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Agricultural Sciences

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PIONEER PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE WITH A MOTTO  
“**AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION THROUGH  
QUALITY EDUCATION**”

### STUDENT- FARMER FIELD SCHOOL (SFFS)

Caritas Nepal is a non-profit organization solely devoted to the service of the poor, most disadvantaged, and marginalized people irrespective of caste, creed, ethnicity, and nationality. It works to empower the poor, marginalized, and disadvantaged groups of people to reduce poverty, hunger, secure humanitarian assistance in the situation of man-made and natural emergency and therefore to realize social justice and peace. Caritas, Nepal and Sarbodaya Nepal an NGO develop a



partnership since 2019, September which was supported by Australian Aid through Caritas, Australia which runs the programme like farmer field school (FFS) Student farmer Field School (SFFS), Rooftop farming, Kitchen garden, High Value enterprising supporting programs, Paris Community farming, Pesticide awareness program at school level, beside this different collaboration and coordination with local government agencies for learning & sharing under Nepal Livelihood & Resilience Project (NLRP) through Integrated Pest Management Approach.



HICAST and Caritas, Nepal in coordination with Sarbodaya, Nepal had signed a MoU on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 for School Farmer Field School SFFS training. In financial support of Caritas, Nepal & coordination with Sarbodaya, Nepal School Farmer Field School SFFS training and agriculture inputs were given to the Students of HICAST (7<sup>th</sup> Batch).



Senior IPM technician Balika Oli and IPM Technician Balanani Maharjan from Sarbodaya, Nepal facilitated the training. Also Pratima Poudel, Assistant Professor and Subheksha Shrestha, Assistant Professor from HICAST helped in organizing the students.

People who received the training were able to produce fresh and healthy vegetables for home consumption and also sell their produce. The process improved their access to more nutritious diet, expanded their source of income and also built their self-confidence.

## **HEIFER NEPAL DONATED EQUIPMENT FOR HICAST VET-LAB**

Heifer International Nepal is on a mission to attain the sustainable development goals ending hunger and poverty by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities.

HICAST and Heifer International Nepal have been collaborating in a number of projects aimed at improving community livelihood through interventions in veterinary services. Heifer International, Nepal donated few equipment and accessories to HICAST Vet-Lab on 30th July 2021.

## **MoU between HICAST and DoLS / MoALD renewed**

Department of Livestock Services (DLS) Nepal works for the growth and development of sustainable and prosperous livestock sector. HICAST and Department of Livestock Services (DLS) Nepal have been in collaboration from the last two decades. HICAST and DLS/MoALD have renewed MoU on 27th July 2021 for effective cooperation and



These equipment and materials will be used in teaching and research at veterinary faculty of HICAST.



*Executive Chairperson of HICAST Dr Binayak Rajbhandari and D.G. of DLS Dr Damayanti Shrestha after signing the MoU*  
collaboration to enhance quality of education, research and extension in



the field of veterinary and animal sciences. HICAST has been providing special quota for the staff of DLS to enhance their academic qualification for the last 2 decades. As per renewed MoU, HICAST will continue to provide one seat to the DLS staff.

## **HICAST LABS STRENGTHENED**

Veterinary faculty of HICAST has strengthened its 17 Veterinary Laboratories with modern equipment. These equipment will be used both for improving the teaching quality and research in the veterinary sciences.

HICAST has also improved the instructional livestock farm complex within the college premise. It is in the process of acquiring more land and establish animal and forage production farm in a location with 1—2 hours driving distance from college.



## **Few new equipment of HICAST Vet Labs**



These activities are being done to fulfill the requirements provisioned in the minimum standard for B V Sc & A H programme by Nepal Veterinary Council.

## **EDUCATIONAL TOUR**

### **BVSc & AH Students**

An educational tour for BVSc & AH 7<sup>th</sup> semester student was organized as per academic curriculum to visit different places related to livestock and poultry in the western region of Nepal. The tour was coordinated by Dr. Subash Poudel; Assistant Professor (Veterinary Science Faculty) of HICAST. Major places of students

visit included: NARC Bandipur Goat Station, NARC Lumle Station, Ostrich Farm Bhairawa, and Goat Farm Khajura, Banke.



- Jute Research Programme, Itahari
- Silk Processing Center, Itahari
- Agriculture Research Station , Pakhribas, Dhankuta
- Kanyam Tea Estate
- Sub-tropical Horticulture Development Center, Nawalpur Sarlahi
- National Maize Research Programme Rampur, Chitwan

### **BSc (Hons) Ag students**

Himalayan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (HICAST) organized 1-week long educational tour to eastern Nepal during 06/08/2078 to 12/08/2078 for the students of BSc.(Hons) Ag fifth semester. Students of fifth semester specially class representatives both male/female had taken initiative under the continuous guidance of tour in-charge Mr Chakra Devkota and Mr Bipul Kharel. A total of 91 students along with 2 teaching assistants had participated in the tour. Students visited:



### **Participants of educational tour in front of Jute Research Programme, Itahari**



**Participants of educational tour,  
Silk Processing Center, Itahari**



**Visit to Janaki Temple, Janakpur**

**Visit of Dean of FoST, PU to  
HICAST**

Prof. Dr Pawan K Jha, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology, Purbanchal Uniniversity had a

surprise visit to HICAST on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021. We had very good interaction on various issues.



Prof Jha visited various laboratories at HICAST, Kirtipur.



## NEW APPOINTMENTS / PROMOTIONS



**Dr Rupendra Chaulagain has been appointed Associate Director in the Directorate of Research and Training (DoRT)**

### Other faculties with new positions

SN	NAME	DEPARTMENT	POSITION
1	Ms Pratima Poudel	Agriculture	Programme Coordinator
2	Dr Raju Shrestha	Veterinary	Assistant Professor
3	Dr Sunil Sapkota	Veterinary	Assistant Professor
4	Dr Subash Poudel	Veterinary	Assistant Professor



**Ms Pratima Poudel**



**Dr Raju Shrestha**



**Dr Sunil Sapkota**



**Dr Subash Poudel**

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## **GUIDELINES FOR THE AUTHORS TO SUBMIT ARTICLES TO NepJAS**

Himalayan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (HICAST) has been publishing Nepalese Journal of Agricultural Sciences (NepJAS) biannually. It is also available online at <http://www.hicast.edu.np/publications/>.

Research articles/notes, review articles, research abstracts, and reviews on contemporary issues are welcome. In general, each article/paper should not exceed 2000 words..

Submitting the articles is open throughout the year. But the space will be allocated based on the first come first serve basis.

### **General requirements:**

Articles should be sent electronically in MS Word, using Times New Roman font with single spacing. All the figures and tables should be properly and clearly formatted, and the text adequately edited.

Authors must provide their institutional affiliation as well as email of the main author for correspondence.

There must be uniformity in referencing as per Harvard Referencing System (HRS). Visit <http://www.hicast.edu.np> for relevant information and guidelines.

### **Selection and acceptance of the article for publication:**

Any submission that does not comply with the above mentioned general requirements will not be selected for review; and no communication will be done in that case.

All selected articles/papers are reviewed by the experts of concerned field; and it will be the responsibility of the author(s) to incorporate the suggestions made by the reviewer(s) within the given time frame. Such communications will be done only electronically.