



PDS-Nepal Student Network

A Project of Public Defender Society of Nepal

Company Profile

1. Introduction: PDS-Nepal Student Network

In the vibrant landscape of Nepal's educational realm, the PDS-Nepal Student Network stands as a beacon of empowerment and innovation. Born from the vision of the Public Defender Society of Nepal, this student-led initiative has emerged as a dynamic force in nurturing the potential of law students across the nation. Established with unwavering dedication in July 2021, the network has swiftly evolved into a transformative platform, driving the growth and development of future legal professionals.

Mission and Objectives: At the heart of the PDS-Nepal Student Network lies a powerful mission — to equip young law enthusiasts with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to excel in a complex and ever-evolving legal landscape. Grounded in this mission are a set of holistic objectives:

- **Fostering Learning and Growth:** We are committed to creating an environment where law students thrive. Through a range of meticulously crafted programs, we empower them with the expertise needed to become effective and compassionate legal practitioners.
- **Community and Collaboration:** Central to our ethos is the idea of community. We offer a platform where students from diverse backgrounds and educational institutions can come together, collaborate, and share their insights. This network transcends geographical boundaries, nurturing a unified legal community.
- **Advancing Justice and Rights:** Our network is driven by a passion for justice and equality. We strive to instill in our members a deep understanding of their role in promoting human rights, social justice, and access to legal resources.
- **Innovation and Empowerment:** Innovation is in our DNA. By pushing the boundaries of conventional legal education, we empower students to think creatively, critically, and proactively, fostering a new generation of legal thinkers.

Founding Principles: The PDS-Nepal Student Network was founded upon a bedrock of principles that guide our every endeavor:

- **Student-Centric Approach:** We place students at the heart of everything we do. Their growth, aspirations, and well-being drive our initiatives, ensuring a transformative experience for each member.
- **Collaborative Learning:** We believe in the power of collaborative learning. Through a plethora of workshops, seminars, and events, we foster an environment where diverse perspectives converge, creating a rich tapestry of legal knowledge.
- **Real-World Impact:** Our initiatives are rooted in real-world applicability. By engaging in legal surveys, awareness campaigns, research projects, and more, we bridge the gap between academic understanding and practical impact.

- **Inclusivity and Diversity:** Inclusivity is our cornerstone. We celebrate diversity in all its forms, fostering an environment where individuals of varying backgrounds contribute to a vibrant legal discourse.

The journey of the PDS-Nepal Student Network is a testament to the dedication of our student volunteers and the unwavering support of the Public Defender Society of Nepal. As we continue to chart new horizons, our commitment to enhancing legal education, promoting justice, and shaping a brighter future for Nepal's legal landscape remains steadfast.

2. Founder and Team: PDS-Nepal Student Network

Founder and Program Director: Mr. Ashmit Kumar Jha "Aayush," serves as the visionary founder and Program Director of the PDS-Nepal Student Network. A dedicated law student pursuing his BBM-LLB degree at Kathmandu University School of Law, Aayush's indomitable spirit and fervent commitment to legal education have been instrumental in shaping the network's trajectory.

Administrative Head: Leading the administrative wing of the network is Mr. Aayush Badal, an undergraduate student at Kathmandu University School of Law. With a keen eye for detail and a passion for effective organization, Aayush ensures the seamless execution of the network's initiatives.

Human Resources Head: Ms. Prakriti Aryal, also from Kathmandu University School of Law, takes charge of human resources. Her adeptness at fostering teamwork and cultivating a vibrant community has been pivotal in creating a positive and collaborative network environment.

Outreach Head: Mr. Ankit Jha, hailing from Kathmandu University School of Law, spearheads the outreach efforts of the network. His ability to forge connections and expand the network's reach has been instrumental in spreading its impact across the legal education landscape.

Social-Media Head: Mr. Aashish Shah, a student of Kathmandu University School of Law, skillfully manages the network's social media presence. With a creative flair and an understanding of digital engagement, Aashish amplifies the network's voice in the virtual sphere.

Communication & Finance Head: Managing communication and financial matters is Mr. Sujal Pokharel, a determined student at Kathmandu University School of Law. His knack for effective communication and financial management ensures the network's operations run smoothly.

Research Head: Ms. Bipashana Ojha, pursuing her BA-LLB at Kathmandu School of Law under Purbanchal University, leads the research endeavors of the network. Her dedication to insightful research projects bolsters the network's commitment to enhancing legal understanding.

Non-Portfolio Executives: The team is further bolstered by the contribution of dynamic non-portfolio executives:

- Academic Group Coordinator: Ms. Sushma Adhikari (BA-LLB Undergraduate)

- Social Media Coordinator: Ms. Samragi Ghimire (BBM-LLB Undergraduate)
- Events Coordinator: Mr. Nikhil Ojha (High School Law Student)
- Cultural Group Coordinator: Ms. Usha Sapkota (BBM-LLB Undergraduate)
- Creativity & Multimedia Coordinator: Ms. Sumi Gupta (BBM-LLB Undergraduate)
- Awareness Coordinator: Mr. Avash Thakur (BA-LLB Undergraduate)
- Community Outreach Coordinator: Mr. Prabhat Kumar Singh (BBM-LLB Undergraduate)

College Committee Coordinators: The network's reach extends through dedicated college committee coordinators, fostering connections with various educational institutions, including:

- Nepal Law Campus (NLC- Tribhuvan University) - Ms. Saduka Pandey (BA-LLB Undergraduate)
- Prithivi Narayan Campus - Ms. Sadhana Bhandari (Tribhuvan University BA-LLB)
- Kathmandu University School of Law (KUSOL)- Mr. Aayush Chaudhary (BBM-LLB Undergraduate)
- Rajarshi Janak University (RJU) - Mr. MD Jamsed Alam (BA-LLB Undergraduate)
- Khowpa College of Law - Mr. Dil Bdr Bhandari (Purbanchal University BA-LLB Undergraduate)
- Kailali Multiple Campus - Mr. Dev Raj Awasthi (Far Western University BA-LLB Undergraduate)
- Mid-Western University School of Law - Ms. Kalpana Thapa (BA-LLB Undergraduate)

Membership: With over 300 members from various law colleges across the nation, the network encompasses a diverse array of law students pursuing programs such as BA-LLB, BBM-LLB, and BEc-LLB. This expansive membership base reflects the network's influence and resonance within the legal education community.

The PDS-Nepal Student Network owes its vibrancy and impact to the dedication and collective efforts of this passionate team. Their commitment to advancing legal education, promoting justice, and nurturing future legal professionals is the driving force behind the network's transformative initiatives.

3. Major Activities: PDS-Nepal Student Network

The PDS-Nepal Student Network thrives on its commitment to driving change and empowerment through a spectrum of transformative activities. These endeavors are meticulously designed to enhance legal education, foster awareness, and champion justice within Nepal's legal landscape. Here is an in-depth exploration of our major activities:

Webinars and Symposiums: A cornerstone of our engagement strategy is the organization of webinars and symposiums, where legal luminaries, experts, and thought leaders converge to share insights and perspectives. Noteworthy instances include:

- **Legal Education: Prospects and Challenges (First Edition):** This inaugural event brought together educators and experts, offering a platform for dialogue on the challenges and prospects of legal education in Nepal. Attended by 50 participants, it marked a powerful beginning for our educational initiatives.
- **Legal Exchange Symposium: Nepal & Palestine:** Collaborating with Mr. Ghadanfar Kamanji, the Attorney and Director of ILF-Palestine, this symposium explored the parallels between the legal landscapes of Nepal and Palestine. The cross-cultural exchange enriched the understanding of legal dynamics.
- **Advancing Youth Development & Rights:** Ms. Francine T. Sherman, a Clinic Professor at Boston College Law School, graced our virtual stage to discuss the critical role of law and lawyers in advancing youth development and rights.
- **Legal Education: Prospects and Challenges (Edition II):** A six-day program of remarkable scale, this edition witnessed participation from law students across the nation. With 48 speakers offering their insights, it was a testament to our commitment to holistic legal education.

Legal Survey & Awareness Programs: Our legal survey and awareness programs extend the power of legal knowledge to diverse communities, empowering them with awareness about their rights and responsibilities. Some of our impactful endeavors include:

- **Camellia School, Kathmandu:** Engaging with over 200 students, we conducted sessions on fundamental rights, juvenile justice, victim protection, minority rights, and more. By educating young minds, we pave the way for informed citizenship.
- **Shree Sanjay Sai Vidya Mandir:** Similar sessions were conducted for over 200 students, illuminating aspects such as juvenile justice, victim protection, and general laws. These interactions stimulate critical thinking and social responsibility.
- **Capital College & Research Centre:** Imparting legal knowledge to around 100 high school students, this initiative delved into fundamental rights, minority rights, victim protection, and various legal aspects, fostering a culture of informed decision-making.

- **Legal Knowledge For Madhesh Province (Edition I):** Spanning several schools and reaching 400 students across various districts, this initiative offered comprehensive knowledge about fundamental rights, juvenile justice, and the rights of the marginalized.

Institutions Covered:

- Public Youth Campus
- Gyankup Higher Secondary School
- Einstein Higher Secondary Boarding School
- **Legal Knowledge For Karnali Province (Edition I):** Through partnerships with schools like:
 - Hartvest Moon School,
 - Green Land Academy, and
 - South Asian Scholar Academy, we expanded our reach, educating over 400 students in Karnali Province about legal rights and justice.
- **Gyandeep Secondary School, Sanepa:** With engagement from 200+ students, we continued our commitment to legal awareness and empowerment, creating a ripple effect of informed individuals.

Research Work: The network's dedication to research is evident in our collaboration with the Public Defender Society of Nepal, assisting in research projects related to juveniles in correctional homes. By contributing to comprehensive insights, we support the advancement of juvenile justice initiatives.

Other Important Programs: Beyond these foundational activities, we have championed initiatives that amplify the voices of underrepresented communities and bring about positive change:

- **Legal Literature Fest:** Collaborating with Dhulikhel Municipality and Kathmandu University, we organized a dynamic event promoting legal awareness through literature. With participants from across the nation, it combined cultural performances with educational insights.
- **Freedom Fest: Pride Month Celebration:** Celebrating Pride Month in Dhulikhel, we organized a diverse range of activities including a pride parade, flash mob, street drama, and performances. This celebration brought visibility to LGBTQIA+ rights and the network's commitment to equality.
- **Conference: Insights of LGBTQIA+ Community:** In collaboration with the Blue Diamond Society, our conference in Gandaki Province shed light on LGBTQIA+ rights, challenges, and personal experiences. By creating an open dialogue, we fostered awareness and understanding.

Through these multifaceted activities, the PDS-Nepal Student Network orchestrates a symphony of change, nurturing the potential of law students, amplifying legal awareness, and advocating for justice. Our dedication to holistic legal education is the driving force behind each of these initiatives, fostering a brighter future for Nepal's legal landscape.

4. Achievements and Impact: PDS-Nepal Student Network

The journey of the PDS-Nepal Student Network is woven with remarkable achievements and an enduring impact on legal education, awareness, and advocacy. Since its inception, the network has catalyzed positive change and empowered law students to become agents of justice. Here, we outline some of our notable achievements and the far-reaching impact of our endeavors:

Empowering Law Students: Our primary achievement lies in the transformation of law students into proactive, informed, and compassionate legal professionals. By offering a dynamic platform for learning, collaboration, and growth, we have equipped hundreds of students with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in their academic pursuits and future careers.

Raising Legal Awareness: Through our legal awareness programs, we have reached thousands of students and community members across diverse regions of Nepal. By imparting crucial legal knowledge, we empower individuals to navigate legal complexities, understand their rights, and contribute positively to society.

Influence on Legal Education: Our webinars and symposiums have sparked insightful discussions on the challenges and prospects of legal education in Nepal. By engaging educators, experts, and students, we have contributed to the ongoing dialogue on enhancing the quality and relevance of legal pedagogy.

Promoting Inclusivity and Diversity: The PDS-Nepal Student Network has championed the values of inclusivity and diversity within the legal profession. By organizing events such as the Insights of LGBTQIA+ Community conference and the Freedom Fest, we have played a pivotal role in promoting awareness and acceptance of marginalized communities.

Advocacy for Juvenile Justice: Our research initiatives have facilitated meaningful contributions to the advancement of juvenile justice in Nepal. By collaborating with the Public Defender Society of Nepal and conducting research on juveniles in correctional homes, we have provided valuable insights that can drive policy improvements.

Community Engagement: The network's commitment to community engagement is evident through collaborations with local schools, municipalities, and educational institutions. Our legal literature fest and pride month celebration have brought legal awareness and acceptance to communities beyond the realm of academia.

Digital Impact: Our digital presence has enabled us to extend our impact beyond physical boundaries. Through engaging social media campaigns and online discussions, we have raised awareness on legal issues, ignited conversations, and inspired positive action among a wider audience.

Testimonials of Transformation: The true measure of our impact lies in the testimonials of those we have touched. Students who have participated in our programs attest to enhanced legal knowledge, critical thinking skills, and a heightened sense of responsibility. These stories of transformation reinforce our dedication to fostering a generation of ethical and empowered legal professionals.

Contributing to Social Change: Beyond individual growth, our network's initiatives have contributed to larger social changes. By promoting awareness about fundamental rights, victim protection, juvenile justice, and more, we play a role in building a more just and equitable society for all.

5. Collaborations and Partnerships: PDS-Nepal Student Network

Collaboration lies at the heart of the PDS-Nepal Student Network's journey towards fostering holistic legal education, raising awareness, and championing justice. Our commitment to meaningful partnerships and collaborations has magnified the impact of our initiatives and expanded our reach. Here, we highlight our key collaborations and partnerships:

Collaboration with Public Defender Society of Nepal: The PDS-Nepal Student Network stands as an offspring of the Public Defender Society of Nepal's vision. This partnership infuses our activities with a sense of purpose, aligning our efforts with the society's overarching mission of promoting access to justice, protecting human rights, and advancing legal research. The guidance and support of the Public Defender Society of Nepal have been instrumental in shaping the trajectory of our network.

Educational Institutions: We have forged alliances with prominent educational institutions across Nepal, amplifying our outreach and impact. Collaborating with institutions like Kathmandu University School of Law, Nepal Law Campus, Prithivi Narayan Campus, and more, we extend our reach to diverse student bodies. These partnerships facilitate the organization of workshops, seminars, and awareness campaigns within their campuses, enriching the academic experience of students.

NGOs and Legal Organizations: Our partnerships with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and legal organizations reinforce our commitment to advocacy and awareness. Collaborations with organizations such as the Blue Diamond Society and ILF-Palestine have enabled us to delve into critical legal issues, broaden our perspectives, and contribute to the advancement of social justice and human rights causes.

Local Level Collaboration: Engaging with local communities and government bodies has been a key aspect of our collaboration strategy. Collaborating with Dhulikhel Municipality for our Legal Literature Fest and Pride Month Celebration "Freedom Fest" showcases our commitment to grassroots engagement and social awareness. These collaborations underscore our dedication to raising awareness beyond the academic sphere.

Educational Exchange: Our collaboration with ILF-Palestine for the Legal Exchange Symposium marked a significant step towards international engagement. By facilitating a dialogue between legal professionals from Nepal and Palestine, we fostered cross-cultural learning, shared experiences, and deepened our understanding of global legal challenges.

Networking and Alliances: Our network has also developed affiliations with student organizations, cultural clubs, and welfare societies within educational institutions. Collaborations with these groups have enabled us to pool resources, share insights, and collectively contribute to social change and community betterment.

Future Collaborations: Looking ahead, we are committed to exploring new avenues for collaboration. We aim to partner with governmental bodies, international organizations, legal experts, and more to further amplify our impact and contribute meaningfully to legal education, awareness, and advocacy.

6. Envisioning Tomorrow: Future Goals and Vision

As the sun dips below the horizon of accomplishments, the PDS-Nepal Student Network stands poised on the threshold of infinite possibilities. With hearts ablaze and dreams soaring, we dare to paint the canvas of tomorrow with hues of ambition and audacity. Our creative vision unfurls:

Redefining Legal Education: Beyond Boundaries We envision a realm where legal education transcends the conventional, embracing experiential learning, practical exposure, and interactive pedagogies. Our vision materializes in symposiums that become crucibles of discourse, webinars that traverse borders, and collaborations that transform law schools into vibrant knowledge ecosystems.

Igniting Advocacy: The Torchbearer of Justice In the future, our network's advocacy efforts blaze forth, becoming a beacon for social change. We imagine campaigns that fan the flames of awareness on critical issues—inspiring conversations on rights, justice, and equality. Our imagination envisions art, music, and literature converging to create a societal shift towards compassion and understanding.

Global Bridging: A Network of Empowerment The canvas of our future is painted with global hues. We dream of forging international partnerships that bridge continents, fostering a cross-cultural exchange of ideas and experiences. Collaborations with legal minds around the world empower us to tackle global challenges, imprinting the spirit of Nepal onto the global legal tapestry.

Empowerment Beyond Borders: A Digital Odyssey Our network's digital presence takes flight, transcending geographical boundaries. In the realm of the virtual, we envision social media campaigns that spark movements, online symposiums that unite voices, and podcasts that carry legal insights to every corner. Our digital odyssey creates ripples of change, irrespective of physical distances.

The Legacy Continues: Nurturing Future Leaders In the tapestry of time, our legacy endures. We imagine a future where the seeds we plant today sprout into forests of empowered legal professionals, judges, policymakers, and leaders. These torchbearers continue the narrative of empowerment, spreading the ethos of justice and compassion across generations.

A Kaleidoscope of Impact: Cultural Resonance Our future unfolds with vibrant cultural integration. We imagine events where legal awareness meets artistic expression—literature, art, music, and dance converge to champion social causes. This kaleidoscope of impact resonates with hearts, touching minds in ways words alone cannot.

The Vision Unveiled: A Tapestry of Transformation Our vision is not a singular stroke; it's a rich tapestry woven with passion, dreams, and creativity. It's a symphony of collaboration, a journey of advocacy, and a celebration of diversity. It's the collective heartbeat of a community committed to shaping a future where justice prevails, rights are safeguarded, and legal education is a beacon of enlightenment.

As we paint the canvas of tomorrow, our creativity knows no bounds. The future beckons, and with every brushstroke, we breathe life into our vision—a vision that transcends time, transforms lives, and colors the world with the brilliance of justice.

7. Media Coverage/News Highlights

- Ramro Sandesh Coverage

<http://ramrosandesh.com/?p=10640&fbclid=IwAR3jvfZwkRLT8Rf0MyDCwgfZ2YvHyv0Bztyf43ViKlb5wFBX8hVb9u5cjjU>

- Himalaya Diary Coverage

https://himalayadiary.com/national-poetry-festival-2079-held-at-dhulikhel/?fbclid=IwAR2dNyj0C_Xfdg-LKq0EFtA0fNDFvOdB763IfJwFtPQUz9-5upC8qPBydaM

- Sahitya Post Coverage

<https://sahityapost.com/literature-news/94761/?fbclid=IwAR1Hd80DkP2ZOn25uJ6OrGO8YjB0F9WZleX2Zp5IVOOCIm9zN2qe5eR9ltY>

- Aksharang Coverage

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