

DILIP BHATTARAI

Higher Education Transformation Strategist | Executive Office & Strategic Affairs | AI Policy & Innovation | Institution Building | Academic Governance | Startup Ecosystem Development

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PROFILE

Dilip Bhattarai is a higher education transformation strategist and institutional development professional with more than ten years of progressively responsible leadership experience across Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Chancellor-level, CEO-level, and institutional executive offices in Nepal and India. His work sits at the intersection of university governance, institution building, academic policy, accreditation compliance, AI governance, innovation ecosystems, startup policy, international academic partnerships, and academia-industry-government collaboration.

He has worked across seven universities and higher education institutions, contributed to the establishment and operationalisation of two institutions/programmes end-to-end, negotiated or supported more than 100 international academic partnerships, contributed to AI policy discourse, and developed strategic plans, curriculum frameworks, regulatory documents, institutional governance systems, accreditation documentation, executive briefs, and policy proposals for higher education and innovation-driven institutional transformation.

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Professional higher education administrator with 10+ years of progressively responsible leadership across Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Chancellor-level executive offices at seven universities and HEIs in Nepal and India. Expertise in higher level executive's agenda management, institutional strategic planning, cross-departmental governance, accreditation compliance (UGC Nepal, NAAC, NBA, QAA), policy formulation, and high-stakes stakeholder diplomacy. Proven record of initiating and fully operationalising academic institutions, designing curriculum frameworks, engineering complex institutional transitions, managing multi-million-dollar budgets, and forging 100+ international partnerships across South Asia, Central Asia, East Asia, Europe and the West. Published author and policy commentator on Entrepreneurship, Startup & AI

Ecosystem, higher education, and diplomacy. Fluent in English, Nepali, and Hindi; internationally experienced across South and Southeast Asia.

RELEVANCE TO INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATION, REFORM & DELIVERY

- Executive office coordination with Vice-Chancellors, Registrars, CEOs, and senior institutional leadership.
- Higher education governance, regulatory compliance, curriculum design, institutional planning, and accreditation readiness.
- AI policy and governance engagement, including contribution to Nepal's National AI Policy 2025 ecosystem through AIAI.
- Startup ecosystem development through N. Hub and NICCI's Startup & Private Equity Committee.
- Academia-industry-government collaboration, international partnerships, institutional diplomacy, and cross-border academic engagement.
- Public-sector administrative experience, including provincial infrastructure authority bylaws, procurement compliance, institutional policy drafting, and crisis governance planning.
- Ability to translate ideas into institutional systems, programmes, policies, dashboards, partnerships, and execution roadmaps.

CAREER AT A GLANCE

10+ Years in University Executive Offices: Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Chancellor-level, CEO-level and institutional executive office exposure

100+ International MoUs Negotiated: Partnership building across South Asia, Central Asia, East Asia, Europe and the West

7 Universities & Institutions Served: Cross-institutional exposure across Nepal and India

2 Institutions Founded End-to-End: Institutional planning, regulatory compliance, operational setup and strategic launch

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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| • Chancellor & Vice Chancellor Office Strategic Coordination | • High-Level Event Protocol & Coordination |
| • Crisis Management & Contingency Planning | • Accreditation Compliance (UGC, NAAC, NBA, QAA) |
| • Stakeholder Engagement & Executive Liaison | • International Academic Partnerships & Diplomacy |
| • Curriculum Design & Faculty Coordination | • Budget Development & Resource Management |
| • Academic Governance & Policy Formulation | |

- Executive Communications & Documentation
- AI Policy, Governance & EdTech Integration
- Institutional Strategic Planning & Transition

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Director | Asian Institute of Artificial Intelligence (AIAI)

November 2025 - Present | Kathmandu, Nepal

- Direct the strategic vision, institutional governance, and operational management of a newly established AI research and academic institute overseeing research, policy, and academic programming at the intersection of technology, governance, and higher education.
- Institutionally designated by the Government of Nepal as a contributing expert to the National AI Policy 2025 (AI Policy 2082) providing advisory input on AI governance frameworks, ethical AI adoption in education, and capacity-building strategies for Nepal's AI ecosystem.
- Direct AI-driven academic curriculum development, embedding cutting-edge AI applications into structured higher education programming aligned with international standards.
- Lead policy dialogues and research initiatives addressing the geopolitical and institutional impact of AI across the Asian academic landscape, engaging government ministries, bilateral partners, and international think tanks.
- Manage institutional partnerships, community outreach, and resource mobilisation to develop a sustainable, accreditation-ready academic institution from the ground up.
- Represent AIAI in national and regional conferences, policy conclaves, and academic forums building the institute's public profile and thought leadership position.

Higher Education Consultant | Asian Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs (AIDIA) & Kathmandu University Partnership

August 2025 - Present | Kathmandu, Nepal

- Developed a comprehensive multi-year Institutional Strategic Plan for AIDIA, defining the vision, mission, strategic pillars, performance indicators, and phased roadmap for the institute's transition from a think tank into a dual-function think tank and accredited graduate school.
- Designed complete curriculum outlines for the Masters in International Affairs, Economy and Diplomacy (MIAED) program including course frameworks, learning outcomes, semester structures, specialisation tracks, and faculty allocation plans aligned with UGC Nepal and Kathmandu University standards.

- Directed comprehensive financial planning for the new graduate school modelling institutional investment requirements, revenue projections, break-even analysis, fee structures, and five-year fiscal sustainability frameworks for stakeholder presentation.
- Managed the full planning and setup of AIDIA's new physical campus coordinating space design, infrastructure requirements, equipment procurement, and operational systems to support both academic and think tank functions.
- Led the complete regulatory lifecycle of two new academic programs (MIAED and MPA) from concept development through affiliation, UGC Nepal compliance, Ministry of Education clearances, and Kathmandu University partnership formalisation.
- Designed institutional policy architecture including governance structures, faculty coordination frameworks, academic quality assurance systems, and community partnership mechanisms to support the dual identity of the institution.
- Built and sustained strategic industry and government partnerships to enrich programme relevance, expand the institutional stakeholder network, and position AIDIA as a credible voice in Nepal's International Affairs, Economy and diplomacy policy space.

Assistant & Compliance Manager | Embark College, Nepal

November 2024 - August 2025 | Kathmandu, Nepal

- Managed the full office of the CEO coordinating executive correspondence, stakeholder communications, board-level reporting, and senior-level meeting facilitation, serving as the principal operational interface for the CEO across internal and external affairs.
- Developed a comprehensive Institutional Strategic Plan and regulatory proposal for a new additional academic programme in Environmental Studies, submitted to Kathmandu University for affiliation approval covering curriculum design, faculty plans, infrastructure readiness, and QA frameworks.
- Prepared and submitted the full suite of regulatory documents required for programme approval including application dossiers, compliance declarations, environmental scan analyses, and stakeholder consultation summaries per Kathmandu University's affiliation protocols.
- Supported the Academic Lead in meeting all academic regulatory requirements, including the preparation of QAA documentation for UGC QAA Nepal accreditation readiness ensuring institutional compliance with quality assurance criteria across teaching, assessment, governance, and student support.
- Managed end-to-end regulatory compliance for a foreign-affiliated college, ensuring fulfilment of all requirements from UGC Nepal, the Ministry of Education, and Tribhuvan University across enrolment, examination, and institutional governance domains.

- Developed and implemented enrolment strategies and contributed to institutional policy review, strengthening administrative governance frameworks and streamlining student affairs processes.

Head, Global Collaborations & Innovations | Faculty, Social Entrepreneurship & Innovation | Kathmandu Model College, Nepal

May 2024 - November 2024 | Kathmandu, Nepal

- Taught Creativity and Innovation (Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development) and Social Entrepreneurship to Bachelor-level students designing course content, assessment frameworks, and industry-embedded learning activities that contextualised entrepreneurship theory within Nepal's startup ecosystem.
- Established international academic collaborations with universities in South Korea, India, and the United States negotiating partnership frameworks, student exchange protocols, and joint programme development initiatives to expand the college's global academic footprint.
- Designed and executed globally-oriented academic programmes, coordinating curriculum delivery and cross-disciplinary initiatives across faculty, students, and external industry stakeholders.
- Facilitated faculty development workshops on pedagogy innovation covering Rubrics Development, digital tools (Canva), design thinking methodologies, and academic writing upgrading instructional capacity across the institution.
- Managed academic content planning, event reporting, and institutional communications to support programme quality, accreditation readiness, and stakeholder engagement.

Graduate Assistant, Office of International Relations | LEAD College of Management (Autonomous), Kerala, India

November 2022 - May 2024 | Kerala, India

- Executed complete NAAC and NBA accreditation documentation ensuring meticulous record-keeping and strict adherence to quality assurance frameworks, achieving full audit-readiness across academic and administrative domains.
- Conceptualised and prototyped AccrediX, an AI-enabled accreditation management system, demonstrating applied expertise in deploying technology to enhance institutional compliance and reduce administrative burden.
- Coordinated international student recruitment, increasing enrolment by 13 students from 10 countries through targeted, data-driven outreach strategies and strategic academic partnership development.
- Presented two peer-reviewed research papers at the Third International Conference on Management (LEAD College in collaboration with Sharada University Uzbekistan, KUFOS, and Marico

Industries): 'Rethinking Higher Education for Sustainable Development' and 'Impact of Work-Life Balance on Job Embeddedness and Well-Being Among Faculty in B-Schools in Kerala.'

- Presented 'Opportunities & Challenges for Mechanical Engineering Entrepreneurship in India' at ICIEM, NSS College of Engineering, Palakkad.

Administrative Officer | HICAST - Himalayan College of Agricultural Science and Technology

16 July 2022 - 30 November 2022 | Kathmandu, Nepal

- Managed and executed administrative, project, and executive support activities associated with the office of a core division or equivalent component of the College.
- Reported directly to the principal executive officer of the entity and served as the principal point of administrative contact and liaison with internal and external constituencies.
- Provided and/or oversaw direct staff support to the office principal.
- Provided specialist administrative services in areas including fiscal management, public/community relations, faculty, staff, or student affairs, general business administration, and development and relations, depending upon the functional area supported.

Administrative Consultant | Provincial Infrastructure Development Authority, Government of Lumbini Province, Lumbini Province, Nepal

January 2022 - November 2022 | Lumbini Province, Nepal

- Developed comprehensive administrative, financial, and HR bylaws for a newly established provincial government authority providing a direct institutional policy parallel to academic administration in higher education settings.
- Managed pre- and post-procurement compliance, maintaining meticulous documentation for audit and regulatory reporting across a multi-agency government project.

Executive Administrator & Administrative Officer, Office of the Vice-Chancellor | Nepal Sanskrit University, Dang

December 2020 - January 2022 | Dang, Nepal

- Served as the central administrative and communications hub for the Vice-Chancellor's Office managing the VC's full executive schedule, coordinating inter-ministerial and inter-university correspondence, preparing briefing documents, and ensuring timely follow-up on all VC-level decisions across faculties and administrative units.
- Drafted and implemented comprehensive operational strategies, financial rules, HR bylaws, and administrative norms for the establishment of a new Faculty of Engineering managing the full pre-

approval lifecycle including curriculum design, faculty engagement policy, collaboration framework, and stakeholder consultation.

- Coordinated complex multi-stakeholder governance processes, integrating expert input from local, national, and international bodies into formal university policy and administrative structures including diplomatic coordination with government line ministries.
- Prepared and presented comprehensive reports, presentations, and documentation for executive committee meetings, Board of Studies sessions, and Senate-level deliberations ensuring the VC was fully briefed and all action items tracked to completion.
- Coordinated dignitary visits, international academic delegations, and faculty development programs overseeing protocol, logistics, guest management, and post-event reporting at an institutional level.
- Managed confidential institutional communications and sensitive governance matter with full discretion, serving as the primary point of trust between the VC and both internal faculty and external government and partner institutions.

Administrative Advisor, Office of the Vice-Chancellor | BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan

May 2020 - December 2020 | Dharan, Nepal

- Served as strategic advisor to the Vice-Chancellor's Office during a national health crisis providing research-backed policy recommendations, coordinating rapid institutional responses, and serving as a principal liaison between the VC and external government and international stakeholders.
- Developed the institutional plan and complete operational policy framework for a dedicated COVID-19 hospital a high-stakes, time-critical strategic planning exercise requiring rapid decision implementation, multi-agency coordination, and executive document drafting under emergency conditions.
- Coordinated directly with Federal and Provincial Government ministries, international health organisations, bilateral embassies, and NGOs to secure medical equipment, infrastructure financing, and logistical resources demonstrating high-level stakeholder diplomacy in a crisis environment.
- Prepared executive communications, briefs, and situation report for the Vice-Chancellor to support informed decision-making across rapidly evolving institutional and national health scenarios.
- Drafted operational guidelines, resource allocation protocols, and crisis governance documents ensuring regulatory and institutional compliance during the transition to emergency health service operations.
- Supported the VC's public communications and media liaison functions, ensuring accurate institutional messaging to government, health authorities, and the public throughout the crisis response period.

Administrative Expert & Secretary to Registrar, Office of the Registrar | Lumbini Buddhist University, Lumbini

June 2018 - May 2020 | Lumbini, Nepal

- Managed institutional governance, budget formulation, resource allocation, and compliance tracking across all Registrar Office functions serving as a core advisor to senior leadership on regulatory, financial, and academic administrative matters.
- Prepared and submitted comprehensive documentation for the landmark amendment of the Lumbini Buddhist University Act transitioning the institution's legal mandate from a single-faith Buddhist university to a Buddhism-inspired multidisciplinary university, expanding its national and international academic scope and programme eligibility.
- Led the full institutional establishment of the Bachelor of Arts in Law (BALLB) Programme and the Butwal City Campus including regulatory approvals, curriculum development, campus readiness assessment, faculty hiring coordination, and stakeholder communication.
- Drafted 10 foundational institutional regulations covering governance, academic affairs, faculty conduct, student services, examination systems, library operations, financial management, procurement, campus administration, and partnership frameworks providing the legal and procedural backbone for the expanded university.
- Increased international student enrolment by 85 students from 3 countries through targeted academic collaboration strategies and international partnership outreach.
- Coordinated the 1st International Buddhist Art, Culture & Literature Festival 2020 a 5-day multi-stakeholder event integrating academic seminars, community engagement, government participation, and inter-agency partnerships at national and international scale.

Executive & Administrative Assistant / Personal Secretary, Office of the Vice-Chancellor | Mid-Western University, Surkhet

November 2015 - June 2018 | Surkhet, Nepal

- Managed the Vice-Chancellor's complete executive schedule, priority correspondence, and official communications coordinating all appointments, agenda management, minutes documentation, and follow-up tracking across multiple simultaneous institutional workstreams.
- Spearheaded international academic collaboration expansion negotiating and formalising 50+ MoUs with global institutions including Chandigarh University, OP Jindal Global University, and Jiujiang University achieving a 30% increase in international student enrolment.

- Coordinated high-level diplomatic and academic events including international conferences, inter-university summits, and ministerial-level visits managing protocol, logistics, guest management, and official communication on behalf of the VC.
- Contributed directly to the development, implementation, and review of university-wide policies and administrative procedures drafting governance documents, academic regulations, and administrative bylaws in alignment with national higher education law and UGC Nepal standards.
- Achieved a 20% reduction in administrative processing time by redesigning pre-approval workflows, implementing structured data tracking systems, and standardising document management across executive office operations.
- Served as the principal liaison between the VC's Office and internal departments, government ministries, regulatory authorities, and international partner institutions managing sensitive communications with full discretion and institutional confidentiality.
- Prepared comprehensive briefs, reports, and background documents to ensure the Vice-Chancellor was fully informed for all strategic meetings, government engagements, academic events, and public appearances.

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration (MBA) Human Resources & Systems

LEAD College of Management (Autonomous), Kerala, India | 2024

Bachelor of Arts International Relations & Diplomacy

Mid-Western University, Surkhet, Nepal | GPA: 3.69 / 4.0 | 2018

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS & PUBLIC THOUGHT

LEADERSHIP

Book Publication

- Co-Author: Entrepreneurship and Business Resource Mapping. Written with Dr. Binod Lingden Subba, University of Gloucestershire, UK; Baburam Timsina, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; and Prakriti Koirala, University of Memphis, USA. ISBN: 978-9937-730-54-9.

Peer-Reviewed & Academic Conference Presentations

- Presented: 'Rethinking Higher Education for Sustainable Development' Third International Conference on Management, LEAD College (in collaboration with Sharada University, Uzbekistan; KUFOS; Marico Industries).

- Presented: 'Impact of Work-Life Balance on Job Embeddedness and Well-Being Among Faculty in B-Schools in Kerala' Third International Conference on Management.
- Presented: 'Opportunities & Challenges for Mechanical Engineering Entrepreneurship in India' International Conference on Industrial Engineering & Management (ICIEM), NSS College of Engineering, Palakkad.
- Conference Paper: 'The Geopolitics of AI Governance and Digital Diplomacy in South Asia' Himalayan Framework for AI Policy MUMIC, Mid-West University.

Selected Articles, Op-Eds and Policy Commentary

Substack Page: <https://substack.com/@dilipbhattarai>

2026

- UNI India Article - March 2026 | The Balen Wave | <https://www.uniindia.com/the-balen-wave/india/news/3768468.html>
- Daily Sun Opinion - 1 March 2026 | Prospects of Nepal-Kosovo Partnership | Co-Author: Kuber Chalise and Dilip Bhattarai | <https://www.daily-sun.com/opinion/860570/prospects-of-nepal-kosovo-partnership>
- IPPAN / Urja Samriddhi 2082 Article - 2026 | Kinetic Intelligence for a New Energy Era: Nepal's Energy Vision in the Age of AI | Co-Author: Ananda Chaudhary and Dilip Bhattarai | <https://www.ippan.org.np/7037>
- Nepal Khabar Opinion - 16 May 2026 | <https://www.nepalkhabar.com/blog/274824-2026-5-16-21-3-16>
- Nepal Khabar Opinion - 8 March 2026 | <https://www.nepalkhabar.com/opinion/267789-2026-3-8-18-12-13>
- Nepal Khabar Blog - 5 March 2026 | <https://www.nepalkhabar.com/blog/267463-2026-3-5-20-22-7>
- Nepal Khabar Opinion - 23 February 2026 | <https://www.nepalkhabar.com/opinion/266429-2026-2-23-19-38-27>
- YouTube Interview / AI Policy Commentary - 26 January 2026 | AI Insights With Dilip Bhattarai | <https://youtu.be/d1gYokn3w7s?si=7Oet5TSucnoScUtT>

2025

- NepalPress Article - 16 December 2025 | Oli's Status Quo or Vidya Ishwar's Innovation | <https://www.nepalpress.com/2025/12/16/671906/olis-status-quo-or-vidya-ishwars-innovation/>
- Nepal Khabar Blog - 1 December 2025 | <https://www.nepalkhabar.com/blog/257815-2025-12-1-7-27-14>

- Nepal Khabar Blog - 23 October 2025 | <https://www.nepalkhabar.com/blog/253770-2025-10-23-10-31-34>
- Nepal Khabar Blog - 1 October 2025 | <https://www.nepalkhabar.com/blog/251421-2025-10-1-9-40-41>
- NepalPress Article - 5 September 2025 | Review: Godavari Risk to the Path of Education or Oli's Arrogance | <https://www.nepalpress.com/2025/09/05/636157/review-godavari-risk-to-the-path-of-education-or-olis-arrogance/>
- Nepal Khabar Blog - 3 September 2025 | <https://www.nepalkhabar.com/blog/248942-2025-9-3-8-11-12>
- Nepal Khabar Blog - 16 August 2025 | <https://www.nepalkhabar.com/blog/246837-2025-8-16-15-57-50>
- Nepal Khabar Blog - 12 August 2025 | <https://www.nepalkhabar.com/blog/246792-2025-8-12-15-41-19>
- Nepal Khabar Blog - 3 August 2025 | <https://www.nepalkhabar.com/blog/245751-2025-8-3-16-9-32>
- NepalPress Article - 17 July 2025 | <https://www.nepalpress.com/2025/07/17/617719/>
- NepalPress Article - 30 June 2025 | <https://www.nepalpress.com/2025/06/30/611029/>
- Ratopati Article | Madan Bhandari's Response, Vidyadevi Bhandari's Need | <https://www.ratopati.com/story/497722/madan-bhandaris-response-vidyadevi-bhandaris-need>
- NepalPress Article - 16 February 2025 | What Nepal Need to do in Artificial Intelligence Race? | <https://www.nepalpress.com/2025/02/16/560827/>
- NepalPress Article - 10 February 2025 | Rise and Fall of AAP in India and Lessons for Nepal New Forces | <https://www.nepalpress.com/2025/02/10/559153/>

2024

- YouTube Interview / Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Commentary - 19 September 2024 | Entrepreneurship is the backbone of Nation | Startup, innovative and entrepreneurship ecosystem of Nepal | <https://youtu.be/IQugX7gjDGw?si=D80Ocq-Cjuud4lXh>
- Edusanjal Article - August 2024 | Revamping Nepal's Education: Innovation and AI at the Forefront | <https://edusanjal.com/post/revamping-nepals-education-innovation-and-ai-at-the-forefront/>

2023

- English NepalPress Article - 28 August 2023 | Advancing Nepal's Global Position: The Imperative for World-Class Universities | <https://english.nepalpress.com/2023/08/28/advancing-nepals-global-position-the-imperative-for-world-class-universities/>

Public Speaking, Panels and Policy Engagements

- AI Conclave 2026 / AI Convergence Conclave, KU AI Club - 27 January 2026 - Guest Speaker / Associate Director, Asian Institute of Artificial Intelligence.
- NICCI Panel on Bilateral Economic Growth - 20 December 2025 – Panelist, Co-Convenor, NICCI Startup and Private Equity Committee.
- From Vision to Reality - A Masterclass in Prospection - 16 June 2025 – Academic Institution | Entrepreneurship Week, Embark College. Masterclass Facilitator.
- Developing the Entrepreneurial Mindset in the Nepali Context - 16 June 2025 - Institution: Ace Institute of Management. BBA Sixth Semester Students.
- Radio Interview on Startup with Annapurna Campaign - 3 February 2025 - Radio Annapurna Nepal / The Project. Interviewer: Drona Parajuli. Discussed the Startup Nepal campaign, entrepreneurship, and Nepal's emerging startup ecosystem under the Startup with Annapurna campaign.
- News Coverage: Bidhyarthiko pratibha ujar, N Hubko parikalpana - 7 January 2025 / Poush 23, 2081 - Publication: Annapurna Post | <https://www.annapurnapost.com/story/471504>
- Television Interview: Voice of Entrepreneur - 30 December 2024 - Platform: News24 Nepal. Host: Rohan Shrestha Ron. Need of policy change for startup and innovation ecosystem in Voice of Entrepreneur. <https://youtu.be/N7yBZc8z4rw?si=P4wu0AxgfgXG6Tqp>
- Entrepreneurship Mindset Development Training - 24 September 2024 - Institution: Birgunj Public College, Birgunj.
- N.Hub as Knowledge Partner for Startup with Annapurna initiative - 25 August 2024 / Bhadra 9, 2081 - Publication: Annapurna Post | <https://www.annapurnapost.com/story/463978/>
- Entrepreneurial Mindset Development Programme - 7 June 2024 – at Aksharaa School.
- Entrepreneurship Promotion and Student Ideas Initiative - 6 June 2024 - Liberty College, Anamnagar, Kathmandu & Kathmandu Model College – TU, Bagbazar Kathmandu.
- Keynote Speaker, ALISS '23 - 10 October 2023 - Topic: Innovation and Competition in AI Driven Commerce on how artificial intelligence is reshaping commerce, competition, innovation, and entrepreneurial strategy.
- Paper Presentation, International Conference on Innovation in Engineering and Management - 22 July 2023 - Opportunities and Challenges for Mechanical Engineering Entrepreneurship analysing the opportunities, barriers, and ecosystem requirements for promoting mechanical engineering entrepreneurship.

Media Mentions and Institutional Coverage - Latest to Oldest

- The Wire - 12 September 2025 | Nepal: The Dilemma on Which Path to Take | <https://thewire.in/south-asia/nepal-dilemma-which-path-to-take>

- Khabarhub - 21 January 2025 | <https://khabarhub.com/2025/21/738193>
- Desh Sanchar - 21 January 2025 | <https://deshsanchar.com/2025/01/21/1003410/>
- Prasashan - 21 January 2025 | <https://www.prasashan.com/2025/01/21/631566>
- Gorkhapatra Online | <https://gorkhapatraonline.com/news/139939>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CERTIFICATIONS

- SAP Human Capital Management Training (10 days) - LEAD College of Management, 2023
- Diploma in Human Resource Management - Alison Online Learning, 2023
- Master Class on International Protocol, Diplomacy & Strategic Relationship Management - AIDIA, Kathmandu
- National Conference on Agile HR - National Institute of Personnel Management, Palakkad Chapter, 2022

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Co-Convenor, Startup & Private Equity Committee - Nepal-India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NICCI) Co-chairs the committee advancing startup policy reform and cross-border investment facilitation between Nepal and India.

LANGUAGES & INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

- Languages: English (Professional Fluency) | Nepali (Mother Tongue) | Hindi (Professional Fluency)
- International Exposure: India | Bangladesh | Thailand | Cambodia | China | Bhutan | Sri Lanka
- Academic Collaborations Established: South Korea | United States | India | China | Uzbekistan and other 53+ countries

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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Dr. Thomas George K. - Chairman & Director, LEAD College of Management, Kerala |
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CLOSING STATEMENT

Dilip Bhattarai's professional journey reflects a consistent focus on building institutions, strengthening governance systems, connecting education with national development, and translating ideas into implementable structures. His experience across university executive offices, AI policy, accreditation systems, institutional strategy, international partnerships, startup ecosystem development, and public-sector

administrative reform positions him to contribute meaningfully to Nepal's emerging science, technology, innovation, higher education, and national transformation agenda.