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It is heartening to note that the student of Kathmandu Forestry College, the first ever college from the private sector to run forestry course, have constituted Student Forum for Forestry Research and Environment Conservation(SUFFREC) and the same body is going to publish a magazine titled The Initiation in the near future.

It is also inspiring to know that the magazine would incorporate the burning issue of forestry and natural resources such as forestry and wildlife conversation, environment conservation and awareness, climate change, natural resources management, non-timber forest-products conservation, social and gender awareness, etc. These topics, needless to say, find relevance and significance not only in Nepal but to the whole world. I hope that the contribution made by the authors will help to cast a new light on the whole range of issue and look through them from various perspectives.

Finally, I congratulate SUFFREC for coming up with this constructive idea and hope that more of such creative activities will follow in the days to come.

Mr. Pradip Nepal,
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MESSAGE

I am glad to see that Student Forum for Forestry Research and Environment Conservation Kathmandu Forestry College (SUFFREC-KAFCOL) has been publishing the journal “**The Initiation**”.

The job which SUFFREC has been doing towards, publication of journal on forestry and environment issues could be fruitful to the students, professionals and academicians. I hope that type of innovation effort will get continuity in future.

I wish success to SUFFREC in publication of “**The Initiation**”.

Best wishes and **Happy Vijaya Dashami and Dipawali-2064.**

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Message

It is my great pleasure to see the creativeness and innovation of “Student Forum for Forestry Research and Environment Conservation (SUFFREC)” at Kathmandu Forestry College, Kathmandu. SUFFREC is publishing the magazine called “The Initiation” with its aim to publish articles on natural resource and environment conservation, management of Nepal’s rich diverse resources and bringing awareness among the people about vital environment in which we all live, through this publication. The optimum and wise use of natural resources is of utmost importance for the socio-economic improvement of the people of Nepal. If this magazine contributes to the awareness of the people for the management, conservation and use of natural and biological resources including Non-timber forest products, I am confident that it will help in reducing poverty in the country which is the country.

The intended attempt by the students of Kathmandu Forestry College is praise worthy and leads to an academic environment in the college. I personally encourage the student for this endeavor and wish a great success for the magazine. Further I would like to see the continuity of the magazine.

At last but not least I would like to express my good will to SUFFREC and wish

HAPPY VIJAYA DASHAMI
TO
YOU ALL!
MAY THIS DASHIN BRING PEACE, PROSPERITY,
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It gives me pleasure to express my happiness on the initiation of the Student Forum for Forestry Research and Environment Conservation (SUFFREC) for publishing the first issue of the report 'Prarambha'. This report is one of the publication series that SUFFREC is going to start this year, with the objective to share findings of the various researches in forest utilization and environmental issues. This is a forum for sharing of field level cases and lessons to the students studying in forestry and environmental related fields. The first edition of this report has a general focus on forestry, watershed, environment, national parks and wildlife management and Non-Timber Forest Products Marketing. This includes a total of about 30 articles written by professionals involved in forestry and related fields.

I feel happy to introduce SUFFREC to the readers of this issue. SUFFREC is oriented to be registered as an NGO and was established in 2006 through imitation of a few enthusiastic students of KAFCOL, is now contributing a lot in creating environment awareness among the people and have gained momentum to expand its scope at national (and international) level. Students deserve sincere praise for this matter.

I am quite optimistic that the publication of **Prarambha: The Initiation** will add new dynamism in the effort of natural resource promote awareness on environment conservation. This report has huge to potential to enhance the capacity of students and other professionals who are seeking new and updated information in forestry and environment. SUFFREC has great role to play in meeting this potential. Across the student circle of forestry and environment, this issue, which I believed is a biggest milestone. The articles included in this issue have been tested and refined in collaboration with various local communities and forest related institutions. Examples illustrated in this report provide inspiration for those who would like to learn more from such reading. I am sure that this report will prove a valuable companion of anyone, particularly forest scholars who aspire to work with forest communities.

I extend my best wishes for the success of the Magazine.

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FROM THE DESK OF CHAIRPERSON

It's a matter of great concern, that the forestry and natural resource management sector is facing a critical challenge today. Greenery degradation day by day on one hand and rapid urbanization on the other hand has kept no space for nature and its dignity. Increasing human pressure on natural resource has contributed to exploitation of both renewable and non renewable resources. Also, climate changes due to the emission of carbon dioxide, methane and different fluorocarbons in the atmosphere have encouraged to global warming due to which survival of most of the flora and fauna, even the human civilization are in critical situation. Thus to recover such challenges we have made a small effort by publishing the magazine "**PRARAMBHA, the initiation**", which helps to offset the enormous wealth of natural and cultural diversity. The magazine collectively consists of diverse and burning issues of forestry and natural resource management sector from the well known experts.

We are very proud to release the first issue of "**PRARAMBHA the initiation**" on the auspicious occasion of Vijaya Dasami & Deepawali 2064, which is an annual magazine of SUFFREC.

SUFFREC is a common forum of students studying at Katmandu Forestry College, fully dedicated to environmental awareness, research and natural resource management. SUFFREC is a voluntary, non profitable and non political organization. This organization was established in 2006 for the sake of representation of common voice of KAFCOL student.

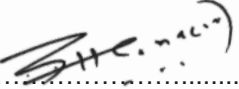
Our publication "**PRARAMBHA the initiation**" has laid emphasis on various articles which are the crucial and targeted issues from the forestry and natural resource management sector. Articles from various experts being salient feature of this issue are expected to serve as reference for forestry students, concerned professionals, academics and other interested individuals.

Finally, from the desk of chairperson, a bundle of gratitude goes to Dr.Uday Raj Sharma, Dr.Bhisnu Hari Pandit and Mr.Madhav Parajuli for their kind enthusiasm and valuable pinpoints from the initiation to the end of this publication which will pave a better path for the future. Also I would like to thank the coordinator of the publication, publication committee & secretary and the whole members of SUFFREC for their effort.

Lastly, on behalf of SUFFREC, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Bird Conservation Nepal (BCN) for their partial support and all those who has contributed in different ways for articles, advertisement, financial support and also advice & suggestion that has turned out fruitful.

"Happy Vijaya Dasami & Deepawali"

Best Wishes!


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Mr. Shanta Ram Baral
Chairperson
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