

CURRICULUM VITAE of Dr. KESHARI LAXMI MANANDHAR

- 1) NAME : Mrs. KESHARI LAXMI MANANDHAR(Ph.D)
- 2) DATE OF BIRTH : 10 October 1941
- 3) MARITAL STATUS : Married with two children.
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- 5) PRESENT STATUS : Executive Director of Center for Agricultural Technology (CAT)
- 6) EDUCATION : Ph.D Mycology from Nottingham University, U.K. in 1969.
M.Sc. Botany from Andhra University, India in 1962.
- 7) WORK EXPERIENCE :

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| 1990-1992 | Chief Plant Pathologist of Division of Plant Pathology in Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC) |
| 1984-1990 | Associate member of Royal Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (RONAST), when she established Biotechnology Unit. |
| 1978- 1984 | Senior Plant Pathologist at the Division of Plant Pathology, when she was the in- charge of National Mushroom Development Program and Mycology Unit. |
| 1982 | Worked at CIMMYT, Mexico, as a visiting Scientist in. |
| in 1992 | She retired, after 27 years of services in HMG. |
| 1992 | Established Center for Agricultural Technology, where she developed the mushroom spawn production laboratory. Trained thousands of farmers, teachers, entrepreneurs and others. |
| 1999 | Worked as Consultants in Agricultural research and Extention project AREP of World Bank as a Gender Specialists |
| 2002-2003 : | Conducted research on Shiitake Mushroom cultivation Technology to the farmers. |
| 1972-1999 : | Attended about 35 National and International Seminar/ Conferences on Agriculture, Mushrooms, Biotechnology. |
| 1972-2005 : | Published about 45 scientific papers in the National and International Journals. Recently published Two articles on mushrooms in Grower's Hand Book part I and Part II in 2004 and 2005. |
| Awards: | -She was the first women to receive Ph.D degree among Nepalese women. -She was decorated with Mahendra Vidyabhusan Medal in 1970 by His' Majesty's King Mahendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev. -She was decorated with National Talent (Rastria Prativa) Award in 1997. -She received Recognition award from RONAST as one of the Top Five Scientists of Nepal in 2002. -Recognize4d and Konoured by Dr. Thaurmath Pant Guthy in 2004. |

8) MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES :

- Founder and president of Women in Science and Technology (WIST) 1999, now the Advisor of WIST.
- Life member of Nepal Biotechnology Association and Business and Professional Women's Club.
- Life member of Nepal Botanical society, Nepal Agricultural Association, and Indian Mushroom Society, World Mushroom Society.
- President of Nepal Mushroom Association.
- Treasurer of Nepal Bhasa Parisad.
- Vice President of Buddhist Women's Association.
- Assistant Teacher Of Nepal Vipassana Meditation Center, Dharma.