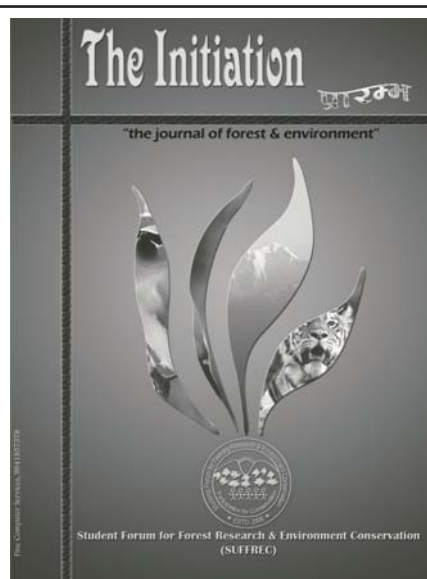


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PREFACE

It is time to feel happy now. We have gone through many ups and down to put the initial efforts in this niche today. It gives us immense pleasure to bring the first publication of "Initiation", an annual journal of SUFFREC, Kathmandu Forestry College.

There is no qualm over the fact that the world's biodiversity is being degraded. There is a consensus on the fact that several species of birds, animals and plants are on the decline. Debate, in the conservation world, generally raises on what should be done to tackle the problem of biodiversity depletion. At this juncture, as being naturalist, we are initiating this step which will only be a part not the whole in the conservation world. So, there still remains the gap to be filled up.

"The Initiation" totally belongs to the conservation world. This would be a milestone in re-establishing the degraded natural resources. The challenge is to translate words into practical steps focusing on key areas which will have the greatest impact on sustainable development. Let us hope, "Initiation", will initiate to convert words into practical steps.

We have attempted in a way and hope that, this issue would be most adored by Forestry students, concerned professionals, academicians and other interested individuals, and expect that they can use it as reference for academic and other uses.

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. 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, 2064".

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