

SEBS NA, Inc. (Formerly SEBS-North America)

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Annual Report 2022-23

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	Sanju Mahato (988 B) (Ohio)
	Prasesh Sharma (027 B) (North Carolina)
	Richa Mishra (4139 D) (Texas)
	Diamond Acharya (6139 D) (Texas)
	Pashupati Shrestha (271 C) (New York)
	Sandeep Acharya (4064 D) (Missouri)

Advisory Board:	Shyam Aryal (178 B) (North Carolina)
	Kiran Kattel (285 B) (California)
	Dipak Gyawali (291 B) (California)
	Late Krishna Chhetri (503 B) (California)

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I. Institutional Governance

SEBS North America's Transition to SEBS NA, Inc.

Based on the decision made at SEBS North America's Annual General Meeting on July 18, 2020, SEBS North America was officially **remodeled into SEBS NA, Inc. (a 501c(3) nonprofit corporation) in 2021**. Since then we have been restructuring some of our governance practices and processes to advance accountability, transparency, and mission-driven initiatives. Some of those practices include requiring a written memorandum of understanding before any collaboration with SEBS and/or other entities, development of a grant policy (on-going), closure of inactive bank accounts, centralizing institutional documents/memory, tax renewal, and focus on member-service (our primary constituents).

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SEBS North America's Election 2023

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2023
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Bigya Poudel

Community Organizer & Business Leader
St. Charles, Missouri



Sandhya Khanal, MBA

Healthcare Professional
St. Charles, Missouri



Rohan Bhanjankar, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Southern Illinois
University, Edwardsville, Illinois

An inclusive, participatory, and accountable handover of responsibility from one executive committee to another has been the hallmark of SEBS North America's governance practices since its establishment in the early 2000s. Continuing our commitments to these practices outlined in our bylaws and living culturally in our tradition, we invited community leaders and volunteers from the Nepali diaspora - **Bigya Poudel Khadka (IL)**, **Sandhya Khanal (MO)**, and **Rohan Benjankar (IL)** - to lead our election procedure for the executive committee of 2023-25. We would like to thank our election commissioners for their service. The election results will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

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A group of approximately ten people are seated around a long table in a dimly lit room. The scene is overlaid with a teal/blue color filter. The individuals are dressed in casual to semi-formal attire. Some are looking towards the left, while others are looking forward or slightly to the right. There are glasses and bottles on the table. The background shows a wall with framed pictures and a shelf with decorative items.

II. Member Engagement & Support

College Admissions Ka Kura



College Admission Ka Kura is a monthly event organized by SEBS North America to support our juniors from Budhanilkantha School (and beyond) as they prepare for their college application/admissions. The event aims to provide a conversation space for individuals to ask questions to seniors who have gone through the same process some years before. It's a space where one can **ask questions about anything and everything related to college selection, application, financial aid, admissions process, and settling into the first year of school.** So far, we have organized four sessions of *College Admissions Ka Kura*, thereby, engaging in conversations with over fifteen students. The event is organized on the third Saturday of each month at 9:30 am (Nepal Standard Time).

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#1 Mrs. Jana Thapa (BNKS Memoirs - Samjhanaka Palharu)

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Mrs. Jana Thapa is a prominent figure in Nepalese education. Born in Kathmandu, Nepal, she fell in love with the English language and literature at a very young age. She completed her secondary schooling at St. Mary's High School, where she achieved Board First in Intermediate School Examinations. She has a Master's Degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Nottingham, UK. Show more

Member Support

Emergency Support

To better serve its members during financial hardships, SEBS North America maintains an **Emergency Assistance Funding Program** that provides loans of up to \$1,000 USD per individual. The loan is intended to provide an additional layer of financial security (support) to our members to alleviate their financial hardship. We don't specify any particular time by which the loan has to be returned nor do we charge any interest on the loan. We only ask that the loan be returned whenever the person is in a better financial situation. **In 2023, we provided a cumulative total of \$3000 to three different college students** who were facing difficulties in paying their college tuition.

Endorsing and Supporting Member Initiatives

As a member-serving organization, SEBS North America prioritizes **sharing its platform to benefit the personal (like fundraising for medical support), professional, and social initiatives of our members**. We continued to support our members by endorsing their projects and sharing them in the community. Examples of projects, SEBS NA endorsed and supported include Kaushal Sapkota's (000/0 C) research on the Nepali diaspora's charitable giving behavior, Ram Rijal's (700/0 C, and his batchmates) Bloom Nepal Education Foundation's projects, and Abhas Maskey's (900/0 C) Antarikshya Foundation Initiative (among others).



Member Support

New Member Onboarding Process

SEBS North America started a new member onboarding process whereby new members migrating to the United States, Canada, and/or Mexico for education, work, living, and/or other engagements could register their **names, contact details, needs, desire to serve, and/or their vision about SEBS North America** ([Google Form](#)). Upon receiving their details, SEBS North America would reach out to them to welcome them to the organization while sharing cool SEBS North America merchandise for them to adore. Over time, we have found ways to further engage with new members, including inviting them to executive committee meetings and requesting them to serve on the board of SEBS North America.

SEBS North America's Database Update

SEBS North America relies heavily on its member contact database to organize its mission-related programs. This year, we started the initiative of updating our member database. We started collecting information about incoming members through our new member onboarding process and requested SEBS to provide its updated information about members living in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, which SEBS has graciously agreed to provide to us. We do want to reiterate that the database will not be shared publicly and we will **only use the data for communication, member engagement/support and fundraising purposes.**



SEBS NA Merchandise: Thank you for your support!

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Based on popular demand, we continued to publish our annual calendar which includes important dates/events from both Nepal and the United States. The calendar was used to thank donors/supporters and engage with members while raising funds for various initiatives including SEBS North America's education projects. We also introduced new merchandise and SEBS NA swags, including embroidered caps, keychains, t-shirts, and tumblers. **These merchandises will help us appreciate special donors, supporters, and members who have been instrumental to SEBS NA's success. We also plan to raise funds through the sale of these products.** We highly encourage you to get your favorite merchandise as you contribute towards the financial sustainability of SEBS North America (your organization).



SEBS North America Reunions

As part of the 50 years Golden Jubilee celebration year of Budhanilkantha School, SEBS NA encouraged its members to organize **50 reunions in 50 different cities of North America**. While we lost count of how many reunions took place and also realized that organizing 50 reunions was quite a task, we had several members come together for get-togethers in different cities and countries ranging from Houston, Texas to Toronto, Canada. During those reunions, members got the opportunity to reminisce about their schooling days and get updates on what their alumni organization in North America has been up to.

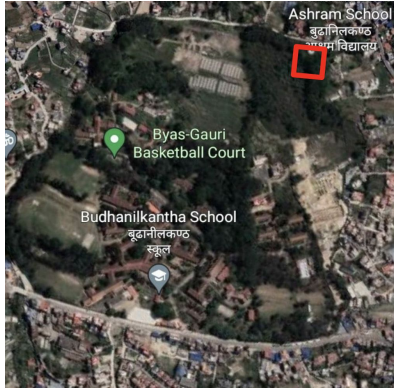




A photograph of Budhanilkantha School. In the foreground, a large, leafy tree with a thick trunk stands on the left. A paved path leads from the bottom right towards the building. In the background, a long, single-story building with a tiled roof and many windows is visible. The sky is blue with some clouds. The entire image has a slightly desaturated, teal-like color cast.

III. Our Alma Mater - Budhanilkantha School

Alumni Building



Society of Ex-Budhanilkantha Students (SEBS) has formed a standing committee to build an alumni building on the premises of Budhanilkantha School. The committee is led by Suman Meher Shrestha (500A). **SEBS North America has committed to support the project. However, the details of the commitment are yet to be finalized.** So far, participating in the decision process and supporting SEBS in raising funds have been discussed. You can find more about the project here: <https://sebs.org.np/alumnibuilding>.





BNKS Alumni Building Committee



SUMAN MEHER SHRESTHA - 533A
(Chairperson)



AMOD PYAKURYAL - 415A
(Member)



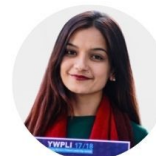
NAVIN SHRESTHA - 850A
(Member)



SANJAY SHRESTHA - 201B
(Member)



UMANG SHARMA - 597B
(Member)



MANUSMRITI BARAL - 4017D
(Member)



HEMENDRA BOHRA - 978A
President : SEBS



BHARAT KANDEL - 819B
President: SEBS NA



HARIT POKHAREL - 153C
President: SEBS UK-Europe

Collaboration with Budhanilkantha School

BNKS Visit by Executive Committee Members

In 2022-23, some of our **executive committee members visited Budhanilkantha School during their trips to Nepal**. During these conversations, they met with the Principal, Vice Principals, and other stakeholders of Budhanilkantha School (including SEBS), thereby, extending SEBS North America's relentless commitment to support BNKS in its educational projects. These conversations have been vital in our effort to strategize our BNKS-related programs. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the school management and its stakeholders including current BNKS students (our future SEBSers).

Financial Support to Students

SEBS North America continued its **financial support to the students of Budhanilkantha School**. In 2022-23, we supported one A-Level student with a financial aid to cover the difference between their tuition fees and the scholarships they received from the school. The total value of the scholarship was around \$1,200. Similarly, we also supported 000 B batch in their fundraising effort to support another student studying in Budhanilkantha School.





Budhanilkantha School Recognizes SEBS North America

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SEBS North America was recognized by Budhanilkantha School during its **Golden Jubilee Celebration** for its continued support to the school and its activities. SEBS NA Member Kamal Thapa (89g B) received the token of appreciation on behalf of SEBS North America.

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Late Krishna Chhetri Memorial Fund

**"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments,
but what is woven into the lives of others." - Thucydides**

This year SEBS North America is launching the **Krishna Chhetri Memorial Fund** to honor Late Krishna Chhetri (503B) for his continuous and relentless support to SEBS North America as a member, executive committee member, past president and advisor. He was at the core of SEBS North America for the past ten years and continues to inspire us to lead a life of service, excellence, humility, and accountability. Krishna was passionate about providing opportunities to the youth. The Krishna Chhetri Memorial Fund will support current Budhanilkantha students in covering fees for college applications, SAT/TOEFL/other standardized tests preparations and registrations. The initial commitment for the fund is **\$500 per year**. We invite our membership to join the initiative in honor of our beloved Krishna and his favorite cause - education for all. We are also collecting inputs from SEBS NA members to create application process for the fund and its distribution process. **अल्विदा कृष्ण!** You will be in our memories, forever.

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IV. Community-Based Programs

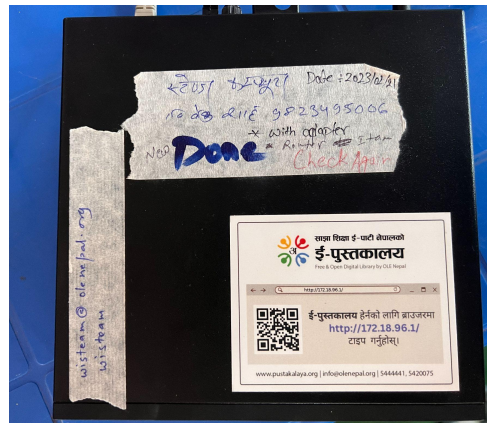
SEBS North America's Education Project

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Realizing the far-reaching impact that access to a library can have on children, SEBS North America has been establishing e-libraries in various public and community schools in Nepal. **Since 2019**, SEBS North America has partnered with Open Learning Exchange (OLE), a registered non-profit in Nepal to **establish e-libraries in eight different public schools in Nepal**. The e-library project is an initiative to establish online libraries in those schools of Nepal where there is limited to no internet connection. Accessibility to the library content, which includes resources from course books to various educational videos, is provided by helping the schools set up devices and servers which host those content. In 2022-23, we established e-library in **Pyang Secondary School** (Maijogmai Gaupalika-6, Illam).

Schools supported since 2019: Raluka Secondary School & Dupcheshwor Sec. School (Nuwakot), Sharada Sec. School (Bhojpur), Rastriya Sec. School (Nawalaparsi), Laxmi Sec. School (Chitwan), Sitaladevi Sec. School (Sindhupalchowk, in coordination with Teach for Nepal), Shree Janakalya Sec. School (Makwanpur), Pyang Secondary School (Illam).





Other Community-Based Educational Initiatives

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SEBS North America **donated books and stationery materials** to the children of Adarsha Griha. It's a safe house for children in Lankhu, Chitwan. *(picture on the left)*

SEBS North America **provided scholarship to two students** of Bhagwati Secondary School in Aadarsh Rural Municipality 6, Talara, Doti.

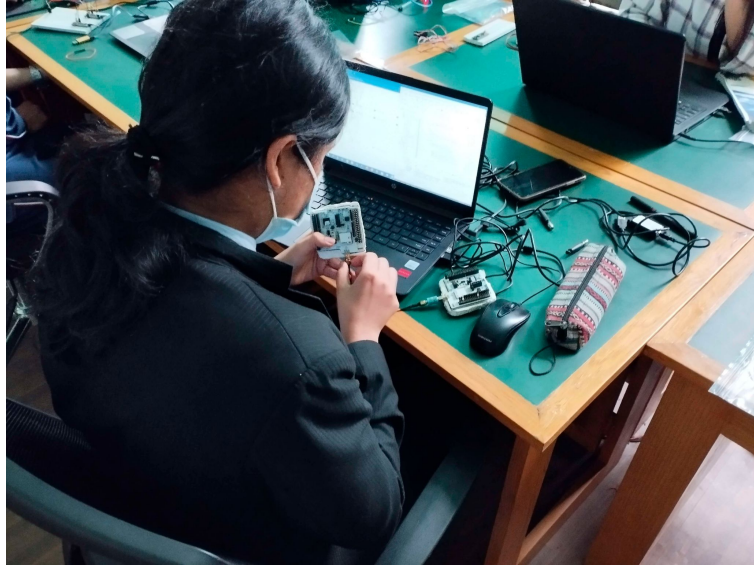


Collaboration: Antarikshya Pratisthan (Foundation)



Led by a SEBSer, Antarikshya Pratisthan is a Kathmandu-based nonprofit that works closely with private and government entities to develop satellite technology and build a critical mass of Nepali space engineers. In 2022-23, **SEBS NA collaborated with Antarikshya Pratisthan to support its STEM related activities** as its fiscal sponsor and nonprofit partner in North America. Antarikshya Pratisthan is led by Abhas Maskey (900/o C, 28th batch). You can find more about their work here: <https://www.antarikshya.org.np/>.





Collaboration: Bloom Nepal Foundation/School



SEBS NA is the fiscal partner for Bloom Nepal Foundation (a nonprofit) and Bloom Nepal School. In 2022-23, SEBS North America continued its support to BNF as its fiscal partner.

About Bloom Nepal: Ram K. Rijal (708C) was inspired by his highly talented peers while doing his undergraduate at MIT. Soon he noticed a trend among his friends, which was that they all had the opportunity to explore their area of interest from a small age. With the aim of establishing learning institutions in his home country, Nepal, of similar culture, Mr. Rijal returned home soon after finishing his finals (not even waiting for the graduation ceremony) to materialize his idea. The result, today, is Bloom Nepal School. Started with just 17 students in 2012, the school now has more than 700 students in two schools across the country. They aim to make quality education available to everyone, everywhere in Nepal. **Website:**

<https://bloom.edu.np/about>

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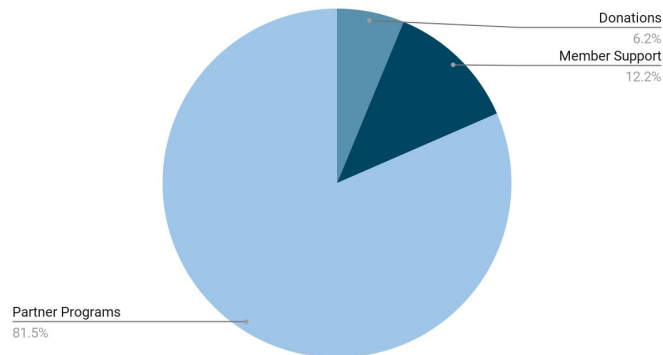
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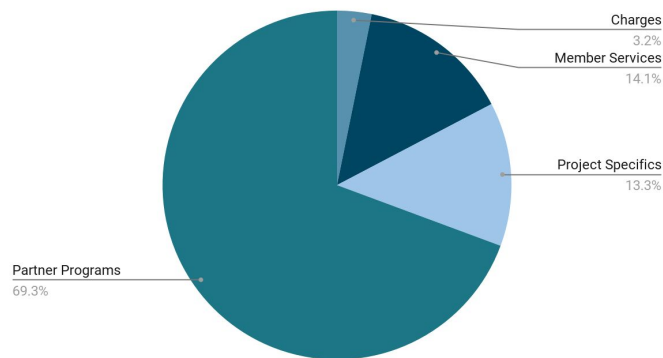
Financial Statement for FY 2022-2023

PARTICULARS	\$	\$	
OPENING BALANCE (7/1/2022)			
Bank of America	70,768.26		
PayPal	3,024.37		
Total Opening Balance	73,792.63	A	
REVENUE			
<i>Donations</i>		q	
General Donation	800.00		
Amazon Smiles	279.57		
Calendar-Based Donations	450.00		
<i>Member Support</i>		3,000.00	
Support to Late Gyan Rai (834A)	1,000.00		
Student Scholarships	2,000.00		
<i>Partner Programs</i>		20,000.00	
Antarikshya Pratisthan (Foundation)	20,000.00		
Total Revenue	24,529.57	B	
Expenditures			
<i>Charges</i>		916.59	
PayPal Charges	19.84		
Bank Charges	391.55		
Webhosting Fees	505.20		
<i>Member Services</i>		4,054.31	
Funeral Services	54.31		
Micro-Loan Program (Emergency Assistance)	3,000.00		
Support for Late Gyan Rai (834A)	1,000.00		
<i>Project Specifics</i>		3,829.50	
Education Support	2,448.00		
Calendar Project	1,381.50		
<i>Partner Programs</i>		19,910.00	
Antarikshya Pratisthan (Foundation)	19,910.00		
Total Expenditures	28,710.00	C	
Net Income / Deficit for the Period	(4,180.83)	D = B - C	
Closing Balance (06/30/2023)	69,611.80	E = A + D	
PayPal (06/30/2023)	3,481.73		
Bank of America Balance (06/30/2023)	66,130.08		

Revenue (2022-23, Total Revenue = \$24,529.57)



Expenditures (2022-23, Total Expenditures = \$28,710.00)



Thank you, please continue to support us!

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Join, volunteer, fundraise, donate, develop programs, and/or participate.

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