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Annual Report 2024-25

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Election 2025

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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. Continuing our commitments to these practices outlined by our bylaws and living culturally in our tradition, every two years, we invite community and volunteer leaders from the Nepali diaspora to lead our election processes independently. Following the decisions made by the executive committee on May 22, 2025, SEBS NA. Inc. appointed Dr. Rohan Benjankar as the **Election Commissioner for the 2025 elections.** Along with two other members of the Nepali diaspora—Ms. Samikhsya Koirala and Mr. Suraj Mandal—the election committee, was designated to oversee the election for SEBS NA Board of Directors and Officers for the 2025-2027 term. The call for nominations was announced on <u>SEBS NA's website</u> on June 5, 2025. **The results of the election will** be announced in SEBS NA's AGM on August 2, 2025. SEBS NA would like to thank the election committee for their service to SFBS NA







Dr. Rohan Benjankar

Samikshya Koirala

Suraj Mandal

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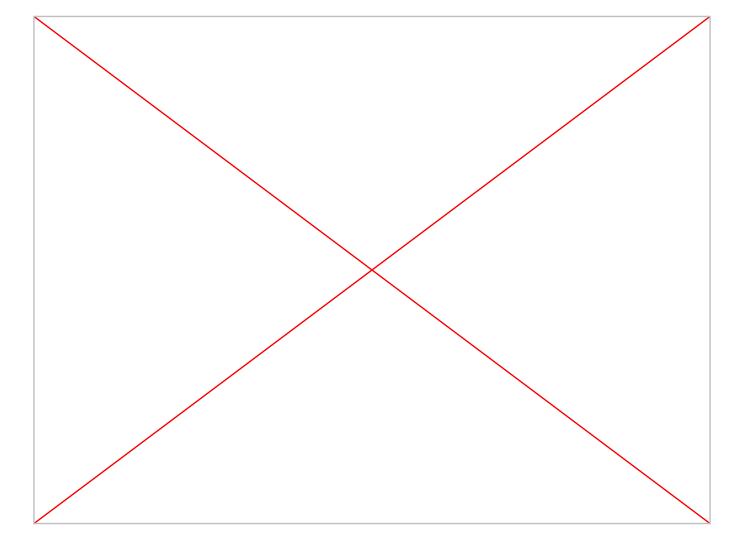


IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED KRISHNA (503B)

SUPPORTING BNKS STUDENTS IN ACHIEVING THEIR EDUCATIONAL DREAM







Krishna Chettri Memorial Education Fund

The Krishna Chettri Memorial Education Fund (KC Fund) supports **current students of Budhanilkantha School with need-based micro-grants for college admissions expenses**,
specifically for institutions in North America. The fund covers up to 50% of fees related to college
applications, such as application fees, standardized test fees (SAT/TOEFL), visa fees, and SEVIS fees.
The fund aims to provide up to \$100 to 10-15 students each year, disbursing at least \$800 annually.

As of July 2025, the fund has assisted **21 students (out of 30 applicants)** from Budhanilkantha School with \$55 grants each to cover their SAT examination fees, **distributing \$1,155 in total**. The fund maintains **\$21,800 in assets across Vanguard investments (\$16,800)**, **SEBS-NA accounts (\$5,000)**, **and Budhanilkantha School's account in Nepal (NPR 140,000.00)**. Most of the funding for the KC Memorial Education Fund comes from his 500B batchmates.



Krishna Chettri Memorial Education Fund

To ensure effective allocation, the **fund collaborates with school administrators**—Mr. Keshar Khulal (Principal, 800A) and Mr. Mohan Karki (Alumni Officer, 200B)—who conduct personal assessments beyond standard administrative letters. KC fund would like to expand to **future initiatives** like information sessions on US college applications and support students qualifying for science olympiads.

The fund was established in the **loving memory of our beloved former president, advisor, and dedicated volunteer Krishna Chettri (503B)**. SEBS North America manages the KC Fund under the guidance of the fund's stewardship committee, which comprises Pooja Sherchan (Krishna's partner, batchmate, and family representative in the committee), Batsal Devkota (Krishna's batchmate), and Laxman Udas Pandey (President of SEBS North America).





SEBS North America's eLibrary Project

Since 2019, SEBS North America has partnered with Open Learning Exchange (OLE), a registered non-profit in Nepal, to establish eLibraries in different public and community schools in Nepal. The eLibrary project is an initiative to establish online libraries in schools in rural Nepal where there is limited or 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 that host those contents. As such, the project aims to bridge the digital divide in Nepal by establishing digital libraries in community schools that lack reliable internet access. With the eLibrary project, SEBS NA empowers both teachers and students to integrate modern technology into the classroom, providing them with the tools they need to enhance the learning experience. So far, we have implemented eLibrary Projects in eleven schools in Nepal



SEBS North America's eLibrary Project

So far, we have implemented eLibrary Projects in eleven schools in Nepal: Raluka Secondary School (Nuwakot), Sharada Secondary School (Bhojpur), Rastriya Secondary School (Nawalparasi), Laxmi Secondary School (Chitwan), Dupcheshwor Secondary School (Nuwakot), Chilaune Secondary School (Sindhupalchowk), Sitaldevi Secondary School (Sindhupalchowk, in partnership with Teach for Nepal), Shree Janakalyan Secondary School (Makwanpur, in partnership with SEBS Member Digbijay Bista), Pyang Secondary School (Illam), Shree Janata Secondary School and Shree Tribhuwan Secondary School (Jajarkot).

Note: A November 3, 2023 earthquake in Nepal's mid-western hills destroyed 294 schools and partially damaged 604 others, disrupting education for 125,000 children. The schools in Jajarkot, among those affected, received both physical libraries and e-library support from SEBS North America.



SEBS North America's eLibrary Project

We plan to continue raising funds to establish eLibraries in public and community schools of Nepal. For just \$600 USD, SEBS-NA can set up a fully functional eLibrary in a school. This includes installing servers and Wi-Fi devices and providing an offline digital library that features gamified learning modules, audio-visual content, and indexed course books. Once the system is in place, students and teachers can access these resources through local Wi-Fi without the need for an internet connection or data plan. We encourage SEBS NA members to collaborate in this process.

How about establishing an eLibrary in the school you studied before joining Budhanilkantha School or the school in your home district? Let's do this! Please let us know if you are interested.



















SEBS North America's Website

We are pleased to announce that SEBS NA, Inc.'s new website is now fully operational at https://sebsna.org. Launched two years ago and continuously developed since, the site now showcases our programs and provides access to organizational documents, annual reports, and content. We thank Executive Committee member Samyem for their leadership and ongoing contributions to this project. Their dedication has been essential to creating this valuable community resource.

We welcome feedback and comments from members as we continue to enhance the website's functionality and content.



Female Mentorship Program

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A Female Mentorship Program was launched to connect, support, and empower female-identifying individuals within the SEBS community and beyond. It features an increasing database of mentors with diverse areas of expertise, available to mentees from all academic backgrounds and locations, including Nepal, North America, and beyond. Mentors can join by submitting an interest form, while mentees gain access to the database by completing their form. Once access is granted, mentees can select a mentor whose expertise and background align with their interests and goals. Communication between mentors and mentees is flexible and can take place in a format best suited to the pair. The frequency of meetings and progression of the relationship are determined by mutual agreement based on availability and needs. Through this personalized and inclusive approach, the program fosters guidance and connection across borders, provides a safe space for sharing their unique issues, and, ultimately, empowers female-identifying individuals to achieve their goals.

For additional details and to join the mentorship program: https://sebsna.org/female-mentorship-program/





"क्या राम्रो" Children's Book Publication



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SEBS North America collaborated with acclaimed Nepali author and former Nepali teacher of Budhanilkantha School—**Mr. Rambabu Subedi**—to publish 500 copies of **"Kya Ramro"** a new children's book in Nepali.

Mr. Subedi is a renowned Nepali writer with over thirty-five published works for children, many of which are included in school textbooks. He also taught at Eton College in the UK and Budhanilkantha School. His leadership roles include Chairperson of Book Bird Nepal and Member of the Nepal Academy Assembly.

"Kya Ramro" is a Nepali children's book designed to be an engaging cultural and linguistic experience for young readers. The book is available for \$25+ per copy through excomm@sebsna.org, with each purchase including the book and a SEBS-NA keychain. Proceeds support SEBS North America operations and eLibrary initiatives.



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कवि रामबाबु सुवेदीको जन्म २००४ सालमा कास्की, रूपा गाउँपालिकाअन्तर्गत हंसपुर गाउँमा भएको हो। उनका मातापिताको नाम पवित्रा सुवेदी र देवीदास सुवेदी हो। बी ! बी ! बाच्छी, जनुनीको छोरो, नेपाल आमा, भीरी, पानी ! पानी!, आमाजस्ती गुहमा, चमेलीको बास्त, जपमा मामापरमा, धरतीमा जूनीका आपनी आमा जातीलगायत तीन दर्जन जति बालकृतिका रचयता सुवेदीका ४० भन्दा बढी बालगीतका भिडियोहरू युट्युबमा छन। तीमध्ये आङ्गतवार विद्वानि र

मेरो गाउँ ज्यामिरे गीत त हाम्रा बालबालिकाका मुखमुखमा झुन्डिएका छन्। बूढानीलकण्ठ स्कुलमा २८ वर्ष, बेलायतको इटन कलेजमा २ वर्षसहित ३५ वर्षतक अध्यापन कार्य गरेका मुबेदीले प्रख्यात त्रिशक्तिपट्ट, प्रबल गोरखादक्षिणबाहु, साझा बालसाहित्य पुरस्कार, शिक्षा पुरस्कार, सुप्रबल जनसेवाश्रीसहित अनेक पुरस्कार र सम्मान पनि पाएका छन्।



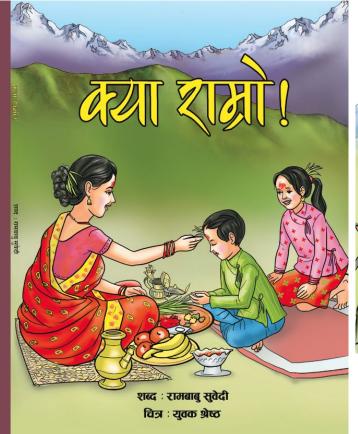
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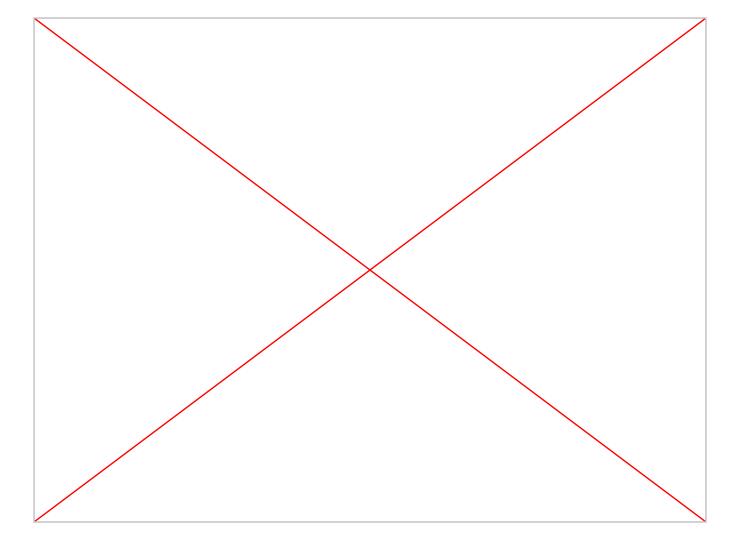
उत्कृष्ट चित्राङ्कत पुरस्कार पाएका छन्। रामबाबु सुबेदीका रुम टु रीडबाट प्रकाशित म हुँ फलाम र पहिलो टिकट कृतिमा समेत चित्राङ्कन गरेका श्रेष्ट सधैँ रङ र कुचीसित खेल्न रुवाउँछन्। उनी अन्तर्मुखी प्रकृतिका छन्। शिष्ट र मुद्भाषी श्रेष्ट कम बोल्छन्, धेरै काम गर्छन्। उनी हाल नागरिक टैनिकसित आबद्ध छन्।

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Member Support and Get-Together

Throughout the year, Executive Committee Members and SEBS North America members have continued their dedicated efforts to **foster community connections by organizing gatherings across North America.** These member-led initiatives have been instrumental in maintaining meaningful dialogue and strengthening our alumni network. SEBS North America extends its sincere appreciation to all volunteers who have contributed to these community-building efforts. We recognize the vital role these activities play in keeping our alumni connected and engaged. We encourage any members interested in organizing events or initiatives to leverage our communication channels and resources. **SEBS North America remains committed to supporting member-driven activities that enhance our collective community experience. Please reach out to explore how we can assist with your outreach and organizational needs.**

















Partner Organizations

Budhanilkantha School



Society of Ex-Budhanilkantha Students (SEBS)



BNKS Endowment Fund



Bloom Nepal Foundation/School



Nepal Antariskhya Pratisthan (Foundation)





Budhanilkantha School

SEBS North America remains committed to fostering a robust partnership with our beloved alma mater, Budhanilkantha School. Through ongoing collaboration with Mr. Mohan Karki (fellow alumnus, 200B, and Alumni Officer) and Mr. Keshar Khulal (fellow alumnus, 800A, and Principal), we are exploring expanded opportunities for SEBS NA and BNKS cooperation that extend beyond our current student support through the KC Memorial Education Fund. Preliminary concepts under consideration include creating scholarship programs for A-Level students who do not have financial aid and providing funding to establish gymnasium facilities in the senior houses—one designated for male students and one for female students. Further discussion is planned to advance these initiatives.



SEBS For Alumni Building



The Society of Ex-Budhanilkantha Students (SEBS) is leading an initiative to construct an alumni building on the premises of Budhanilkantha **School.** The BNKS Alumni Building project received formal approval on June 21, 2024, from the School Management Committee (SMC) and was officially endorsed by the Board of Trustees (BOT). SEBS North America is partnering in this significant project, contributing through project endorsements, fundraising efforts, and participation in the core committee. Bharat Kandel is representing SEBS NA in the project.







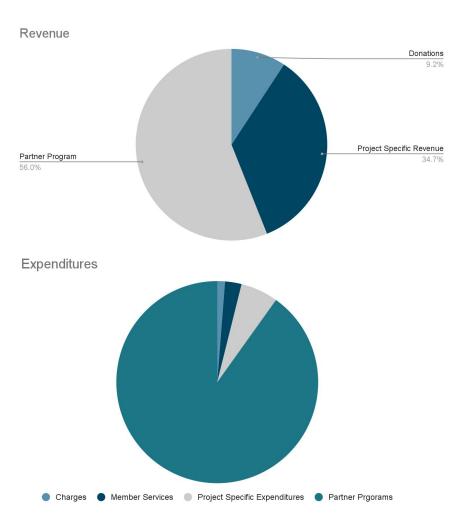






Financial Statement for FY 2024-2025

PARTICULARS	S	\$	
OPENING BALANCE (7/1/2024)			
Bank of America	77,088.04		
Paypal	9,266.94		
Total Opening Balance		86,354.98	A
REVENUE			
Donations		3,473.25	
General Donation	3,233.25		
Monthly Giving	240.00		
Project Specific		13,057.40	
ManB Medical Fund	170.00		
Alumni Building O C	15.00		
Krishna Chhetri Memorial Fund	1,425.11		
eLibrary Project	2,500.00		
500B Support Fund	5,000.00		
BNKS Student Support	900.00		
Vanguard Revenue	3,047.29		
Partner Programs		21,070.00	
Bloom Nepal	21,070.00		
Total Revenue		37,600.65	В
EXPENDITURES			
Charges		639.88	
Paypal Charges	61.58		
Bank Charges	466.90		
Webhosting Fees	86.40		
Virginia Renewals	25.00		
Member Services		1,367.50	
Mailing and Postage	17.50		
Return Funds to Karsand Sherpa	1,000.00		
Member Flood Relief	350.00		
Project Specific		3,100.00	
Krishna Chhetri Memorial Fund - BNKS	1,000.00		
BNKS Student Support	900.00		
Rambabu Subedi Book Publication	1,200.00		
Exchange Rate Differentials	00.00		
Partner Programs		46,536.00	
Budhanilkantha School Endowment Fund	1,250.00		
Bloom Nepal Education Foundation	45,286.00		
Total Expenditures		51,643.38	c
Net Income/Deficit for the period		(14,042.73)	$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}$
Closing Balance (06/30/2025)		72,312.25	$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{D}$
Paypal (06/30/2025)	10,863.96	2 M	
Bank of America Balance (06/30/2025)	13,401.00		
Vanguard: SEBS NA Fund	31,924.14		
Vanguard: KC Memorial Education Fund	16,123.15		



Thank you, please continue to support us!

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