

## CURRICULUM-VITAE

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### Professional Summary

I am working as an Assistant professor of community forestry at Institute of Forestry under Tribhuvan University, Nepal and currently on a study leave to pursue PhD in Forestry at the same University. I am doing my PhD in the Topic, “Role of Buffer Zone Community Forests in Forest Products Supply and Biodiversity Conservation”. Study site is confined in the Bardia National Park Buffer Zone, Western Terai Landscape, Nepal. I have confined my PhD study on the governance and equity issues of Buffer zone management particularly focus on buffer zone community forest perspectives.

Prior to academic responsibility, he has more than twenty-five of professional experience on government, non-governmental as well as international development organizations. He has published number of research articles and also participated number of national and international conferences and seminars inside the country and abroad to present contemporary research papers related to different aspect of forestry. Community based forest governance; *development, livelihoods & conservation nexus* are the key areas of interest.

### Personal Information

Nationality	Nepalese
Date of Birth	25 December,1974
Place of Birth	Tulsipur Sub-metropolitan City-11, Urahari, Dang, Nepal
Civil Status	Married with Mrs. Bandana Sharma
Gender	Male
Dependents	Four (Mother, spouse, daughter and son)

## Academic Qualification

S.N.	Degree Received	Merits or Honors	Academic Institution
1.	Master of Science in Forestry (2007)	First Division (77.4%)	Tribhuvan University Institute of Forestry, Pokhara, Nepal
2.	Bachelor of Science in Forestry (2002)	First Division (62.2%)	Tribhuvan University, Institute of Forestry, Hetauda, Nepal
3.	Technical Certificate Level in Forestry (1995)	First Division (62.2%)	Tribhuvan University Institute of Forestry, Hetauda, Nepal
4.	School Leaving Certificate (SLC) (1991)	First Division (67.71%)	Amar Secondary School, Urahari Dang (Board of Examinations, MOE, Nepal)

## Publications

- **Acharya, K. R.**, Parajuli, R., Devkota, B. P., & Silwal, T. (2025). Buffer Zone Community Forestry in Nepal: Achievements, Challenges, and Governance Implications. *International Journal of Forestry Research*, 2025(1), 7727845.
- Ojha, P., **Acharya, K. R.**, Subedi, A., & Regmi, S. (2023). Impact of silviculture system on regeneration status and species diversity: reflection from far-western lowland, Nepal. *Banko Janakari*, 33(2), 24-37.
- Rajbanshi, B. K., & **Acharya, K. R.** (2023). Exploring the Potentiality of Ecotourism in Betana Sinsar Community Forest, Koshi Province, Nepal. *Forestry: Journal of Institute of Forestry, Nepal*, 20(1), 12-24.
- Khadka, S., Ojha, P., Yadav, V. K., Rijal, P., Joshi, H., & **Acharya, K. R.** (2023). Public Perception and Institutional Involvement in Urban Forestry Development in Dhangadhi Sub-Metropolitan City, Sudurpaschim Province, Nepal. *Forestry: Journal of Institute of Forestry, Nepal*, 20 (1), 95-111.
- **Acharya, K. R.**, Dahal, K. P., Bhusal, P., Adhikari, B., Dahal, B., Pandit, P., & Gyawali, A. R. (2023). Understanding the relationship between community forest user group and local government in changing federal context of Nepal. *Journal of Institute of Forestry, Nepal*, 88.
- **Acharya, K. R.** and Adhikari, R. (2022). Impact of Leasehold Forestry for Livelihood Improvement of Local Poor and Restoration of Degraded Forest in Makwanpur District, Bagmati Province, Nepal. *North American Academic Research*. 5(8), 16-22. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7032812>
- Kharel, R., **Acharya, K. R.**, & Gautam, A. (2021). Regeneration status and diversity under irregular shelterwood system: A study from Panchkanya Community Forest, Sunsari, Nepal. *Forestry: Journal of Institute of Forestry, Nepal*, 18(01), 41-51.
- Pandey, K., Paudel, G., Neupane, A., **Acharya, K. R.**, & Adhikari, S. (2021). Status of invasive alien plant species in Urban Forest of Hetauda, Nepal. *Journal of Institute of Forestry, Nepal*, 107.
- **Acharya, K. R.** (2020). Women Leadership for Sustainability of Community Forest User Groups: A Gender Perspective. *Advances in Social Sciences Research Journal*, 7(10).
- Sharma, P., & **Acharya, K. R.** (2020). Economics of *Cinnamomum glaucescens* (Nees.) Drury in Western Terai Region of Nepal: A Value Chain Perspective. *Forestry: Journal of Institute of Forestry, Nepal*, 17, 102-117.
- **Acharya, K. R.** (2018). Effectiveness of Plantation Programs in the Chure and Tarai Regions of Nepal. *Oct. Jour. Env. Res*, 6(3), 107-114.

## **Professional Experience Existing Responsibility**

March, 2023 to continue

PhD in Forestry<sup>1</sup>  
Tribhuvan University/Institute of Forestry

January, 2017 to Continue

Assistant Professor  
Institute of Forestry (IOF)  
Hetauda Campus, Hetauda, Nepal<sup>2</sup>

### **Assigned task**

- Teaching and research on community Forestry, biodiversity conservation particularly human dimension on conservation and climate change for Bachelor and Master's degree at IOF.
- Support thesis work for Master's and Bachelor's level and conduct independent research on community forestry, climate change and value chain development of bio resources.

### **Past Experience**

June, 2015 to December, 2016

Forest & Watershed Management Expert  
GoN/President Chure Terai Medhesh Conservation  
Development Board<sup>2</sup>

### **Assigned responsibility**

- Managed research and program support unit as a responsibility of unit chief at Lamki Cluster representing far-western / mid-western region of country.
- Planned forest and watershed management scheme on integrated river system management approach
- Identified suitable income generating activities especially focusing on green job, forest-based enterprises and commercialization of NTFP and recommend to the stakeholders
- Initiated & Supported research and innovation, project designing and master plan preparation for Chure Conservation.

December, 2014 to May, 2015

Area Program Manager cum Climate  
Change Adaptation and Forestry Expert  
IDS-Nepal<sup>3</sup>, Multistakeholder's Forestry Program

### **Assigned Responsibility**

- Lead and managed area team and provide overall strategic direction and technical support to the program in Lot VI (Dailekha, Kalikot, Jajarkot, Achham and Bajhang)
- Supervised staff and support for their performance appraisal and development
- Ensure uniformity on financial and administrative systems across district complying with the MSFP Internal Control System and fiduciary risk reduction framework
- Ensured gender, social inclusion and equity and mainstreaming it in all planning and implementation process

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<sup>1</sup> [www.iof.edu.np](http://www.iof.edu.np)

<sup>2</sup> [chureboard.gov.np](http://chureboard.gov.np)

<sup>3</sup> <https://idsnepal.org>

- Provided technical expertise to DFOs on sustainable forest management and climate change adaptation
- Support to prepare climate change adaptation plan; its linkage with sustainable forest, tree and NTFP management
- Conducted training and coaching on group management, active forest management, soil and water conservation etc.

August, 2011 to December, 2014      Program Officer (Value Chain Development)  
 Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)  
 GmbH, Inclusive Development of Economy Program<sup>4</sup>

**Assigned Responsibility**

- Provided advisory services to the meso- level organization including public, private and cooperative and their associations and networks for pro-poor value chain intervention on selected agribusiness
- Coordinated amongst Public, Private and Civil Society for effective implementation of the program
- Ensured a synergetic cooperation with the other output of the program and with other actors in the value chain
- Developed the ToRs for hiring the consultant to perform specific task for the projects.
- Documented the learning and contributed to the knowledge management of GIZ
- Project development for fund outsourcing in close coordination with program management

March, 2010 to July, 2011                  District Program Officer  
 Livelihoods and Forestry Programme (LFP)

**Assigned Responsibility**

- Lead to implement LFP strategy on sustainable forest management (SFM) in the district with providing strategic direction and technical advice/support to district forest office (DFO) and other district level NGOs and partners including FECOFUN and Himawanti
- Developed the session plan, training materials and conduct trainings related to sustainable forest management and climate change mitigation and adaptation to DFO and PNGOs staff and CFUG members
- Technically supported village forest coordination committee (VFCC) for preparing local adaptation plan of action for climate change (LAPA)
- Documentation and knowledge management supported

July, 2007 to March, 2010                  Program Support Officer  
 Bio-diversity Sector Program for Siwalik & Terai (BISEP-ST) Nepal

**Assigned Responsibility**

- Supported district forest coordination committee (DFCC) Unit to prepare annual plans, taking district forest sector plan (DFSP) as a base, and revise multi-annual plan (DFSP) following participatory approaches focusing on community livelihoods, and social inclusion in the forestry sector
- Developed ToRs and selection of service providers in order to implement approved program

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<sup>4</sup> [www.includenepal.org](http://www.includenepal.org)

- Facilitated NGOs and other district partners to implement social mobilization, social inclusion, gender & women empowerment, livelihood promotion, IGA and Forestry (NTFPs) related trainings in a partnership approach
- Facilitated to the CFUG & NGO's to institutionalize the public audit

November, 1995 to July, 2005      Park Ranger<sup>5</sup>  
 Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Nepal

### Assigned Responsibility

-Worked in different protected areas in the responsibility of Park Ranger under the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Babarmahal, Kathmandu, Nepal.

### Assigned Projects

- Feasibility study for NTFPS based enterprises development in Dolakha, Chitwan, and Humla district. Inclusive Development of Economy Program, Government of Nepal (2013).
- Local Adaptation Plan of Action Preparation for 7 Municipalities in Dailekha district. Adaptation for smallholders in hilly areas (ASHA) project (2018).
- Capacity Building of Local municipalities and DFO staff in Terhathum District, Nepal. Enhancing capacity for sustainable management of forests, land and biodiversity in the Eastern Hills (FLB- EH) (2025).

### Language Skills

- Nepali- Writing, Reading and Speaking is excellent (Mother tongue)
- English- Writing, Reading and Speaking is proficient
- Tharu - Reading and speaking is good.

### Computer & other skills

Microsoft Office Package (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) Email and Internet.

**Country visited:** India, China, Germany, Italy and Vatican City

### Referees

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<sup>5</sup> [www.dnpwc.gov.np](http://www.dnpwc.gov.np)

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