- **10+2, Global College of Management, Higher Secondary Education Board (HSEB), (2008 - 2010)**

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- **Youth Advocate** at Habitat for Humanity International Nepal for Habitat Young Leaders Build 2017. Habitat for Humanity Young Leaders Build is an Asia-Pacific regional initiative. As a Youth Advocate I was assigned to train young people to volunteer on construction and non-construction areas, raise awareness and help them to speak out in support of decent housing for all
- Recipient of **Larry Bucher CONTACT Scholarship and Paula Green Peace Leadership Scholarship** to attend Spring 2017 Semester of CONTACT Peacebuilding Training and Education in South Asia Program, organized by SIT Graduate Institute, School of International Learning, Vermont, USA

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Project Coordinator at Nepal Peacebuilding Initiative, November 2018 -

- Work as a facilitator and trainer to build the capacity of young people, media and local government officials in conflict resolution, mediation and reconciliation.
- Develop, coordinate and implement project activities in the project districts.
- Establish and maintain relationships and partnerships with key GoN institutions, civil society organizations and international partners at the state level.
- Represent NPI in senior level meetings with government officials, partners and international actors
- Contribute to funding proposals and donor reports to program funders.

Training and Outreach Officer at Collective Campaign for Peace (COCAP), November 2017 to October 2018

- To conduct trainings on how to use the NepalMonitor.org system and security for Human Right Defenders in the field and manage its preparation and logistics.
- To facilitate & accompany the peer learning approach for Women Human Rights Defenders.
- To develop the schedules, manuals and dissemination of materials for training on Human Right Defenders related topics.
- Working on the development of public relations material.

- To provide security, protection and relocating the HRDs in risk and provide legal aid to the victims of human rights violations
- To prepare final report of the trainings and field activities

Program Officer at Women's Rehabilitation Center (WOREC), April 2017 to November 2017

- Working to prevent violence against women, its causes and consequences in 14 districts of Nepal.
- Designing campaigns to ensure economic, social and cultural well-being of women as well as other marginalized groups by promoting their access to rights and social justice.
- Legal representation in court to prevent trafficking of women and children and advocate for the rights of survivor.

Lawyer/Partner at Niraula Legal Service Centre, February 2016 till date

- Clients' representation in District Court, High Court and Supreme Court of Nepal.
- Involved in Litigation, Arbitration, Consultancy, Legal research and Mediation responsively and effectively in order to provide professional and effective legal solution.
- Practicing Banking, Commercial, Labour, Family, Property, Real Estate and Criminal Laws focusing on financial crimes and fraud.

General Secretary at Young Women for Change, January 2017 till date

- To conduct the advocacy sessions with young women at various colleges in Kathmandu.
- To conduct the workshop to train the young women and build awareness and capacity on topics such as, violence against young women, young women's rights, sexual and reproductive health rights, disability and young women, and advocacy skill development.

Legal Consultant at Prakriti Resources Centre, 9 May 2016 to 13 May 2016

- Reviewed and analyzed the existing National and sectoral legislations and policies of Nepal and prepared a policy document on Ratification of Paris Agreement. This work was the part of study undertaken by PRC in implementing international climate change agreement called Paris Agreement and the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) of Nepal.

Junior Associate at Neupane Law Associates 15th July 2015 to 15th January 2016

Neupane Law Associates is a leading international business and dispute resolution law firm based in Kathmandu <http://www.neupanelegal.com>

- To carry out company incorporation, contract drafting, trademark licensing, shareholders' agreements and foreign investments.
- To review and manage corporate communications for various clients.
- To develop good understanding of issues relating to Company Incorporation, writing legal opinions, manufacturing, media, trading, and energy industries.

Facilitator, Rapid Accountability Review (RAR), CARE Nepal Earthquake Emergency Response Program 18th August to 29th August 2015.

- To conduct field research and focus group discussion among the community of 5 VDC's of Dhading district. These communities were most affected by the devastating earthquake. This Rapid Accountability Review (RAR) was conducted under CARE's Humanitarian

Accountability Framework (HAF).

Legal Intern National Judicial Academy April 10, 2014- September 18, 2014

- Attended as an assistant in training, conferences, workshop, seminar, symposium, interaction program for the purpose of enhancing knowledge and professional skills of Nepalese judges, judicial officers, government attorneys and private law practitioners.
- Involved in research at the field of law and justice and assisted in preparing the legal literature and documents of scholarly to judges, judicial officers and others who are involved in judicial administration.

ENGAGEMENT AS TRAINER

- **Trainer** on “Female Youth Leadership Development Camp 2018” on the topic “Legal Status of Women in Nepal” and “ Female Youth and Leadership”, organized by Youth Advocacy Nepal at Dhulikhel on 20th March 2018.
- **Facilitator** on a Panel Discussion on the topic “Gender Equality in property and adequate housing for all”, organized by Habitat For Humanity Nepal, on 17th April 2017 at Hotel Yak and Yeti, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- **Trainer** on Youth Workshop on Human Rights on the topic “Constitution and Human Rights”, Jointly organized by Amnesty International Nepal, Nepal Youth Network, and Kathmandu Imperial Leo Club. On 3rd April, 2015, Friday at Kings College, Babarmahal, Kathmandu and On 24th April 2015, Friday at White House International College, Baneshwar
- **Trainer** on Youth Interaction Program on the topic “Why Youths for Human Rights”, organized by Amnesty International Nepal, Nepal Youth Network, on 11th December 2014, Kathmandu.
- **Trainer** on the youth workshop on human rights on the topic “Sexual and Reproductive Rights as Human Rights”, organized by Amnesty International Nepal, Nepal Youth Network, on 5th July 2014, Kathmandu.

ENGAGEMENT AS PANELIST/SPEAKER

- **Panelist** at “Sexual Assault Awareness Program” organized by Nepalese Medical Student’s Society, Tribhuvan University, Institute of Medicine on 20th April 2018, Kathmandu Nepal.
- **Panelist** at “National Women Empowerment and Equality Policy Conference”- women with vision 2016. Presented on “Legal Status of Women in Nepal” held on 27th August 2016, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- **Panelist** at Panel discussion entitled “Women: Born Winners” An empowering session organized on the auspicious occasion of International Women’s Day 2017 held on 8th March 2017, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- **Panelist** at Panel discussion entitled “Ethical and Legal Aspect of Nursing: Challenges and Opportunities” held on 15th February 2017, Lalitpur, Nepal.
- **Panelist** at Second Janakpur Youth Conference on “Quality Education in Janakpur” held on 25th October 2016, Janakpur, Nepal.
- **Paper presentation** entitled “A Study on impact of budget in prisons of Nepal” in XIV International seminar on Economic, Politics and Civil Society organized by Delhi School of professional Studies and Research, held on January 2-3, 2013 at New Delhi, India.

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOPS:

INTERNATIONAL

- Selected to attend and represent Nepal in Annual workshop of South Asia Reproductive Justice and Accountability Initiative (SARJAI) Organized by Center for Reproductive Rights (Asia Program), held on 16th to 19th May 2018 at Kathmandu, Nepal. The conference was attended by 25 Lawyers from different countries of Asia.
- Participated as Chief Judge of International Criminal Court (ICC) committee at Pamir International Model United Nations (PIMUN) 2017 Organized by Youth Thinker's Society from 10th to 12th August 2017 at Afghanistan Civil Service Institute, Kabul, Afghanistan.
- Selected to attend and represent Nepal in CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION ACROSS CULTURES, CONTACT Peacebuilding Training and Education in South Asia Program, held on January 23-February 3, 2017 at Kathmandu, Nepal organized by SIT Graduate Institute, School of International Learning, VT, USA.
- Selected to attend and represent Nepal in Asia Pacific Youth forum 2016 “Youth and Mountains in Sustainable Development goals” Organized by ICIMOD, 27th- 30th September 2016. Conference was attended by 34 Youth from 16 Countries.
- Participated in 10th Community Based Adaptation (CBA) Youth Conference on “Youth Mobilization to enhance urban Community resilience, 26th-27th April, 2016, North-South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Participated in NUST International Model United Nations (NIMUN) 2016 as a delegate representing Nepal which was held in Islamabad, Pakistan from 19th – 22nd January 2016.
- Participated in South Asian Youth Conference 2015 as a delegate representing Nepal, which was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 11th to 15th December 2015.
- Participated in Youth Champions: An Advocacy Institute for Safe Abortion Rights, organized by Asia Safe Abortion Partnership from 29th September to 1st October 2015 at Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Attended as assistant at Justice institute to combat gender based violence, domestic and sexual violence in Nepal organized by Vital Voices Global Partnership and AEquitas: The prosecutor’s resource on violence Against Women, August 5-8. 2014 at Kathmandu Nepal.
- Participated in DTP training on Promoting and Protecting Human Rights of Migrant Workers from Nepal and South Asia from 18th to 22nd September, 2013, organized by Pravasi Nepali coordination committee (PNCC), Diplomacy Training Program and Migrant Forum Asia held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Participated in the Special National Jamboree- 2007 for centenary year of Scout movement at Rajarhat, (2nd Kolkata Township), West Bengal from 2nd to 7th January 2007 as a member of the Nepal contingent held in Kolkata, India.

NATIONAL:

- Participated in Risk Management Safe and Effective Development Training organized by Risk Management Office (RMO), GIZ and UKaid on 18-21 September, 2018, Lalitpur
- Participated in Foundation of Appreciative Inquiry Training, organized by Eastern Research Institute of Positive Science on 25-26 February, 2017, Kathmandu.
- Participated in “Young Women Caucus”- Young Women Consultation for Beijing +20, Young women for Change, organized by mid -Wifery Society of Nepal on 31st January 2015,

Kathmandu.

- Participated in Youth Interaction Program on “Impunity, Justice and Human Rights in Nepal” Organized by Amnesty International Nepal on 11th December 2014, Kathmandu.
- Participated in two days training workshop on Arbitration Law and Practices in domestic and international cases organized by Nepal International ADR Centre on November 6-7, 2014, Kathmandu.
- Participated in Regional Workshop on Maternal health and Sexual and Reproductive Rights Organized by AI Nepal from 7-8 February, 2014 in Bhaktapur.
- Participated in the Interaction Program on “Democratic Political Culture of mutual appreciation and logical criticism on 6th September 2016, organized by Youth Initiative Nepal.
- Participated in National Youth Mela 2013 organized by Amnesty International, Nepal February 15-17, 2013, Pokhara, Nepal.
- Participated in Law Reform Competition 2012 organized by Nepalese Law Students Association in collaboration with food first information action network (FIAN), Nepal.
- Participated in Third annual National Law students Conference on “Reforming Legal Education in Nepal” 14th-16th May 2012, Bhaktapur.
- Participated in TOT Program Organized by VLSJ (Volunteers Of Social Justice) and NSNJ (National Society Of Nepalese Jurist) on The Topic “CIVIC EDUCATION”, 2012.
- Participated in TOT and Research on 'Transitional Justice and Combating Impunity Research' Organized By Office Of The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and Kathmandu School of Law 2011.
- Participated in Training the Trainers Program organized by Kathmandu School of Law, 10-11th December 2010 and facilitated school/college based advocacy and education campaign for the project promoting transitional justice and combating impunity in Nepal.
- Participated in a “Training workshop on Campaign on Human Rights” Organized by Amnesty International Nepal, 17th-18th June 2010, Banepa.

VOLUNTARY ENGAGEMENT:

- **Advisor**- Janakpur Youth Network August 2016- Ongoing
- **Founder President** at Kathmandu Imperial Leo Club since January 14, 2015 to July 18, 2016.
- **Founder Coordinator** at Amnesty International Nepal, “Nepal Youth Network” from 15 June 2012 till 11 June 2016.
- **Organizer** for Youth Interaction program “An affront to the conscience of humanity: Enforced disappearance in Nepal, organized by Amnesty International Nepal, Nepal Youth Network, held on 17th September 2014, Kathmandu.
- **Organizer:** “Need of democratic political culture for youth of diverse Milieu”.
- Volunteer in the second Annual National Law Student’s Conference, 11th-13th, 2011 organized by Nepalese Law Student’s Association (NeLSA).
- Youth Network member of Amnesty International Nepal since March 2009.
- **Troop Leader** from 2004 to 2007 at Occidental Scout troop, Nepal Scout Organization.

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