

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION NEPAL

# Newsletter

## GREEN SCHOOLS IN NEPAL



This issue covers our activities from January–June 2019 and it has been an exciting first half of the year. WCN moved to a new location at Dhapasi Height. We are all geared up with old and new partnerships for new ventures and ideas.

WCN partnered with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) to reach out to all the community schools of Nepal to initiate green activities in their respective schools.

WCN is working with three municipalities (Budhanilkantha, Gokarneswor and Shankharapur) to develop an innovative local curricula comprising of local environment, economics and culture.

Our Climate Action unit has been active in building the capacity of community forests user groups in Nawalparasi and Chitwan. Mass tree plantations were conducted. We are excited and trying our best to achieve our vision. We look forward for your support.

## WCN TEAM

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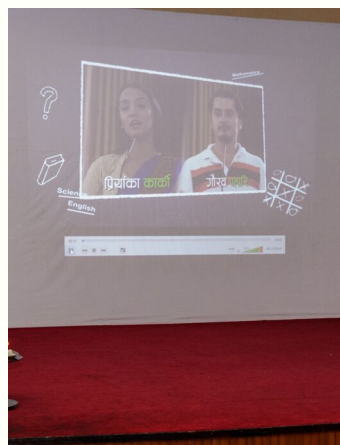
# GREEN SCHOOLS IN NEPAL



Amidst a massive gathering at Rastriya Sabhagriha, Kathmandu on the eve of World Environment Day, June 4, 2019 Honorable Minister for Education, Science and Technology (MOEST) Mr. Giriraj Mani Pokhrel launched the Green School Resource Handbook, a joint publication of Centre of Education and Human Resource Development (CEHRD) and WCN.

The Green School Resource Handbook has been published by Nepal Government, based under the Government's Green School Directive 2075 formulated to involve and have every school in Nepal to undergo green initiatives. In order to promote the concept of the Green School Directives a short movie was developed with the support provided by Danish Forestry Extension (DFE) and WCN. Written by Abhimanyu Niravi and directed by Rajesh Biswakarma featuring Priyanka Karki, Gaurav Pahari and Child artist Ashray Paudel, the movie is filmed by Shubha Media House Pvt. Ltd. The movie will be telecasted in the national television and will also be screened in 100 schools of Nepal. Likewise the movie will be shared through MoEST and WCN's official web pages and social media and will also be promoted through YouTube to reach out all over Nepal.

During the event "Green Schools in Nepal" honorable minister also presented the certificate of appreciation to Ratnanagar Municipality, Chitwan, 28 schools under Nepal Ma Vi Resource Centre, Chitwan and 6 schools of Khaireni Ma Vi Resource Centre, Chitwan and Gosaikunda Gaonpalika, Rasuwa and 15 Schools of Rasuwa for successfully implementing local curriculum in their respective schools since 2069 BS.





# ECO SMART SCHOOLS

## Eco Smart Certification Program

The Eco Smart member schools, Creative Academy, John Dewey, Ace School, Triyog High School, Kaasthamandap Vidhyalaya, Sunrise Boarding School and Bina's Keta Keti Bari, successfully completed their yearly activities on the theme "Adopt an area" and were certified with a Yellow star.

Several school garden activities such as let's learn about soil, seed sowing, transplantation, harvesting, salad making, cooking with fire were conducted facilitated by Nature Interpreters, Facilitators and Volunteers. WCN partner schools were awarded with the certificates for completing their activities under five year five star certification program.



Also awarded during the event were grantees of WCN Eco Smart School Projects 2018 who had successfully completed their projects.

This year each school is working on the theme "water" combined with School Garden Program. School Garden program was launched in 2018 and to give a continuation to it WCN is working on integrating water theme with it. WCN NPP team together with its volunteers are conducting regular classes every week in each school. The volunteers meet once a week to discuss the progress and plan their activities.

# CLIMATE ACTION

## Reducing vulnerability to climate change through natural resource management

WCN in support with Danish Forestry Extension (DFE) and in partnership with Himalayan Bio Trade Pvt. Ltd. (HBTL), Bio-synergy and Skovyderne is implementing the project entitled “Reducing vulnerability to climate change in rural Nepal by supporting local business development based on forest-land-management-renewable energy initiatives” in 10 Community(CF) of Nawalparasi district, 1 CF along with 2 CF as associates of Chitwan district of Nepal to promote a model for regional environmental well-being through viable green enterprises.

Under this project an eco restoration program was conducted in Panchakanya CF, Chitwan and Chisapani CF, Nawalparasi where high value multipurpose trees and fodder plants were planted. A total of 6000 saplings were planted. In addition to 82 bio gas units, 28 more units were also installed in Nawalparasi district to support the households in the daily lives contributing as an alternative to fuel wood stoves.



Eight women groups of seven community forests are actively involved in the cultivation and harvesting of medicinal aromatic plants (MAP) under this project. In regards to this the existing three distillation units installed at Chisapani CF (2) and Daunne Devi CF (1) was renovated to increase the capacity of the units

On June a consultation program was also conducted to seek inputs from the project stakeholders and recognize the gaps so that WCN and its partners can move forward to consolidate learning for future purposes. The consultation was facilitated by third party, Biruwa Advisors Pvt. Ltd. During the interaction potential opportunities available for incorporating entrepreneurship and private sector engagement for future endeavors were also identified





# CELEBRATIONS

## Tokha Children's Literature Festival – “A Reader Today Is A Leader Tomorrow”



On Feb 23, 2019, Triyog High School organized an event "Tokha Children's Literature Festival", a festival of literature and arts in collaboration with Nepal Prakriti Pathshala, Kathalaya and Tokha Municipality. The event aimed in promoting interest of students to both English and Nepali literature and to cultivate reading and writing skills in school children. WCN also conducted a storytelling sessions. Ms. Sanjeevani Yonzon Shrestha, Director, WCN participated in the panel discussion on local curriculum sharing NPPs long standing experience in the field and giving insights on its development.

## Earth Day 2019

WCN participated in the panel discussion on “Various Dimensions in Biodiversity Conservation” organized by NTNC and UNDP at Central Zoo Lalitpur on the occasion of Earth Day 2019. The program was organized to emphasize the need for protecting the species.

## World Environment Day 2019

At Tokha Municipality with an aim to generate mass awareness on World Environment Day 2019, WCN together with UN House, Sapantirtha Temple Guthi member and Tokha Municipality conducted tree plantations in June. During plantations, importance of trees, seedling, methods in plantation and post plantation care were briefly shared by WCN. Both Tokha and WCN are determined in creating a bird habitat through further restoration programs.



# "I say Yes to Wellness"

WCN together with Global Wellness Day (GWD) Nepal Chapter celebrated Global Wellness Day 2019 on June 7, 2019. This year WCN and GWD team talked about ergonomics—how to create working environment human efficient? Also a meditation session was organized by Pranic Healing Nepal for self wellness. Over the years WCN has integrated its outreach activities through its Eco Smart School Program that promotes wellness in children. WCN is one of the supporters for GWD Nepal.





# Collaborations

## WCN on E-waste

WCN signed an MOU with Sabko Phone to organize, collaborate and network with schools and communities to manage their e-waste particularly mobile phones. Sabko Phone is a private limited company which up cycles and repurposes components of old smartphones and feature phones in an environment friendly way. As a part of the campaign an awareness session was conducted in WCN Eco Smart Schools and a collection counter has also been installed in each school where students collect smart phones which are old and unusable.



## Collaborations with three Municipalities of Province 3

WCN has a standing MOU with Budhanilkantha Municipality, Province 3, for the development of their local curriculum. Based on this MOU, WCN is continuing its work on developing the local curriculum for the schools of Budhanilkantha Municipality which will be implemented from the new academic year, April 2019.

The MOU with Shankharapur Municipality and WCN was signed on June 17, 2019. This MOU outlines areas of mutual agreement and cooperation between the two parties (WCN and the municipality) in conducting educational activities at municipal and local level to empower students, teachers and communities (including both schools and Parents) towards sustainable livelihood and development through quality hands on education on environment through WCN Education Program, Nepal Prakriti Pathshala (NPP).

WCN also provided a technical input on developing the local curriculum of Gokarneswor Municipality for grade 1-8 for the academic year 2076 (2019-2020). Based on the curriculum developed text books has also been developed which incorporates local environment and the greens school concept which is being implemented at the municipality.

## Common platform for Educators



WCN was also invited to be a part of the forum for the betterment of education in Nepal by Karkhana, an education company and makerspace with a unique approach to learning. The forum's aim is to bring all the organizations working to enhance Nepal's education system in one platform and discuss the idea of collaborative working. There were 10 organizations and companies including WCN, thus formed a consortium for Innovative Educational Services. The forum is also used as one of the platform to put forth issues and challenges such as misuse of funds, affiliation and recognition, lack of efficient laboratories that come across while implementing activities. Solutions to these challenges were also put forward. It has thus become a common platform to exchange and share ideas. The forum will meet once in a month and plans to develop programs and activities together as it progresses.

## MOU with Biruwa Advisors

WCN signed an MOU with Biruwa Advisors Pvt. Ltd. Biruwa is an advisory company established to mitigate an entrepreneur's risks by providing cost efficient solution and support services to help entrepreneur focus on growing their business.

This MOU has been signed to discuss and identify the possibility of collaborating and working together in potential projects that are focused on empowering the local community through business solutions by integrating natural resource conservation.



## Innovative display by Schools during Eco Smart Certification Program







Green School Resource Handbook is jointly published by Nepal Government, MOEST, CEHRD and WCN based under the Government's Green School Directive 2075. The book focuses on promoting School garden and provides way forward to become a Eco smart school.

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