

**WARM GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO THE THIRD ISSUE OF OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ICO UPDATES. LAST MONTH SEVERAL IMPORTANT VISITS TOOK PLACE SUCH AS THE VISIT FROM HONOURABLE CHIEF MINISTER OF KARNALI PROVINCE, PARTNERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR'S US AND EUROPE VISITS, AND THE RECENT VISIT OF A SMALL TEAM OF INF TO INDIA TO NAME A FEW.**

**FULL DETAILS ARE BELOW.**

## **1-15 OCTOBER**

### **Staff farewell**

- INF Nepal Central Office organised a small farewell programme on 4 October for the outgoing staff member **Chiranjivi Pant** [Office Assistant and Receptionist], who worked in INF Nepal for 22 years. **Krishna Adhikari** [Executive Director of INF Nepal] thanked Mr Pant for his service and dedication to his work and to the organisation. Mr Pant also expressed his gratitude to all staff members for their cooperation and support all these years and thanked INF for the opportunity to serve. Our best wishes and prayers are with him.



**16-31 OCTOBER**

### Staff recruitment

- INF Nepal has recruited two female staff members on 22 October. **Sahara Mishra** from Kathmandu has joined the DRR team as a Donor Project Officer and **Shakuntala Subedi** from Surkhet has joined the technical team as a Gender Officer. Prior to these appointments, Ms Mishra was involved as a trainee in Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction unit of UNDP. Similarly, Ms Subedi was also involved in the NGO sector. Ms Sahara will be based in Central Office and Ms Subedi will be in Nepalgunj.



Sahara Mishra



Shakuntala Subedi

### Vacancy announcement

- INF Nepal has announced a vacancy for the post of **Change Facilitator**. The post holder will be responsible for planning, coordinating, and working closely with the senior management team to implement the change process recommended by a strategic review of community development work and hospitals of Province 5 and 6, and is expected to join by the end of December. For more information please visit: [<https://www.inf.org/join-us/change-facilitator-inf-nepal/>]

### Chief Minister's visit

- The Honourable Chief Minister of Karnali Province, **Mahendra Bahadur Shahi** visited INF's Green Pastures Hospital and then the Central Office, Pokhara on 24 October. Mr Shahi was welcomed by **Krishna Adhikari** at Green Pastures Hospital Complex and by **Rajendra Kumar Adhikari** [Vice Chairperson of INF Nepal] at Central Office. Mr Shahi was given a tour of the hospital facilities, INF's farm and the Central Office by **Dhaka Ram BM** [Operations Director of INF Nepal].
- Mr Shahi expressed his gratitude to INF for all the services it has been providing to the most needy people especially in the remote areas of Nepal including the Karnali region since 1952.



### The USA and Europe visit

- **Thomas Meier** [Partnership and Communications Director] visited the USA on 26 October to attend a conference. He is expected to meet with possible partner organisations. He also visited Germany while returning to Nepal.

## INF Sports Meet-2075

- INF Nepal's ICT team organised a week-long annual sports meet from 29 October which included different sports activities such as Table Tennis, Badminton, Football and Mini-Marathon. The sports meet saw a great number of staff participation. Participants thanked the team for organising an event like this. The team has learned from this experience and promised that they will be more organised next year and expect even more participation and engagement from the staff members.



## Visit to India

- **Krishna Adhikari** along with his wife **Yamima Phipon** and **Manju Thapa** [Strategic Finance Analyst] left to Delhi to meet with the leaders of The Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief [EFICOR] and Emmanuel Hospital Association [EHA] on 30 October as a part of learning and exposure. They were later joined by **Alastair Seaman** [INF's International Director]. On 1–2 November, the INF team met with **Kennedy Dhanabalan**, Executive Director of EFICOR and his senior colleagues to discuss organisational development, Christian leadership and community development.



An INF team with Mr Kennedy Dhanabalan

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS:

- Strategic Management Committee [SMC] members meeting with **Ms Alison Craven** on 13 November at Central Office, Pokhara
- **66<sup>th</sup> INF Day** celebration on 16 November at Green Pastures Complex, Pokhara
- Chairperson and CEOs of INF families meeting on 17 November in Pokhara
- Strategic Advisory Team [SAT] meeting on 19 November at Central Office, Pokhara

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