

FROM PENNSYLVANIA TO THE HEART OF NEPAL



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In an inspiring act of youth leadership and international solidarity, two schools in Nepal—Sustamanasthiti Bal Kalyan Vidyalaya and Madan Smarak Secondary School—received critical safety and environmental equipment thanks to the fundraising efforts of Aditi Banjara, an 11th-grade student from Pennsylvania, USA.

The handover, part of the UNICEF-NSET project titled "Institutional Capacity Strengthening for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Nepal," brought together educators, students, local government officials, and project facilitators to celebrate a shared vision: safer learning spaces and greener futures.



A YOUTH-LED MISSION FOR SAFER, GREENER SCHOOLS

A total of 36 types of items—ranging from first aid kits, fire extinguishers, and stretchers to waste segregation bins, compost bins, and gardening tools—were distributed to support school safety and environmental education.

- Sustamanasthiti Bal Kalyan Vidyalaya received 13 essential items.
- Madan Smarak Secondary School received 23 items, including rescue tools and green infrastructure equipment.

This initiative was made possible through a generous NPR 200,000 donation raised by Aditi and her network.



"When I visited the schools, I saw the potential for growth and greenery. I feel honored to have made a difference, however big or small."

— Aditi Banjara, Student and Contributor



Voices from the Event

"These resources will not only improve emergency response but also foster a more inclusive and resilient learning environment."

- Shanta Acharya, Principal,
Sustamanasthiti Bal Kalyan Vidyalaya

"This collaboration is key to building disaster-resilient and environmentally sustainable schools."

- Seshkant Poudel, Education Officer, Lalitpur Metropolitan City

"We're excited to use the equipment to improve waste management, gardening, and emergency preparedness."

- Aakriti Pariyar, Eco-club President, Madan Smarak Secondary School