## ESP related Observation Trip to Kathmandu, Chitwan and Hetauda "Exploring different Institutions to understand ESP practices"



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#### 1. Introduction

Entrepreneurship Support Program is run by University Grants Commission which provides opportunities to students, alumni and young faculties to get knowledge about startup business operations and provides the platform to start the business.

Sukuna Multiple Campus (SMC) has been selected to conduct ESP program by University Grants Commission last year. This program was new to SMC however the campus wanted to conduct this program in a professional manner as the success of the program can not only help the young students, alumni and young faculty but also benefit the community as a whole.

On that regard, SMC planned to visit different renowned institutions who have successfully run first cohort of ESP program and who have long history of successfully completion on Entrepreneurship project on self-funded manner.

A team was formed in SMC to coordinate this program. We had faculty, and Staff members in that team. We planned to visit to Kathmandu, Chitwan and Hetauda for our observational research regarding the ESP practice in the capital city and other major cities like Kathmandu and Chitwan.

#### 2. Program Objectives

- 1. To find out the ESP running methods
- 2. To understand different Entrepreneurship Support practices in different college
- 3. To find out the success story of fresh entrepreneurs who were trained in ESP

#### 3. Program Schedule

Day	Date	Colleges Visit
Day 1	2080-10-17	Bagishwori College,
		Bhaktapur
Day 2	2080-10-18	Kings College,
		Babarmahal, Kathmandu
Day 2	2080-10-18	NCIT College,
		Balkumari

Day 3	2080-10-19	Presidency College
		Chitwan
Day 3	2080-10-19	Hetauda School of Management
		Hetauda

#### 4. Activities Performed in Observation Trip

We organized a three days trip to visit those places.

#### A. Day 1 (2080/10/17)

#### Visit to Bagishwori College



We first went to Kathmandu Valley. On Magh 17, we went to Bagishwari College, Bhaktapur. Bagishwari College is situated in Bhaktapur. Bagishwari College has successfully run its first cohort in 2079. We met with Abina Shrestha, ESP Coordinator who shared overall first cohort experience. It was a good insight to know about possible problems and challenges which may occur in the course of ESP program. She said that there is a high possibility of dropout students and institute needs to motivate them regularly. We also came to know about their class schedule, total class hours, experts they used. According to them, there should be robust course of contents as well as evaluation criteria.

Their student's proposals had already selected for financial negotiations. We met to one student who had produced clay dough jewelry. She shown us few clay dough jewelry and said there is a substantial demand of clay dough in foreign countries.

#### B. Day 2 (2080/10/18)

#### 1. Visit to King's College, Kathmandu

We went to Kings College, Buddhanagar, Kathmandu. Kings College is a Private college which is successfully running self-funded entrepreneurship programs. They conduct entrepreneurship support program very professionally. They have their own expert pool who conduct Entrepreneurship related practical short-term course and provide all the financial and networking support. They have dozens of Start up team and some of them are doing really good.

They have also tied up with professional Entrepreneurship Support Agency such as Antarprerana and International university such as Simon Fraser University.

#### 2. Visit to NCIT College Lalitpur

We went to NCIT college, Balkumari, Lalitpur where we met with Coordinator. NCIT college is one of the colleges which has successfully run the first cohort. We came to know that they have successfully run ESP program last year. Also the college environment is as such that it encourages students to indulge on start up. There are dozens of successfully run technology related Start Up operated by NCIT students.

#### C. Day 3 (2080/10/19)

#### 1. Visit to Presidency College, Chitwan

We went to Presidency College Chitwan on Day 3. We met the Faculty Mr. Dolendra Paudel who is the Entrepreneurship Coordinator on that institution. Presidency College has already run its first ESP cohort earlier. Mr. Paudel shared his experiences and challenges they faced in ESP duration. According to him, there are plenty challenges probably more than in capital city. They had made a standard Non-credit course syllabus, collaborated with Antarprerana for expert hiring, conducted evening sessions.

They also have few startups doing really well.

#### 2. Visit to Hetauda School of Management (HSM), Hetauda

On day 3 we went to our last destination, Hetauda School of Management. We met to different Faculties who explained their ESP's first cohort journey. They answered all of our queries and promised to support us if we need any help. They have good infra structure and good management of Trainee's work space. Few ideas from HSM already materialized and successfully established as startup.

The Interesting thing about HSM's ESP is that out of 390 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort's attendance, only 7 student successfully completed and passed the ESP class.

#### 5. Conclusion

The visit was insightful and each visit we learnt something new. With the interactions we had with different faculties in Kathmandu, we understood the challenges and how to overcome it, how we should start, and what are the possible support we may seek during the course of ESP learning program. Also, we became clear about our roadmap to conduct this ESP program effectively in Sukuna Multiple Campus

# 6. ANNEXES Photos During College Visit



















