

A Report

Bharat Nepal Higher Education Summit 2024



Dates: February 15-17, 2024

Organized by: Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi

Venue: Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel, Nepal

Overview

The Bharat Nepal Higher Education Summit 2024, organized by the **Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi, India**, hosted by **Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel, Nepal**, marked a significant milestone in fostering educational collaborations between India and Nepal. This historic event, inaugurated by the Rt. Honorable Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal, and Chancellor of Kathmandu University, witnessed the participation of Vice Chancellors and academic leaders from a wide array of countries including Nepal, India, Bhutan, China, South Korea, Australia, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Italy, the UK, and Morocco.



The summit was organized through active collaboration with numerous schools in Nepal, laying the groundwork for a substantial and impactful gathering.



This three-day summit, held from February 15 to 17, 2024, brought together key stakeholders, including schools, universities, academic leaders, policymakers, and industry professionals.

Participation

A meticulous outreach effort was undertaken, resulting in the active involvement of numerous schools across Nepal. Approximately 2000 students from various schools across Nepal actively attended the summit, highlighting their interest and engagement in higher education opportunities.



The diverse student attendance showcased the widespread interest and enthusiasm for higher education collaboration between the two nations.



This presence underlined the commitment of Indian universities to engage in meaningful partnerships and collaborations with their Nepalese counterparts.

University Stalls and Presentations

A notable feature was that the summit witnessed a robust presence with 45 member Indian Universities associated with the **Association of Indian Universities**.



These universities set up stalls, providing a platform for interactive discussions and information dissemination, providing brochures, prospectuses, and engaging visuals to showcase the educational opportunities available.





This interactive approach allowed students to interact directly with representatives and gather comprehensive information about courses, scholarships, and admission processes.





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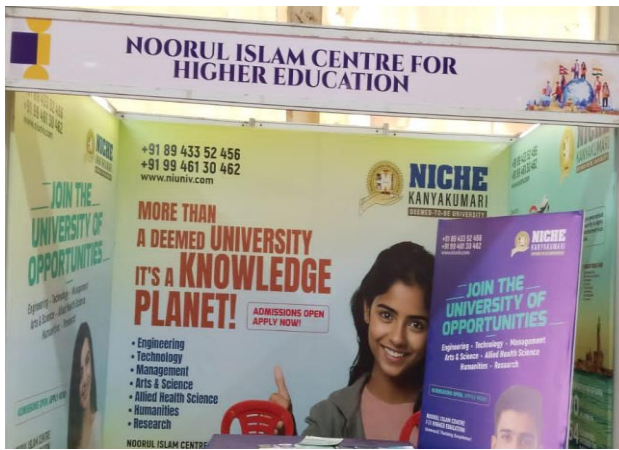
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Participating universities seized the opportunity to present their institutions to the attending students. These presentations allowed students to gain insights into the academic offerings, infrastructure, and unique features of each university.



It served as a platform for students to make informed decisions about their higher education choices. Each participating university had the opportunity to showcase its profile, best practices, and distinctive features through on-stage presentations.



This allowed for unparalleled visibility and engagement with an esteemed audience comprising academic leaders, policymakers, and industry professionals.

Prime Minister's Interaction

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal actively engaged with the summit, personally visiting various stalls of member universities.



This direct interaction demonstrated the high-level commitment and support from the political leadership for strengthening educational ties between the two countries.

Top Exhibitors

The Bharat-Nepal Summit 2024 featured an array of innovative and diverse stalls representing various universities.

The Evaluation Committee, consisting of Prof B R Kamboj, VC, Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Prof. Nupur Prakash, VC, NorthCap University, Mr. Matthew Johnston, Minister-Counsellor, Australian High Commission, diligently assessed each stall at the Bharat-Nepal Summit 2024, based on criteria such as display, presentation, knowledgeable and student interaction.

The following three participating member universities were declared as **Top Exhibitors** among all:

1. **Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel, Nepal:** Getting traditional education with modern technology, blending traditional and modern higher education systems.



2. **Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, Pune:** Significant work in aerospace engineering, artificial intelligence, and machine learning.



3. **Centurion University, Odisha:** International Connect and emphasis on important skill-based education.



The Committee commended the showcased efforts and innovations by all participating stalls. Recommendations include recognizing and appreciating the contribution of AIU's member universities and providing constructive feedback for continuous improvement in future events.

Networking Opportunities

The summit provided an excellent platform for networking between students, educators, and representatives from Indian universities.



This facilitated meaningful conversations and connections, fostering an environment conducive to future academic collaborations and exchanges.



AIU North Zone VC Meet and Seminar

Running parallel to the Bharat-Nepal Education Summit, the AIU North Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet on the theme “*Globalisation and Internationalisation of Higher Education*” was organized to deliberate on following themes:

- International Collaborations and Partnerships: Building Bridges for Higher Education.
- Global Higher Education Policy and Regulation: Harmonizing Standards.
- Student Mobility and Diversity: Enhancing International Experience.

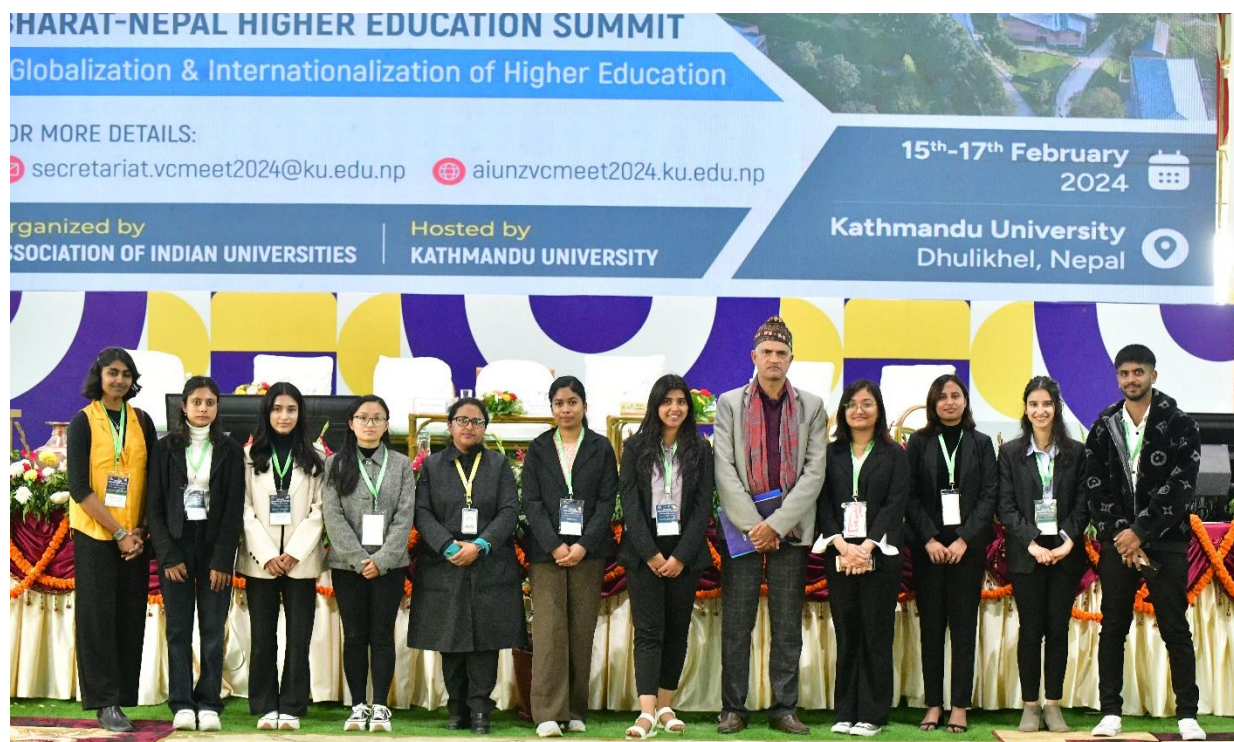


The sessions on the above themes are chaired by distinguished academics, and explored the internationalization of higher education, fostering international cooperation, harmonizing educational policies, and enhancing the international student experience. Notable speakers shared insights on the importance of cross-border partnerships, digital accessibility, and the potential of AI in addressing higher education challenges.



Liaison Officers

In a thoughtful arrangement by Kathmandu University, a dedicated Liaison Officer was assigned to each participating university. These officers played a crucial role in facilitating communication and coordination, ensuring a seamless experience for the universities.



Detailed information about the participating universities was provided to the Liaison Officers, enhancing the efficiency of the summit.

Conclusion

The Bharat Nepal Higher Education Summit 2024 successfully concluded with a valedictory session attended by Nepal's Honorable Education Minister and Pro-Chancellor, Shri Ashok Kumar Rai. The session underscored the importance of international collaboration in higher education and the need for an Asia-centric approach to educational policies. The event highlighted the collective commitment of South Asian academic institutions towards fostering innovation and collaboration in higher education, paving the way for future educational alliances and knowledge exchange.

Thus, the Bharat Nepal Higher Education Summit 2024 successfully achieved its objectives of promoting cross-border educational collaboration. The active participation of schools, universities, and dignitaries underscored the shared commitment to advancing higher education in the region. The summit provided a dynamic platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and future collaborations, setting the stage for continued educational partnerships between India and Nepal. The support and personal involvement of the Hon'ble Prime Minister added a unique dimension to the summit, elevating it to a landmark event in the educational landscape of both nations.

This event has set a new benchmark for regional educational collaboration, promising a brighter future for higher education in South Asia.

