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Message from the Editor

Dear readers,

I am elated to present to you the eleventh issue of Buneka Katha.

Two years ago, we began ‘Buneka Katha: Inspiring Through Stories’ as a means to showcase the incredible life journeys that our scholars have been through. Recognizing their struggles, accomplishments, hopes, and dreams, we wanted to create a medium for their stories to be heard by the world. At that time, we were working with a very small team, and it took us four months to plan, initiate, execute, and publish the magazine. This time, we had a team of over ten devoted members, and we were able to complete the issue in less than a month. I am incredibly happy that we have been able to make Inspiring Through Stories a recurring publication series, for all of our scholars have a unique and awe-inspiring story to tell.

Behind every article in this magazine is a life full of hardships, victories, and emotional roller coasters. But, for this edition, we especially wanted to highlight the vitality of supportive families and nurturing homes in our scholars’ lives. On top of our scholars’ personal hard work, it is crucial for them to have a strong emotional support system that they can always rely on. It is often the case that the unconditional love, trust, and belief of family members give our scholars the strength to fight through any and every obstacle they face in their lives. But, the support they receive has its own obstacles. This is where Canopy and our support comes in. In these articles, we wanted to express this idea and show you how education is not just an individual venture but a collective impact supporting entire households. I hope you are inspired by these stories as much as we were.

Finally, I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to all the scholars who openly expressed their vulnerabilities and difficulties with us. It took courage to come out and share their details for thousands to read, and I could not commend them enough for doing so. I also want to take a moment to thank my incredible team, without whom none of this would have been possible. Their dedication, punctuality, and collaboration are what made this magazine come to life, and I am honored to have gotten to work with a team this talented.

Thank you for joining us on this journey so far. We hope to continue seeing you along the way.

On Behalf of Canopy Nepal,
Nimish Raj Sharma
Editor-in-Chief

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Asmita Darji's family has always been one of her biggest sources of hope and strength. Despite their financial struggles, they have consistently done their best to provide for her.

Asmita is a tenth grader from Nepal Adarsha Secondary School. Her family consists of her mother, two sisters, and two brothers. Her greatest inspiration is her mother, whom she believes to be her shield and supporter. After the unfortunate loss of her father earlier this year, her mother had to take on the responsibility of her father too, becoming the sole parental guide in Asmita's life. Her elder sister too, has played an important role in looking after her family. Seeing her mother working tirelessly in a factory and her sister working overtime at an electrical shop to generate income for their household makes Asmita feel very grateful.

For Asmita, her home is not just a place for physical safety. It is her greatest shelter for emotional security and support too. It is a place where her family's laughter and love blossoms.

Asmita Darji

Asmita's story is one of resilience, love, and hope—a tenth-grader who dreams of building a better future for her family despite the challenges of loss, financial struggles, and societal discrimination.

**Interviewed by
Deepasha Maharanj**

While thankful for the roof above her head, she sees herself living in a bigger, more comfortable house one day in the future. Giving her family a big, beautiful house surrounded by a beautiful flower garden is a dream she has always had. She does not want her family to have to worry about rent every month. All she wants is to see her family unburdened and happy.

"Family is my ultimate source of strength and resilience. Together, we can overcome any obstacle and achieve greatness," Asmita says. She recalls the time when her father was struggling with serious health issues. Because they didn't have enough money for her father's treatment, Asmita's mother had to ask for money from many different people. While those times were long and difficult, Asmita and her family struggled together and supported each other throughout the way, which taught Asmita that a family should always stick together.

At the same time, Asmita also has a ton of fun memories from her childhood. She remembers how once, when she accidentally overcooked rice and burnt it, instead of scolding her, her mother was supportive and helped correct her

mistake. She considers this one of many examples of her family's love and support for her, even when she made mistakes. Her family's atmosphere was always filled with warmth, laughter, and lessons. She smiles with gratitude as she remembers the small yet meaningful time spent with her family. Such small moments of togetherness have reaffirmed Asmita's belief in a loving and supportive family.

However, Asmita expresses facing significant discrimination for her caste and financial situation in her past. Being Christian, her family is often treated differently in church. She has experienced people bad-mouthing and gossiping about her family behind her back. Her life struggles have taught her a lot about the importance of financial stability. "Money might, in fact, be the most important thing in life", she says. She believes, however, that it should never lead to greed. During the coronavirus lockdown in 2020, financial hardships almost forced her to give up on her education, until her mother received a call that would bring a new hope in Asmita's life. She expresses her gratitude to Canopy Nepal for all the support over the last four years.

She still remembers how happy she was after receiving a laptop from Canopy during the pandemic that allowed her to take online classes comfortably. She is also grateful for the essential relief provided by Canopy Nepal when the heavy rainfall that occurred a few months ago badly affected her residence. Asmita expresses her gratitude as she says, "Canopy Nepal is guiding my future. If not for them, I might have quit education." Asmita's biggest educational challenge right now is the SEE, which she wants to give her best. After SEE, she plans to join computer classes as she believes it is a useful skill to have for her future career. She wants to work hard for herself and her family, even if it means going to South Korea to work, as her mother suggests. Moreover, Asmita has expressed her interest in learning sewing as it is a part of her ancestral occupation as a Darji that has been passed down through generations.

Asmita hopes to one day see her mother in jewelry, which her father had always dreamt of. She also wishes to help others in need after earning financial stability, as a way of giving back what Canopy has provided for her.



Bibek Shah

At just 13, Bibek is a top student and dedicated Scout, balancing his academic success with dreams of becoming a doctor, engineer, and cricket player, driven by a strong sense of responsibility to his family.

**Interviewed by
Priyanka Limbu**



Despite being only 13 years old, Bibek's way of thinking is like that of a wise, experienced soul.

A 7th grader at Shivapuri Secondary School who always manages to keep his number one class rank, Bibek is an academic warrior. He is an active Scouts Club member too, making him recognized by his school as a highly talented student. Going to school and spending time with his beloved friends makes him feel very grateful every day.

Every morning, he wakes up thinking about how to make the day count. He loves to draw, have fun, and play cricket with his friends. Achieving his academic and personal goals matters a lot to him, and he finds pride in small wins, like winning a recent drawing competition at his school. Those little victories keep him motivated in everything he does.

Originally from Sarlahi, he currently resides in Baluwatar, while his family is still living in his hometown. His journey to Kathmandu began when he was just four years old when he came

with his brother, who had moved to the city at the age of fifteen to start working for some immediate cash. Together, they set out to build a future, with the older brother playing a central role in guiding him. Even though he was living with his brother, he always preferred not to burden him with his own concerns and solved his problems by himself.

Bibek's brother works at a workshop. He helps his brother with work quite frequently, hoping that one day his brother will have more time to take care of himself, relax, and enjoy the simple pleasures of life like good food and travel, without having to worry about finances. His biggest source of inspiration comes from his family, especially his brother. His brother always taught him to be number one, and that is a message that has really stuck with him.

A new scholar at Canopy, Bibek first heard about Canopy Nepal when he was in the sixth grade. He loves the events and sessions organized by Canopy. With a big smile, Bibek says, "I don't need to ask my brother for money anymore. Canopy gives me everything." One of his favorite memories was the picnic at

Tribhuwan Park, a place he had never been to before. He had a great time where he met other scholars and got to explore new places.

When asked about his future, Bibek awkwardly smiled and said he wants to be many things. Some days, he dreams of being a doctor so he can help people for free. Other days, he wants to be an engineer to build devices, or a scientist to invent new technology.

But most of all, he loves the idea of being a cricket player; it is a dream he's always had. He also wants to start a business so that he can support his family financially. Regardless of his future career, he likes to live in the moment and do his best at whatever he is doing. His passion is like a quiet energy that keeps pushing him forward, and the fire in him never stops burning.





Bidisha Rai

Bidisha, an 11-year-old scholar from a close-knit family, dreams of becoming a teacher to empower others, driven by her love for learning and her determination to overcome life's challenges.

**Interviewed by
Anala Shrestha**

Bidisha Rai is a radiant scholar with a prominent mindset of becoming a part of the helping community. She is an 11-year-old student from Bloom Nepal studying in the sixth grade. Currently residing in Chhareghare, Lalitpur, she started her journey from Udyapur, Katari to becoming a potency of hope for her family and herself.

Bidisha's family is her sanctuary. She lives with her mother, grandmother, uncle, aunt, and their two daughters, who give her constant support and courage in her day-to-day life. She says, "I love my family. They have never failed to make me smile even when I am having a hard day." She is the closest with her mother, whom Bidisha quotes as her best friend. For Bidisha, her mother has been her pillar of strength since Bidisha's father left the family during her early years.

At Bloom Nepal, Bidisha treasures her school as a safe place. Outside her home, Bidisha seeks emotional support from her handwriting teacher, Tara Ma'am. She says, "Tara ma'am is

very kind to me and always helps me in every way possible." She says that her teacher's kindness and encouragement have not only given her emotional support but also given her a role model to look up to.

Bidisha dreams of becoming a teacher when she grows up. She says, "I have always seen my mother struggle with vocabulary, and even when she tries to help me with my homework, there are plenty of times when she cannot. So I want to become a teacher to fill that gap for her. I look up to Tara Ma'am for that." Bidisha has a vibrant smile that lights up any room she walks into. With the optimism she carries, she believes she will succeed in becoming a great teacher.

During her free time, Bidisha expresses her creativity through arts and crafts, a hobby that brings her joy and peace of mind. She even used to sell her handmade bookmarks to her friends, and that alone shows her love for her hobby. However, life has not been easy for her physically. She suffers from a severe back problem that causes pain and requires her to use medical assistance for basic functions.

Despite this, her willingness to achieve her goals and dreams is unaffected.

This year, Bidisha's life took a significant turn when she became a Canopy scholar under Canopy Nepal's scholarship program. The scholarship has helped her become a stronger academic performer. She expresses her heartfelt gratitude, saying, "Being a Canopy scholar means so much to me. My mother no longer has to worry about my stationery needs, and I feel confident knowing I have everything I need for school. Ever since becoming a Canopy scholar, I haven't been bullied at school for not having stationery."

Through Canopy's workshops and programs, Bidisha has found new friendships and experiences that she cherishes. The recent Canopy picnic stood out as her favorite, where she bonded with Kopila, one of our senior

scholars, whom she described as "kind and beautiful".

She says, "I had a really good time at the picnic, and Kopila didi helped me nurture my sense of belonging during the whole time there."

In the next 15 years, Bidisha sees herself standing in front of a classroom, teaching young minds and uplifting communities. She says, "Becoming a teacher is my dream, but my mother constantly reminds me that my dream is not just for me but for others as well. She is proud of the aspiration I have chosen and that I am shaping myself to share what I have learned. That itself makes my educational journey so bright because I feel like I am studying for myself and to share my mind." For Bidisha, sharing knowledge is her sole dream, and believes that would help her to become a better person.





Born and raised in Dhading, Sushila Bayalkoti is one of our scholars living outside Kathmandu Valley. While our visits to her are fewer compared to other scholars, each encounter with her leaves us deeply inspired by her resilience and optimism.

In her childhood, Sushila met with an accident that resulted in the loss of a leg. The physical loss was immediate, but the psychological impact ran even deeper. The accident completely changed the way she viewed herself. She began to experience her disability as a barrier isolating her from the world around her. Amid these life-altering struggles, Sushila found solace in her family. They refused to let her lose hope, working tirelessly to keep her in school despite their struggles. With her family by her side, Sushila began to see that the accident was a part of her story, not the end of it. Her self-belief was further emboldened when her path intersected with Canopy and she became our scholar. For her, the scholarship was more than just academic support. It was also a reminder that there are people who believe in her dreams and her ability to achieve them.

Sushila Bayalkoti

Sushila, who got into a terrible accident in her childhood, uses her optimism to transform her community into one of empathy and acceptance.

**Interviewed by
Pragya Thapa**

This is how Canopy became an extension of Sushila's family, offering her the financial and emotional support she needed.

Amid the struggles posed by her disability, Sushila discovered a profound sense of purpose. She dreams of becoming a teacher at Satyawati Secondary School, the very school where she now studies. For Sushila, teaching is a way to transform schools into safe and nurturing spaces where children can grow without fear of judgment. With children spending more time in school than at home, Sushila views schools as second homes—places that should provide the love, acceptance, and encouragement every child deserves. She believes that when schools foster empathy and inclusivity, they not only uplift students but also cultivate a generation of compassionate and kind-hearted adults.

Despite her dreams and determination, Sushila continues to bear the weight of societal judgment. One of her greatest passions is dancing, but the fear of judgment often keeps her from participating in the school's dance activities. She worries that her peers may mock or target her disability.

Because of her early experiences in school, she now limits her passion for dancing within the four walls of her room. While Sushila mourns the life she could have had if the accident hadn't happened, she believes her experiences have given her purpose. She wants to transform Dhading into a place where every individual is free to pursue what they love without fear of judgment or exclusion.

For Sushila, the idea of family extends far beyond the people she shares a home with. To her, Dhading is family. Canopy Nepal is a family. Some of her peers and teachers at school are family. These bonds form the foundation of her strength and purpose. She believes the world would be a kinder place if we treated our communities with the same love and compassion we reserve for our families.

Sushila's relationship with her broader

community, Dhading, reflects her deep sense of responsibility. While many dream of leaving their roots behind to explore brighter horizons, Sushila dreams of staying. Dhading is the backdrop of Sushila's struggles and also the canvas for her dreams. Her experiences have motivated her to build a Dhading where no child feels limited by their identity, disability, or socio-economic background.

Through her journey, Sushila teaches us that the love and solidarity we share with our communities have the power to transform lives. It is within the nurturing embrace of family and community that individuals find the strength to overcome challenges and the inspiration to give back. By choosing to stay in Dhading and work toward a more inclusive society, Sushila exemplifies the ripple effect of support and kindness in creating stronger communities.





Saugat, an eighth-grader from Shree Shitala Secondary School, is grateful that his family's hardships have not only made him stronger but have also shaped his perspectives on life. His father works as a driver, and his mother works at a small restaurant. Saugat sometimes helps his family in the restaurant by running errands and serving customers. For Saugat, his family has always been his biggest support system during all the ups and downs. He grew up experiencing and observing the hardships of his family, which has taught him to be grateful for the little things in life. He recalls a particularly difficult time when his father, overwhelmed by life's struggles, attempted to take his own life. He still remembers his mother's tears during that period. He says, "My mom is the strongest person I know. I do not know how she stays so strong even after all of this." Though Saugat is deeply inspired by his mom, he is worried about her health. Saugat often gets very sad because his mom gets ill frequently and a recent surgery has made her weaker than usual. He hopes that with time and care, his mother's health starts to improve.

Saugat Oli

Saugat, an eighth-grader, draws strength from his family's struggles and his passion for Karate, aiming to represent Nepal in competitions and continue improving.

**Interviewed by
Deepasha Maharjan**

For Saugat, a family always supports you in your dreams. "For me, home is where my mom and dad are", he says. When talking about the importance of family, Saugat emphasizes the role they play in helping him to stay focused and to be a good person. He thinks back to the time when their family was financially struggling so badly that they were on the verge of closing their only source of income, the restaurant. As the restaurant was not generating enough income to cover the rent and was only increasing in maintenance costs, they almost had to close it down, until his father somehow bought a small van to work as a delivery man. However, they later recovered, and now, Saugat's mother runs the restaurant while his father makes deliveries. Seeing the strength and determination of his parents has instilled in him the value of perseverance. He wishes if there was one thing he could change in his life, it would be to heal his mom's deteriorating health.

Saugat was in the second grade when he was introduced to the world of Karate. Not knowing much about it, he gave it a go and what began as a simple interest quickly turned into a

deep passion. Now, having achieved a black belt in Karate, Saugat aspires to enter competitions and represent Nepal. Saugat's passion for Karate is not just a hobby. Even though he is yet to compete at the national level, he is driven by the goal of representing Nepal through the sport. He has participated in two Karate competitions, both of which he lost. However, he believes that this is not the end. He is determined to practice more and push forward no matter the difficulties. Saugat utilizes his holidays and practices Karate in his leisure time and makes sure that he is improving. This determination reflects the values taught to him by his family. His parents made sure that their financial condition was not a hurdle for him to get good karate lessons.

Saugat cherishes the time when he competed for the black belt in Karate. His Guru selected him as one of the three competitors to compete for the belt. He feels very grateful that his Karate Guru believed in his potential, even when he didn't. He says, "I was the weakest and skinniest. I was also the one who used to make the most mistakes in practice."

Surprisingly, he came first among the three. Saugat believes he was able to achieve that because of his strong determination to succeed. He also recalls the huge smile on his father's face after knowing that he had received a black belt.

Saugat shares that his journey has also been greatly shaped by Canopy. He was introduced to the scholarship program back in the third grade by his teachers. Initially, he did not even understand what a scholarship meant. But over the years, Canopy Nepal has provided him with much-needed academic and financial support. He recalls the time when Canopy provided relief during the COVID-19 lockdown and also how the team helped him with resources for online classes. Getting a scholarship has not only lessened financial burdens but has also inspired him to work harder. "Canopy Nepal has taught me many things. Every person I have met here has taught me something one way or another," Saugat expresses. He emphasizes how CANSCHIP was always present to make sure that he was heard and that his basic educational needs were met.





Shankar Gautam

Shankar, a 10th-grader, has faced many challenges in his life, but his family's resilience and sacrifices inspire him to strive for a better future, hoping to provide them with a comfortable life.

**Interviewed by
Deepasha Maharjan**

Oprah Winfrey's words, "Where there is no struggle, there is no strength" perfectly mirrors Shankar Gautam's life. Despite his challenging past, Shankar continues to persevere and move forward.

Shankar is a 10th-grader from Nepal Adarsha Secondary School. He is originally from Kavre Palanchowk but currently lives in Damai Tole with his mother, five brothers, and two elder sisters. As the youngest sibling, he has learned a lot from his older brothers and sisters, who are currently the sole breadwinners of his family.

The daily life of Shankar begins at 6:15 AM, as he wakes up and gets ready for school. As he is currently in grade ten, he spends most of his time at school. He enjoys spending time with his friends. During holidays, he prefers visiting his uncle and aunt and spending time playing with his cousin sister.

Growing up, Shankar experienced the bitter truth of financial hardships. He recalls his mother sharing a very heart-wrenching story

regarding Shankar when he was very young. Shankar's father once tried to sell him to a gold shop as their financial condition was very difficult. He expresses feeling horrible that his own father would attempt such a kind of atrocity. He also remembers crying for days after learning about the incident.

Shankar's brothers remind him, "We had to struggle a lot, but we hope you don't have to. You have to study hard". His brothers and sisters did not get the opportunity to receive higher education. Yet, they have taught valuable life lessons to Shankar. He admires their perseverance to always work hard despite the circumstances. When he is short of money, his sisters never hesitate to provide him with some pocket change. His sisters are the ones who gift him new clothes, which always makes him very delighted. Shankar is determined to make them proud, dreaming of a future where they proudly state, "Look, this is my dear brother!".

"A home exists because of the family inside", Shankar says. His family has never failed to shower him with little moments of happiness, may it be making momo with his mother, watching movies, or taking a walk to

Swayambhunath with his siblings. He cherishes such little moments and it has strengthened his love for family. He describes his mother as his pillar and shield who deeply inspired him in each and every step of his life. Being married at an early age, she has endured significant struggles, including physical abuse from Shankar's alcoholic father, who tragically passed away when Shankar was six years old. These struggles have provided significant strength to Shankar as he expresses that he will work hard and earn his own livelihood.

Shankar has been a part of Canopy since the third grade. He feels deeply grateful to Canopy Nepal for their support in many aspects besides school fees. He recalls how Canopy played a big part financially during the lockdown of 2020. During that time, one of his brothers, who has a history of drug abuse, returned to his home. As the virus was at its peak at that time, everybody was frightened with his brother appearing all of a sudden. This led to concerns regarding the safety of the people around them, and their landlord was forced to file a police complaint against the family. One day, while Shankar and his family were getting ready for dinner, they were forcefully evicted at 6:00 pm from their flat. Unable to find a shelter anywhere, they spent their night at Basantapur.

The next day, they used the little money they had for tea and also underwent a COVID test to make sure they were all safe, which thankfully, they were. After communicating with their landlord and ensuring their safety, they returned to their flat a few days later. When Shankar's mother expressed their dreadful condition, Canopy Nepal helped to admit Shankar's mentally unstable brother to rehabilitation. Shankar feels deeply thankful for the team as they were there just when the family needed the most help.

Shankar expresses his gratitude towards Canopy not only for material assistance like covering his fees, stationeries, providing him with a laptop for online classes, etc, but also for the emotional support they provided. Canopy has listened to Shankar and his family, making them feel heard and supported.

While Shankar ponders about his future, he is oblivious of what he wants to do. On a deeper level, he has a huge passion for mechanics, especially bikes and cars. He recalls the time when his brother taught him to ride a scooter for the first time. He doubted himself until he was able to ride it in a very short period without anybody's assistance. Later, with the help of his brothers, he learned to ride a motorcycle too.

Though Shankar is unsure of what he exactly wants to pursue in the future, he is optimistic about a brighter future for himself and his family. He dreams of building a large, cement house in his village, Kavre Palanchowk, to address the discrimination his family faces and provide a better life for them. Besides, he wants to earn enough money so that he can buy beautiful gold jewelry for his mother and sisters. Overall, Shankar dreams of becoming an independent and self-reliant person who earns enough to support his family.





Pinki Thakur

Pinki, a tenth grader from Kathmandu, balances her dreams of education and equality with the emotional void left by her late sister, hoping to one day bridge the gap between her family's support and understanding.

**Interviewed by
Krish Rauniyar**

Rising above limited opportunities with commendable initiative, Pinki Thakur was born in Nepal to a family originally from Motihari, India. Raised in Kathmandu with her father, mother, three sisters, and a brother, Pinki belongs to a family with a mix of cultural practices. They celebrate the Chhath festival, deeply rooted in their Indian heritage, while also embracing local festivals like Dashain and Tihar after moving to Kathmandu. These celebrations bring her joy, happiness, and a sense of bonding with her family.

Pinki's father works in Jitpur Phedi, while the rest of her family stays in Balaju, Kathmandu, for better educational opportunities. The three-hour drive between the two locations means that they reunite on weekends to spend quality time together. Pinki says, "I seem to feel alive when we spend time together."

Inspired by her sister, Binita's art skills, Pinki began drawing any eye-catching scenes she noticed in her daily life. Although she wasn't initially interested in sketching and drawing, Binita often assisted her in her journey.

For Pinki, art has become more than a hobby; it is like meditation. However, Binita unfortunately passed away a few years ago. The memory of her late sister provides Pinki with comfort and strength. Binita was someone who listened to her thoughts and supported her at every step. She often reminisces her memories with Binita and always wishes that she were still here with her.

Pinki takes pride in even the smallest achievements. The scholarship awarded to her by Canopy Nepal during a school assembly stands out as her greatest accomplishment. For Pinki, Canopy became a new family she could trust for her future growth. Their support impacted her family financially and improved their lifestyle, as they often struggled to afford basic school supplies. Her inconsistent academic performance, previously hindered by financial stress, improved with Canopy's educational resources and emotional encouragement.

Pinki recalls that she might be only the second grade ten graduate from her village, after her aunt's daughter. She says, "My father also wants to educate me and my middle sister, supporting

us every step of the way." With her father's unwavering support and Canopy's assistance, she is motivated to graduate from both Grade 10 and NEB and pursue studies abroad. Pinki adds, "Canopy's support and encouragement have helped me rise academically from my low point when I used to fail due to academic and financial problems."

Pinki feels calm and motivated whenever she remembers the thoughtfulness of her loved ones. Her family works hard to support her studies, and her friends stand by her in both happy and difficult moments. Canopy has also introduced her to new friends—other scholars

with whom she can share ideas and seek help.

Pinki dreams of a future where she can challenge gender and caste discrimination. Her goal is not just personal success but also reshaping societal views to promote positive change. She envisions working hard to support her parents and make them independent. Pinki reflects, "Parental support and guidance have made me chase my dreams. I want to repay them for everything they've done for me." The memory of her elder sister continues to motivate her, and Canopy's support and guidance have helped her raise her standards and aim high.



Canopy in Numbers

OUR REACH

215

PARTNER SCHOOLS
AND COLLEGES

209

SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS



7

PROVINCES REACHED

20,000+

STUDENTS REACHED

142

SCHOLARS GRADUATED

13,000+

STORIES WRITTEN

RESOURCES PROVIDED

- **HEALTHY MEALS PROVIDED:**



1,03,900+

- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED:**



27,000+

- **LH SESSIONS CONDUCTED:**



2,400+

- **SESSIONS IN HOURS:**



26,000+



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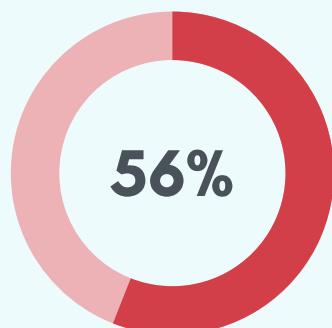


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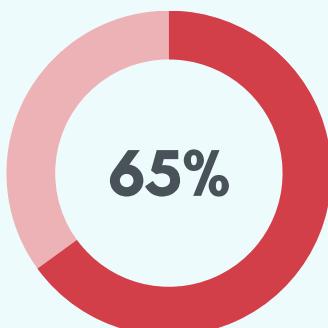
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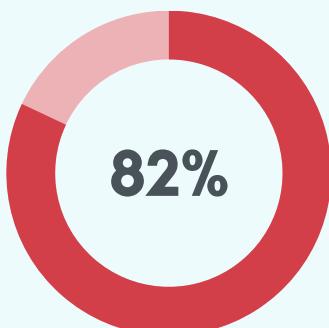
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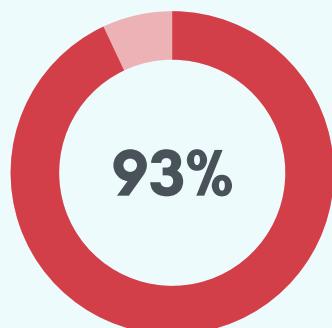
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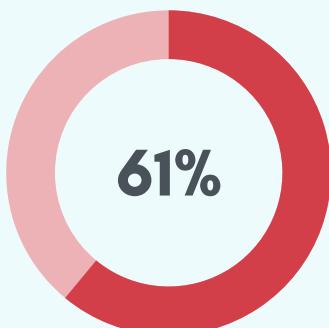
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Increase in
Graduation Rate



Improvement in
Academic Results

This data is the average growth rate after a session of the 20,000+ learners Canopy has worked with.



From the quiet hills of Sunapati, Ramechhap, to the crowded streets of Kathmandu, Rama Karki has lived in Kathmandu for about two years, while her parents have lived there for about three years. Rama draws strength and support from her loved ones.

Rama's father works as a laborer in New Road, while her mother is a household worker. They work hard to provide their daughters with opportunities they could only dream of. Rama wakes up early to help with the morning cooking, as her parents go to work. After school and study, she revises at home or helps with the household chores if her mother is not back yet. Despite the challenges, she finds happiness in what she does. When Rama first moved to Kathmandu, she was reluctant to leave her village, but the city's infrastructure and facilities impressed her. She thought, "I will also provide my village and community with such advanced education, shelter, and care." While she sees the city as offering better facilities, she values the environment of her village.

Her family's sacrifices have shaped her journey.

Rama Karki

Rama Karki, from Ramechhap, dreams of becoming a teacher. With her family's sacrifices and Canopy Nepal's support, she's determined to succeed.

**Interviewed by
Krish Rauniyar**

Rama says, "They have done so much for me. I want to do something meaningful to repay them and make them proud." Her story of repayment starts from her birth. The community had hoped for a baby boy, and when the family doctor mistakenly said it was a son, it led to ambitious Rama.

She has experienced many sacrifices from her parents. One instance was when she was late for a school program, and her father stopped his work to attend in her place. Rama recalls, "I felt like I stopped my father's work just to attend the program." Another moment that reminds her of her parents' sacrifices was when her mother paid a large sum of money to bring her father back from abroad, even though they were struggling financially. Rama says, "My mother once sold her valuables to ensure my studies."

Rama enrolled at Kanya Mandir School and later joined the Scholarship Program in grade 7, which was a turning point. The program provided both educational and financial support to her family. She says, "Canopy taught me that no dream is too big if you're willing to work for it."

Canopy not only helped her academically but also allowed her to meet other scholars, who became her friends.

Once, Rama asked her parents what career she should pursue, and they encouraged her to become a teacher. After some thought, she agreed, believing she could share her knowledge and help other students. She also dreams of working with organizations like Canopy to support the underprivileged. Rama is motivated by her grandmother, who is a source of wisdom and strength. She cherishes the lessons her grandmother taught her, and now talking to her has become a habit. Rama recalls an encounter with an elderly woman who encouraged her to try despite her fears. "Success requires effort," the woman said, a reminder that still inspires Rama today.

Even with the motivation of her family, there are times when Rama feels down. During those moments, she turns to her sister, who is both her best friend and motivator. Rama recalls, "I don't feel alone when I am with my sister. She supports me to move ahead." She remembers a time when her family was traveling to Dakshinkali after moving to Kathmandu, and felt

a sense of togetherness. It was the first time in a long while that the whole family was together, laughing and cheering.

Rama's goal is to become a teacher, fully supported by her mother and family. Her dream of becoming a teacher is accompanied by a secondary dream of becoming an actress and dancer in dramas, series, and movies. After high school, she hopes to work with her uncle's son's production company. Rama believes that daughters should have the same opportunities as sons and wants to help her parents and her village by providing advanced facilities and promoting equality between men and women.

Looking to the future, she says, "I want to be a successful person, no matter how many difficulties I face. If I achieve my goal, it will be a golden moment in my life. If not, I'll pursue a new goal and feel proud of what I've accomplished." Rama is motivated by the never-ending support from her family, the wisdom of the elderly, and the guidance from Canopy Nepal. She is determined to make her loved ones proud and believes, "I can and will do my best. When I succeed, I'll think, 'I've reached my goal, and my dreams have come true.'"





Shrinkhala Shrestha

Despite juggling a full-time job, college, and family responsibilities, Shrinkhala is determined to succeed and give back to her family.

**Interviewed by
Monika Limbu**

Shrinkhala, a 23-year-old scholar, is the very definition of strength. She is currently in her final year of a Bachelor's Degree in Business Studies at Kathmandu Model College, and she is also working full-time at Squad Telecom Company. In her spare time, she enjoys reading novels and has a passion for watching motorsports.

Born in Biratnagar, Shrinkhala moved to Pepsicola, Kathmandu, with her parents when she was two and a half years old. Over time, her older sister, grandparents, and aunts also made the move to Kathmandu.

Shrinkhala describes her daily routine as a constant cycle. As a full-time worker and student, she wakes up early for college, grabs a quick breakfast at home, and heads to her office. After her workday, she has dinner and then spends an additional hour working from home. She finishes any college assignments before finally heading to bed. Though the demands of her routine sometimes make her feel overwhelmed, Shrinkhala finds the strength to push through.

She sometimes considers quitting her job to ease the pressure, but the thought of supporting

herself financially and not burdening her parents is what keeps her going. Her desire to be independent and self-sufficient is what keeps her going.

For Shrinkhala, family is everything; it's where her heart truly lies. She says that there has never been a time in her life when she has lived apart from her family, and the thought of being separated from them is something she finds hard to imagine. Among the best of the best, her older sister is her greatest inspiration. Shrinkhala admires her sister deeply, not just as a sibling but as a role model too.

Her sister's work ethic, especially from a young age, has always motivated Shrinkhala. Starting early by giving tuition to younger children, her sister has shown what it means to be independent and determined. More than just a family member, her sister has been her best friend, offering constant support and guidance. While Shrinkhala balances work and studies, her sister often encourages her to consider focusing more on her education, especially during her final year of university.

She worries about the pressure Shrinkhala faces and does not want her to feel overwhelmed.

Despite this, Shrinkhala remains committed to her responsibilities, driven by her desire to support herself and not burden her parents.

Shrinkhala and her family place great trust in the power of the universe and God. She reflects on the many obstacles and challenges her family has faced over the years, yet their unwavering belief in God has kept them going. The saying, "Faith can move mountains," holds a special meaning for them, as it has been a guiding principle in their lives.

Shrinkhala shares a deeply meaningful moment from her life when she saw her parents at their happiest. It began when she was enrolled in Canopy Nepal, all thanks to a relative who informed her family about the organization. At times, she wonders where she would be today if it were not for Canopy, especially considering that her sister was also pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Engineering. For Shrinkhala, Canopy holds a special place in her heart more than anyone else and she never took this chance for granted.

She describes her life taking a turning point the moment she received a scholarship from Canopy. The organization did not just provide financial support; they became a lifeline to her family. Her family's respect runs deep, because of the way they have stood by her family for such a long time. During the 2020 pandemic, when the world was facing uncertainty and her father had lost his job, Canopy stepped in and provided basic goods that helped her family get through the pandemic.

It was also through Canopy that Shrinkhala got the opportunity to begin her first-ever job as a Field Volunteer with CANSHP, giving her experiences that were not only fulfilling but also a source of immense pride for her family. To have their daughter studying through the scholarship program of an organization, and then securing a job with the very team, was something beyond their dreams.

Shrinkhala says that her family will forever be deeply grateful to the team for everything they have done for them. The support they have received goes beyond just financial aid or educational opportunities, it has formed a bond that has profoundly impacted their lives. She recalls a few influential figures from Canopy as a role model, someone who has achieved so much at such a young age. Shrinkhala admires his accomplishments and aspires to follow in his footsteps, hoping to achieve similar success in the future.

As Shrinkhala looks to the future, she envisions herself traveling abroad to earn enough money so that she can eventually return to Nepal. She and her sister have dreams of starting their own business in Nepal, using what they have earned to build something meaningful together. But beyond financial success, Shrinkhala has a bigger dream: to build a home for her parents and see them as happy and comfortable as they deserve to be. She hopes to find peace and fulfillment once she has achieved her goals, envisioning a life where both she and her family are free from financial and emotional burdens. As her success grows, Shrinkhala plans to give back to those in need, particularly children and the elderly, who hold a special place in her heart. Shrinkhala, with the support of her family and her faith in herself, knows that no challenge is too big to overcome.





Sunita Gurung

Sunita, a 19-year-old Business Studies student, is driven by her family's sacrifices and dreams of securing a government job to give back to them.

**Interviewed by
Monika Limbu**

Sunita, a nineteen-year-old scholar, is a first-year student at Saraswati Multiple Campus, pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Business Studies. She is fond of spending time with children, which has influenced her to work as a facilitator at the Children Development Society (CDS) since last year. She always starts her day with a motive of learning something new whether it be at her college, workplace, or even her home. Her drive to learn new things has always helped her through her life. She follows a normal routine that starts with waking up early for college and then going straight to her office. She returns around 7:00 PM and spends time with her family. She believes in the proverb "simple living, high thinking", which she considers a way of life.

Sunita considers family to be happiness. She lives with a joint family which makes her life a bit more joyful. She feels the most alive when she is with her family. When she is having a bad day, she simply sits with her family, and her father in particular is someone who lightens her mood with jokes and conversations. They enjoy dancing around and caricaturing actors and actresses to lighten the mood. She finds her family to be the most open-minded people she has ever met.

She was never questioned or doubted about anything she had done so far. Her family has always placed their entire trust in her. There was never a time when she had to persuade her family for anything, whether it be her studies, her job selection, or any other life decisions. They were always very understanding and accepted any decisions she made.

Sunita has always seen her family struggling for money. Since she has multiple siblings, it was quite hard for them to sustain their everyday lives, considering that her father was the only source of income at their home. While overcoming this challenge, she felt a deep sense of gratitude towards her eldest brother who sacrificed the most. She says that she, along with their family, would not be where they are today if it were not for him. Her brother gave up his dreams, dropping out of school and going abroad just to support their family and give his siblings the chance to succeed in ways he could not. His only wish is for her and his siblings to have an education and succeed in life. Sunita says that he has always been there for her without ever expecting anything in return. She is forever grateful to him and carries that appreciation in her heart every day.

Sunita considers herself one of the luckiest people to have been born into such a wonderful family. She fondly remembers her father, who would always talk to others about how proud he was of her good grades and how amazing he thought she was. Those memories are a big motivation for Sunita to keep striving to do well and never disappoint her family.

One memory that Sunita loves is when she saw her parents feeling very proud of her. About a year ago, she got selected for both interviews she attended, in a position at CDS as well as a teaching job at a school. That is when she saw the pride and hope in her parents' eyes. At that moment, she made a promise to herself that she would never let their faith in herself fade.

Sunita recalls how she first got involved with Canopy Nepal, which now feels like a turning point in her life. She was introduced to Canopy through her school, Shree Shitala Secondary School.

She knew that some of the students at her school were Canopy scholars, and when the time came for Canopy to take in new students, her principal informed her about the scholarship program. Sunita applied, went through the interview process, and was selected as a scholar. That moment marked the beginning of a new chapter for her.

She was overjoyed, as the new chapter meant that a lot of her family's financial burdens had been lifted. Sunita and her family are forever grateful to Canopy Nepal for stepping in when they had no one else to turn to. She feels privileged to have received everything she needed—stationery, lunch, and even her school fees.

As she looks back on her six-year journey with Canopy, which took her from sixth grade to bachelor's level, Sunita reflects on the many people who helped guide her along the way.

For Sunita, Canopy was not just about financial support—it was about learning life lessons that

have shaped who she is today. One of the most valuable skills she gained was communication. She firmly believes that communication is key, and she is grateful to Canopy for giving her a solid example of healthy communication. She knows it is a skill she will carry with her for the rest of her life.

Sunita is deeply determined to pass the Lok Sewa (government exam). She wants to fulfill her father's dream and she lives by his life lesson: "Prestige is greater than money." After five years, she envisions herself as a Section Officer, and from there, she plans to work hard to eventually reach the position of Secretary. Like anyone with big dreams, Sunita has plans for what she will do once she achieves her goals. Her priority is to financially support her family and give back for all of their sacrifices.

When we talked to Sunita two years ago, she was preparing for the Lok Sewa exam, hoping to become a government officer and serve her community. Today, her path has taken a slight turn, but her purpose remains just as meaningful. Now working as a facilitator at CDS, she dedicates herself to helping children, offering them guidance and care. This reflects Sunita's growth, as she continues to pursue her passion for uplifting her community in impactful ways.





Susmita Buda

Susmita, a determined primary school student, is driven by her family's sacrifices and dreams of becoming a doctor to give back to her community.

**Interviewed by
Ruchi Ojha**

Susmita Buda is a cheerful and determined primary school student at Shree Janakalyan Secondary School. She is proof that hard work and opportunity can change lives. She is the youngest in a family of six, with her parents and three siblings. Her family has always been her biggest source of strength and inspiration. She looks up to him for guidance and support in every aspect of her life and knows that she can always rely on him, no matter what.

Her parents are hardworking herb sellers who have sacrificed a lot to support their children. "There were times when my father worked late into the night to earn extra money for our education. I have also seen my mother skip meals just so that we could eat," Susmita says. Their dedication and love for her motivate her to work hard every day. "I have seen my parents give their all so that I can live a better life. I want to make them proud," she says.

Susmita loves spending time at school. For Susmita, school is not just a place to study, it is where her dreams begin. "School is my favorite place," she says with a bright smile. "Every day, I

learn something new, and it brings me closer to my goals." She excels in her studies and enjoys learning from her teachers and classmates. She loves spending time with her friends too, who she claims never fails to bring joy and happiness in her life. Her parents are very proud of her academic and personal achievements at school and wish to see her continued growth.

At home, Susmita spends her evenings with her siblings, exchanging ideas and teaching each other the things they learned at school. "It feels good to learn new things together," she says. These small moments help her bond with her siblings and grow as a student. She also loves spending time with her siblings dancing, playing, and watching TV. She feels comfortable sharing everything with her siblings. Susmita is very grateful that her family has been able to support her through ups and downs, and has always been a pillar of guidance and hope for her.

During her pastime, Susmita loves to dance. It is her way of expressing herself and feeling in control of herself and her life. "When I dance, I feel free, I feel myself," she shares. "It is my way

of showing where I come from and the challenges I've overcome." Dance gives her confidence and helps her connect with her emotions, and she considers it to be one of her favorite hobbies.

Susmita's life took a major turn when she was selected as a scholar. The scholarship not only eased her family's financial burdens but also gave her a new sense of hope. She remembers the day she got the news that she had been selected. "It was the happiest day of my life," she recalls. Her father hugged her and said, "You can fulfill all our dreams." Those words gave her a purpose and a determination to fight for her dreams.

Through Canopy, Susmita has gained access to quality education and mentorship. But more than that, she has found a second family in the Canopy team.

"They've taught me to dream big, work hard, and believe in myself," she says with pride and joy.

Susmita dreams of becoming a doctor one day. "I want to help people in need and make a difference in their lives," she says. Her goal is to give back to her community and provide care to those who cannot afford it. Inspired by the support she received through CANSHIP, Susmita also one day hopes to create opportunities for children in need. She wants to give back to the community that helped her when she needed it the most.

"Canopy Nepal hasn't just changed my life, it has changed my family's future," Susmita says. Her journey is one of gratitude and hope. She knows her success is not just her own but also a reflection of her family's love and the opportunities she has been given.





Kiran B.K.

Kiran, a passionate young artist with big dreams, is determined to make his parents proud while pursuing his goal of becoming a chef and contributing to his community.

**Interviewed by
Ritika Aryal**

Kiran is a 7th grader at Shree Balkumari Basic School. He is known among his friends for his bright smile and his outgoing personality. Kiran was born and raised in Dharan which lies in eastern Nepal. Later, his family came to Kathmandu to seek employment opportunities.

Kiran, who has a lot of dreams and passions, wants to be a great artist. Kiran was first introduced to drawing by his brother when he was in UKG, and he has never stopped since then. Sharing his passion for art, he says, "When I sketch, I feel like I'm in a different world—a world of happiness, comfort, and peace." For Kiran, sketching is like therapy that helps him reconnect with his true self.

Kiran always starts his day by remembering his aim of making his parents proud. His mother always motivates him to be a good person, and his father encourages him to dream big. In our conversation, Kiran told us that he is the oldest child in his family. He said, "My father is getting older, and I have to bear many responsibilities in the future."

At such an early age of 15 years old, Kiran is

already aware of his future duties. This motivates him to study hard and stay focused on his goals. He always thinks about his parents' dreams and hopes before making any decisions. For his career, he wants to work as a chef. He sees himself in Canada, working at a hotel and making his parents proud. He mentioned that if he becomes a chef, he will open a grand restaurant in his hometown. He wants to inspire people to dream big and do big.

For Kiran, family is everything. As he talked about his family, he became emotional, recalling a memory of a family picnic in Suntakhan. He remembers the waterfall and claims that it was the best day of his life. That was the first time Kiran went out with his family to spend some memorable time together. He hasn't been on such a picnic since then but wants to do it more often to share happiness with his family. Kiran expresses that his mother greatly inspires him, giving him warm love and strength to tackle any kind of hurdles and challenges in life. There is no doubt that his strong, ambitious mindset comes from his parents' motivation.

When he feels down, his father is always there for him, advising him never to give up, to have patience and faith, and to believe that he will be

successful one day. With tears in his eyes, he told us about a tough time when his whole family was struggling financially, and his mother was sick. Kiran stepped in to help his father and make a big difference. With everyone's hard work, they managed to pull through together. He still looks back on that experience with pride and feels happy to have shared the responsibility with his father.

Kiran is a jolly young man who always seems to be smiling. But there was a moment when he was happiest when he saw his parents' faces light up with pride after he won a drawing competition. They celebrated his win together, and he used the prize money to purchase new drawing materials. His father smiled and encouraged him, telling him that he would be a great artist one day. That bit of encouragement was exactly what Kiran needed to keep pushing himself.

Kiran clearly remembers his first encounter with the Canopy Nepal team, feeling as if it happened just yesterday. It was his school teacher, Laxmi Ma'am, who introduced him to Canopy Nepal's Scholarship program. With encouragement, he decided to apply for a scholarship. The application process was long, but when Kiran found out that he was selected, he was happy and excited about the new journey that was waiting for him. That moment marked a significant turning point in his life. He says that being a part of Canopy Nepal has made life so much easier, not just for him but for his family. They no longer have to worry about the financial strain of his education, which has brought them great relief. Over the years, Kiran has made many friends through Canopy Nepal, but he mentions that the most influential person in his journey has been Prakriti, another scholar of Canopy. Prakriti treats him like a younger brother. She constantly motivates him to do better and encourages him to participate in various programs. Kiran feels grateful for the supportive community he has found within Canopy. Reflecting on his two years with Canopy Nepal, Kiran feels incredibly lucky to be in this position.

He explains, "I feel free from distractions because Canopy provides all the necessary study materials whenever I need them. This support allows me to focus on my studies without fear or worry." He recalls times before joining Canopy when even buying a new school uniform was a struggle for his family. Now, with the scholarship's support, such worries are a thing of the past.

Kiran believes that Canopy Nepal has helped him not only financially but also in shaping him into a better person. He is thankful for the immense love and support that has allowed him to grow and flourish beyond just academics.

In 10 years, Kiran envisions himself in Canada, fulfilling his parents' dreams and hopes. He is a brilliant young man with countless dreams in his eyes. During our conversation, he was optimistic about his passions. He wants to be a good son to his parents and a contributor to society. He hopes to help the people around him and leave a legacy behind.

Some of Kiran's biggest hopes are to repay all his father's debts, build a home for his family, and provide his parents with all the luxuries they deserve. Kiran aspires to be respected in his community and serve as an example of a son who brought pride to his parents. "You must keep struggling and never forget your goal," he said confidently.





Laxman Pariyar

Laxman, an aspiring musician and business visionary, is driven by his family's sacrifices and the support of his community, hoping to repay them by achieving success and contributing to society.

**Interviewed by
Monika Limbu**

Music is what makes Laxman feel alive. He says, "I live in music, and music lives in me." For Laxman, music is more than just a passion—it's a part of who he is.

Laxman is an eighteen-year-old who beams with positive energy and optimism. He is a student at Kathmandu College of Central State. As a permanent resident of Kalikot, Palata, in Karnali Pradesh, Laxman never imagined that he would leave his hometown and migrate to Kathmandu. However, his life took a turn thirteen years ago when he visited his sister in Kathmandu. During this visit, he jokingly mentioned that he didn't want to return home and wished to study in Kathmandu. His sister agreed and he has been living in Chhetrapati with her, her husband, and her daughter ever since.

Laxman begins his day like most students. He wakes up, prepares for college, attends classes, and returns to his room for lunch. In addition to his daily tasks, he is also responsible for taking lunch to his niece at her school.

Laxman always looks forward to each day, hoping to do better than the day before. He lives by the motto, "It's never too late," this mindset keeps him motivated, pushing him forward each day as he works towards his goals.

Laxman defines family as "Love and Strength," considering it the most important thing in his life. He believes that family is the one constant that will remain by your side throughout your entire journey. Laxman finds great inspiration in the strong bond his family shares, often reflecting on how they support each other. He firmly believes that "blood is thicker than water," and he holds this truth close to his heart.

He particularly admires his father, who has always had his back, whether it be supporting his music career or any other endeavor. He views his father as his greatest source of support and strength. Despite living apart from his father, Laxman makes sure to keep him updated about his life. He lives by his father's guiding principle: "Earning respect and trust from people is far more important than earning money." He takes pride in following his father's

footsteps as he confidently believes that even though he may not have enough money, he has earned several people who will always remember his name and be ready to help him anytime. He feels immense gratitude for the values passed down by his family, as he believes he comes from a family rooted in strong principles.

At one point, though, Laxman had trouble persuading his family regarding his choice of study. They were against his decision to study business studies and instead urged him to pursue a career in pharmacy. However, Laxman was determined to follow his passion. He told his family about his desire to build a large business someday, and how studying Business Studies would help him achieve that goal. He expressed with enthusiasm, "You can only succeed in something if you are truly passionate about it." Eventually, his persistence paid off, and his family supported his decision.

While talking back and forth about his family and the hardships they have faced, Laxman became emotional. His voice broke down as he started to share the huge sacrifice his older brother made so that Laxman could have a better future. His brother, who had to stop his education after grade 10, worked hard to support the family and made sure that Laxman could continue his studies. Now, his brother is working abroad. Laxman seemed grateful for his brother's sacrifices and highlighted how his brother told him that he would have his support no matter what.

Laxman recalls a particularly tough time when his father fell very ill and needed urgent medical care. The hospital was far away and his family did not have the money or the transportation to get him there. During that desperate time, Laxman realized the true meaning behind his father's words when he saw that his entire village had come together to help them.



People physically carried his father to the hospital and contributed money for his medical care. Laxman feels an immense sense of gratitude towards his community, recognizing that his father may not have survived without their help.

Laxman also wanted to share one of his family's happiest and proudest moments, when he was featured in a news article in GorkhaPatra for his remarkable voice on the occasion of Narayan Gopal Smriti Diwas a few years ago. His family cherishes that moment and has kept the article as a memento of his success. Additionally, Laxman was broadcast live on TV while singing at an event where he won a trophy, along with certificates and other rewards.

Laxman mentions how he came to be enrolled with Canopy Nepal. He was studying at Gita Madhyamik School when he met Tina Manandhar Ma'am, who, upon learning about his difficult financial background, connected him to Karuna Pradhan Ma'am at Nepal Adarsha Secondary School. Laxman recalls how, due to Tina Ma'am's intervention, he was even able to pay for his admission.

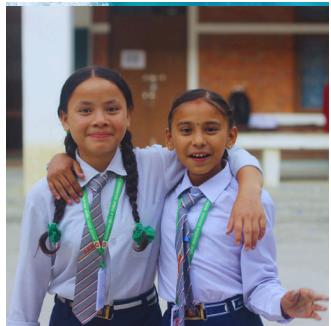
After his admission to the new school, Canopy Nepal was looking for new scholars, and Gita Ma'am encouraged Laxman to fill out the application form and attend the interview. He felt incredibly fortunate when he was selected as a Canopy Nepal scholar.

Laxman, along with his family, is deeply grateful to the entire CANSCHIP team for their efforts to help alleviate some of their financial burdens.

He admits that without the scholarship, he would have likely had to drop out of school, as he would not want to burden his family with the costs of his education. Laxman holds deep admiration for every individual involved in the CANSCHIP program. Throughout his three-year journey, he particularly recalls the positive impact of Canopy team members in his life. He emphasizes that the people at CANSCHIP are some of the sweetest and most polite individuals he has ever met. He admires their kindness, demeanor, and the valuable lessons they teach about treating everyone with patience, love, and care.

Laxman has always envisioned his future as one where people work for him, rather than him working for others. He dreams of being recognized as a "Star"—someone who has achieved success in his singing career and also built a large business. With unwavering confidence, he believes that he will reach a level of success that will allow him to repay his family for all the sacrifices and struggles they have endured for him.

It is amazing to see how much Laxman has grown since we last interviewed him two years ago. Back then, he was a promising young musician with big dreams, and today, he has become a mentor to younger musicians, guiding them through the challenges he himself once faced. Additionally, Laxman has developed a stronger bond with his family, expressing immense gratitude for their continued support. His journey over the past two years is a great example of personal growth.



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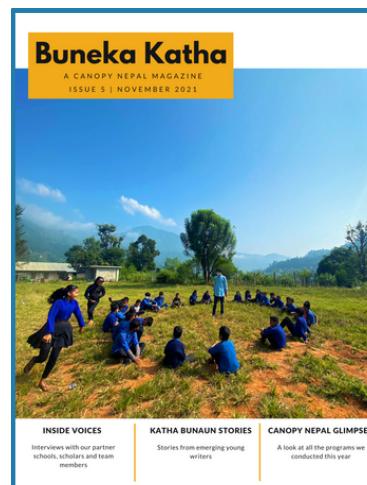
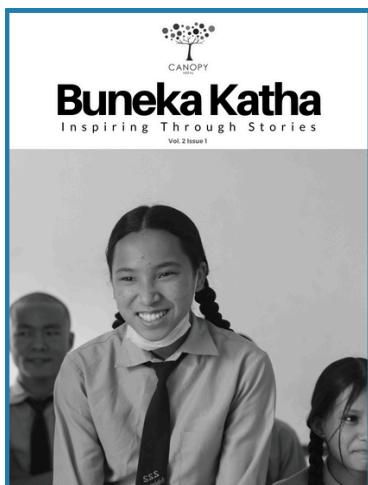
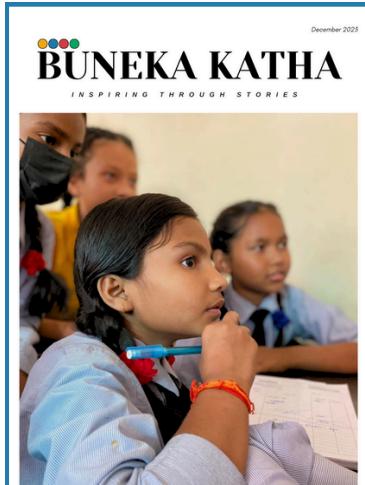


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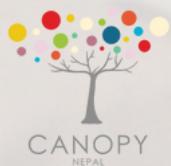
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