

CURRICULUM VITAE

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DATE OF BIRTH : **October 26, 1956**

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

- * **PhD(Law), University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, UK, 09 Oct 2002.**
- * **Master in Laws, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, 1996.**
- * **Master in Laws, Banaras Hindu University, India, 1990.**
- * **Master in Public Administration, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 1984.**

- * Bachelor in Laws, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 1981.
- * Bachelor in Science, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 1976.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- * Chief Judge, High Court from March 2017 - Oct 2019 (presently retired).
- * Judge, High Court from August 2009- March 2017.
- * Faculty, National Judicial Academy, Nepal.
- * Secretary, Office of Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, August 2008- March 2009.
- * Secretary, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Feb 2004-August 2008.
- * National Project Director, Human Rights Promotion Center, Oct 2003- Feb 2004.
- * Executive Director (Legal), Water and Energy Commission Secretariat, Feb 1995-Oct 2003.
- * Senior Legal Officer, Ministry of Law and Justice, Oct 1987-Feb 1995.
- * Section Officer, Department of Irrigation, May 1980-Oct 1987.

TRAINING AND SEMINARS

- * **Participated in the “International Human Rights Law Programme”** organized by University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, 15 July- 10 August, 2019.

- * **Participated in the “ Forum for Asian Insolvency Reforms”** organized by INSOL International, The World Bank and The Court of Justice, Thailand, Sep 17-18, 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand.

- * **Participated in the “ Judicial Colloquium on Insolvency Law and Practices”** organized by INSOL International, The World Bank and UNCITRAL, March 18-19, 2017 in Sydney, Australia.

- * **Participated in the “ Forum for Asian Insolvency Reforms”** organized by INSOL International, The World Bank and UNCITRAL, March 21-22 , 2016 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

- * **Participated in the “ Judicial Colloquium on Insolvency Proceedings”** organized by INSOL International, The World Bank and UNCITRAL, March 20-22 , 2015 in San Francisco, USA.

- * **Participated in the International Conference on "Transparency in the Judicial Process"** organized by Court of Cassation of Turkey and UNDP in 20-22 Nov, 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- * **Completed Global School on Socioeconomic Rights on Health Rights Litigation, 16- 22 Sep, 2013** organized by Harvard University, Boston, USA.
- * **Participated in the Advanced Training Program on Commercial Law for Judges of the Court of Appeal, Feb 23- Mar 15, 2012,** organized by National Judicial Academy, Nepal.
- * **Participated in the Competition Law Program for Judges, 2-4 Nov, 2011,** in Seoul, Korea organized by OECD.
- * **Participated in the Induction Training Program for Judges of the Court of Appeal, 1-12 Nov, 2009,** organized by National Judicial Academy, Nepal.
- * **Participated in the 4th International Conference on the Training of Judiciary, 24-29 Oct, 2009,** in Sydney, Australia organized by the International Organization for the Judicial Training.
- * **Jury in the South Asian Law Schools Moot Court Competition** in Dhaka, Bangladesh, 15- 18 Oct, 2009 organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

- * **Participated in the Advanced Course on the International Protection of Human Rights, 17-28 August, 2009, in Turku, Finland, organized by the Institute for Human Rights, Abo Akademi University, Turku, Finland.**
- * **Participated in the Refugee Law Course, 28 Oct - 2 Nov, 2008, in San Remo, organized by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo, Italy.**
- * **Participated in the Right to Food Forum 1- 3 Oct, 2008 in Rome, Italy organized by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.**
- * **Participated in the Nepalese delegation to the 47th Annual Meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization, 30 June - 4 July, 2008 in New Delhi.**
- * **Participated in the training on "Government Anticorruption Methods", 9-20 June, 2008 in Washington DC organized by International Law Institute, USA.**
- * **Participated in "Essentials Course on Transitional Justice", 28-30 Nov, 2007 organized by International Center for Transitional Justice and Katholik University of Leuven in Brussels, Belgium.**
- * **Participated in "The Second Commonwealth Red Cross and Red Crescent International Humanitarian Law Conference, 29-31 August, 2007 in Wellington, New Zealand. And presented a paper in the Conference on 'Missing Persons: the case of Nepal'.**

- * Participated as a Member of the Nepalese delegation to the **46th Annual Meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization**, 2- 7 July, 2007 in Cape Town, South Africa.
- * Participated in the Conference on **"Legal Challenges in Maritime Security"**, 24- 26 May, 2007 in Heidelberg organized by Max Planck Institute, Germany.
- * Participated in the **"Second Universal Meeting of National Committees and Other Bodies on International Humanitarian Law"**, 19-21 March, 2007 organized by ICRC in Geneva.
- * Participated in the Regional Conference on **"Integrity in Action - Community of Practice Meeting on anticorruption"**, 24-26 Jan 2007, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia organized by UNDP Regional Center.
- * Participated in the program on **"The Rule of Law: Reconciling Religion and Culture in a Constitutional Framework"** Oct. 7-12, 2006 in Salzburg organized by Salzburg Seminar, Austria.
- * Member of the Nepalese delegation to the **45th annual Meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization**, April 3-8, 2006 in New Delhi, India.
- * Participated in conference on **"Custom as a Source of Humanitarian Law"**, 8-9 December, 2005 in New Delhi organized by International Committee of the Red Cross and Asian African Legal Consultative Organization India.

- * Participated in the **Second Meeting of the Special Commission to review the practical operation of The Hague Convention of 29 May 1993 on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Inter country Adoption**, 17-23 Sep, 2005 in The Hague, The Netherlands.
- * Led the Nepalese delegation to the **44th Annual Meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization**, June 27-July 1, 2005 in Nairobi, Kenya.
- * **"WTO Negotiations: The Politics of Economics and Trade"** in Salzburg, Austria, June 5-10, 2005 organized by Salzburg Seminar, Austria.
- * Led the Nepalese delegation to the **43rd Annual Meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization** 21-25 June, 2004 in Bali, Indonesia.
- * **"Strengthening Regional Energy Linkages in South Asia"**, 19-23 July, 2003 in Dhaka, Bangladesh organized by USAID and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.
- * **"Communication and Outreach in Implementing Distribution Reforms"** in 2-6 June, 2003 in Mumbai, India organized by USAID and BSES Management Institute.
- * **"Overview of Legal Issues in Regulatory Reforms"** 11-15 November, 2002 in Hyderabad, India organized by USAID.
- * **"South Asia Energy Regulation Partnership Executive Exchange"** 7-9 October, 2002 in Thimpu, Bhutan Conducted by the U.S. Energy Association.

- * Conference on **"Population Resettlement"**, 30 July- 5 August, 2000 in Rio, Brazil organized by International Rural Sociology Association.
- * Conference on **"Water Law "**, 14-15 Oct, 1999 in Vancouver organized by Law Seminars International, Canada.
- * **"Regional Workshop on the Review of National Resettlement Policies and Practices"**, 23-24 August, 1999 in Manila organized by Asian Development Bank.
- * Conference on **"Securing Water Rights & Managing Water Scarcity: Law & Practice"**, 7-10 June 1999, in Dundee organized by University of Dundee, UK.
- * Conference on **"Public Interest Law"**, 20-22 Oct, 1995 in Washington DC organized by National Association for Public Interest Law, USA and The American University.
- * **"Senior Executive Development Program"**, (five weeks, May 1995), conducted by Nepal Administrative Staff College.
- * Training on **"Analysis and Negotiation of BOO-BOT Projects"**, 6-17 March, 1995 in Washington DC organized by Center for Financial Engineering in Development, USA.
- * **Follow-up Seminar on "Legal Aspects of Debt Management"** 28 Nov. - 2 Dec., 1993 in Karachi, Pakistan organized by UNITAR.
- * Course on **"Orientation in the U.S. Legal System"** 12 July - 7 August, 1993 in Washington DC conducted by International

Law Institute and Georgetown University, Washington D.C., U.S.A.

- * Training on "**Legal Issues in Privatization**", 1-12 June, 1992 in Washington DC conducted by International Law Institute, Washington DC, USA.

Written Works

- * "**Itaipu Dam: an example of mutual confidence between Brazil and Paraguay**", an Article published in the **Kantipur**, a widely circulated broadsheet daily newspaper of Nepal, on 8th December, 2021.
- * "**Water Resources in Nepali Federal System**", an Article published in the **Kantipur**, a widely circulated broadsheet daily newspaper of Nepal, on 24 August, 2021.
- * "**Water, Life and Human Right**," an Article published in the Nepal Bar Council Journal, Issue 23 July, 2020.
- * "**Curbing Corruption**," an Article published in the **Republica**, a widely circulated broadsheet daily newspaper of Nepal, on 2nd Dec, 2019.
- * "**Midnights Children**," an Article published in the **Republica**, a widely circulated broadsheet daily newspaper of Nepal, on 19th August, 2012.

- * **"Competition Law: Implementation needed"**, an Article published in the **Kantipur**, a widely circulated broadsheet daily newspaper of Nepal, on 14th March, 2012.
- * **"Struggle for Existence,"** an Article published in the **Republica**, broadsheet daily newspaper of Nepal, on 27 Dec, 2011.
- * **"Judicial Education: is it really needed? "** an Article published in the **Legal Journal of Nepal Judges Society** 2010.
- * **"Problems of Land Locked Countries"** an Article published in the **Civil Service Journal** 2008 published by **Government of Nepal**.
- * **"Provision relating to Notary Public: an Analysis "** an Article published in the **Nepalese Journal of Public Administration** March, 2008.
- * **"Access to Information and Good Governance"** an Article published in the **Civil Service Journal** 2007 published by **His Majesty's Government**.
- * **"Conflict and Cooperation in International Rivers"** an Article published in **The Kathmandu Post**, 6th Oct, 2007.
- * **"Public Service Commission: Legal Perspectives"** an Article published in the special issue of **Golden Jubilee Publication of the Public Service Commission of Nepal** 2007.
- * **"Gender Empowerment, Rule of Law and Judiciary: The Nepalese Context"** an Article published in the special issue of

Golden Jubilee Publication of the Supreme Court of Nepal 2006.

- * **"Good Governance and Law Making Process: The Nepalese Context"** an Article published in the Civil Service Journal 2005 published by His Majesty's Government.
- * **"Status of Women Empowerment in Nepal"** an Article published in the "Shakti " a Journal published by Civil Servants Wives Association, November, 2005.
- * A paper presented on **"Effectiveness of Drug Act, 1976: Legal Aspects"** in the workshop on Drug Inspection organized by His Majesty's Government and UNICEF held in Kathmandu, on April 9-10, 1993.
- * A paper presented on **"Legal and Regulatory Aspect of Privatization"**: in the Seminar for General Managers of Public Enterprises in Nepal, conducted by INTRADOS, USA and Nepal Administrative Staff College, August 24-26, 1992.
- * **"Crisis Management: Coping with Natures Wrath"**: an Article published in the national newspaper "The Rising Nepal" Feb. 28, 1992.
- * **"Commission of Inquiry - An Appraisal"**: an Article published in Nepal Law Society Journal, Vol. 50, 1991.
- * LL.M. Thesis on **"Judicial Control of Discretionary Power in India and Nepal"**, submitted in Banaras Hindu University, India, 1990.

- * M.P.A. Thesis on "An Evaluative Study of Administrative Training for Gazetted Third Class Level Officers of Nepal Civil Service"1984.
- * "Administrative Problems of Developing Countries" an Article published in the national newspaper "The Rising Nepal" July 27, 1984.

Membership

- * Notary Public, License Number 3381
- * Member, Nepal Council of Arbitration
- * Member, Indian Society of International Law
- * Member, American Water Resources Association
- * Member, World Jurists Association
- * Member, American Society of International Law
- * Member, American Bar Association
- * Member, Nepal Law Society
- * Member, Public Administration Association of Nepal
- * Member, Management Association of Nepal
- * Member, International Law Society, University of Utah
- * Member, International Water Resources Association
- * Executive Member, SAARC Law Forum
- * Life Member, Nepal Red Cross Society
- * Member, International Humanitarian Law Committee, Nepal

MEDALS, DECORATIONS

- * Decorated with the Medal of **Suprawal Gorakha Dakshin Bahu** by **His Majesty The King of Nepal** for the outstanding performance (1999).
- * Decorated with the Medal of **Mahendra Vidhya Bhushan** by **the then His Majesty The King of Nepal** for the academic achievement (2003) in the field of Law.

COUNTRY VISITED

- * USA, UK, Germany, Thailand, Philippines, Laos, India, Pakistan, Italy, Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Canada, Brazil, The Netherlands, China, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Austria, Kenya, Cambodia, South Africa, New Zealand, Belgium, Finland, Australia, South Korea, Turkey, Vietnam.

REFEREES

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