

MUNICIPALITY INVESTING IN SAFER, GREENER SCHOOLS



STRENGTHENING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Mahalaxmi Municipality recognised the importance of the Disaster Management Committee and its task forces in ensuring effective preparedness, response, and continued learning during times of disaster. The municipality has facilitated the institutionalization of **Disaster Management Committees (DMCs)**, established three action forces, and appointed two focal teachers. Schools in Mahalaxmi and Kirtipur are consistently conducting earthquake drills and periodic orientations, with some even inviting programs for feedback. Kirtipur Municipality demonstrates a strong commitment to climate-smart education, with 16.54% (NPR 209.5 million) of its municipal budget dedicated to education, and 4.51% (NPR 9.45 million) specifically for climate-smart education and climate change adaptation.

EMPOWERING ECO-CLUBS AND GREEN SCHOOLS

Muln Mahalaxmi, this commitment shines through their allocation of **NRs. 10,000 to each of 14 school Eco-Clubs**, empowering students to lead environmental initiatives like plantation drives, community clean-ups, and innovative waste-reuse projects, alongside a significant **NRs. 2,000,000** investment in Green School development through a partnership with the Forest Department.

Meanwhile, Kirtipur Municipality has emerged as a pioneer in climate-smart education, dedicating **NPR 300,000** to green school initiatives that support bee farming, rainwater harvesting, and safety infrastructure at institutions like Mangal Secondary School, Nawa Jyoti Basic School, and Bagh Bhairab Secondary School. Together, these municipalities are setting a powerful example of how local action can drive meaningful, lasting change for both education and the environment.



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YOUTH-LED CHANGE

Under the leadership of Kirtipur Municipality's Environment Division, a Joint Municipality Eco-Club Network is in the making, ensuring young changemakers have a platform and the skills to act.

WHAT'S NEXT: THE FUTURE IS GREEN

Kirtipur isn't stopping here. It is already in the mandate process that every new house must have one safety tank and two trees, a bold step integrating disaster preparedness and reforestation into local policy. The budget allocation to ensure continued support for developing a green and climate-smart education is definitely a step towards sustainable institutional commitment.

Kirtipur Municipality has proven that with the right push, local governments can institutionalize resilience, empower youth, and lead climate-oriented systemic change. These stories are not isolated events; they are ripples of a larger transformation powered by visionary support from Norway, UNESCO, UNICEF, and NSET.



FOSTERING COMMUNITY-WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

To inspire lasting change, a drawing competition was held on World Environment Day (June 5, 2024), themed "Our Land, Our Future," to encourage young minds to envision a green and clean environment. Mahalaxmi Municipality also led a major Climate Change and Environment Awareness Campaign with eco-clubs, promoting eco-friendly habits and personal responsibility for protecting nature. Kirtipur Municipality on World Environment Day 2024, mobilised 191 participants (108 male, 83 female) for a powerful placard campaign titled "Our Land; Our Future". Students, teachers, local leaders, and citizens marched together, sparking conversation, awareness, and unity for climate action.

