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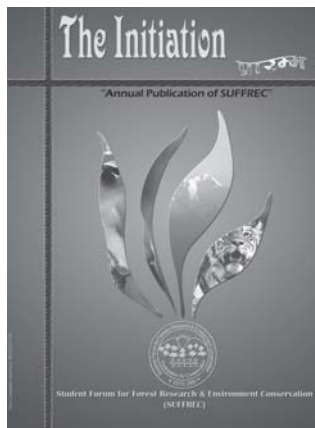
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PREFACE

It was supposed to be simple. But the challenges which we are facing now were being complicated due to abuse and illusion. We have immense network of conservation area but the problem is still huge. To this end, still there are investment opportunities for the biodiversity conservation. Coordination for consensus may be prime theme for the conservation of ecological worth of the nation, if we are responsible. Now, at this juncture, it could be inspiring if we can incorporate the burning issues of forestry and natural resources to address. **The Initiation**, an annual publication of Student Forum for Forestry Research & Environment Conservation (SUFFREC), Kathmandu Forestry College, aims to consolidate and disseminate the information which can solve the contemporary issues and its impact on the long run. We hope this task will receive the unprecedented height of success in the field of conservation of natural heritage.

This Brand new Issue of **The Initiation** had tried its best to cover the information on various aspects and topics of biodiversity. In new Nepal **The Initiation** is also in new format. As much as our ability assists us we have tried our best to cover the socio-political issue too.

In this journal will be found various articles under five main headings: Biodiversity, Environment, Non-Timber Forest Product (NTFP), Socio-political Issues, and Miscellaneous. Every heading contains the resourceful and informative article.

Each article consists of the precise abstract and key words which serve as the window of the article. The book unfolds with article of **T.B. shrestha** "Classification of Nepalese Forests and Their Distribution in Protected Areas" under heading Biodiversity. Proceeding with article "Payment for Environmental Services in Nepal (A Case Study of Shivapuri National Park, Kathmandu, Nepal)" by **Kamal Jung Kunwar** under heading Environment, "Economics of Non Timber Forest Production Promotion and Marketing: A Case Study from Malekhukhola Watershed of Dhading District of Nepal" by **Bishnu Hari Pandit** under heading NTFP and "Nepalese Foresters: Technocrats or Deliberative Scientists ?" **Hemant R. Ojha** and articles of **Bishnu Pd. Thapaliya** and **Mukesh Kumar Chalise** under miscellaneous.

Addressing the rapid needs, the theme connotation, **The Initiation** totally belongs to the conservation world. This Journal can stand out as a milestone. The challenge is to cast a new light on the whole array of issue which threatens our ability to reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Let us hope, **The Initiation**, will initiate to convert words into practical steps through the innovative and creative minds. We have attempted in a way and hope that, this issue would be most adored by Forestry students, concerned professionals, academicians and other stakeholders and expect that they can use it as reference for academic and other purpose.

We owe a debt of gratitude to those who have contributed by providing valuable articles, advertisement & financial support. Furthermore, this wouldn't have been possible without the collective endeavors. So, thanks to every team member for the dedication & commitment. We have made our every effort to make it compatible and error free as our accessibility. Still, we heartily welcome your valuable suggestions and comments to make the upcoming issues, mass appealing. Finally, we express our heartily greetings to all on the auspicious occasion of "**Vijaya Dashami & Deepawali, 2065**".

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