

Tribhuvan University
Central Department of Sociology
Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal

Introduction

Central Department of Sociology (CDSO) was founded in 1981 as a joint Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Tribhuvan University. Since last 4 years it has its own independent central department. It is one of the largest teaching departments at Tribhuvan University in terms of both student enrollments and faculty. Within 38 years, it is growing fast and expanding in many constituent campuses and affiliated colleges of Tribhuvan University¹ throughout the country. In the past, CDSO at Kirtipur alone enrolled more than 700 students each year in annual system-based MA program for many years. But now it is offering four semester-system based MA programme in Sociology. Today there are around 200 students engaged with this department. Considering the number of students and their demand for advanced research degree in Sociology, the CDSO is running MPhil Programme in sociology since the academic year 2012. Currently the seventh batch of this MPhil programme in Sociology is running. This

¹ Currently, sociology is taught in more than 45 Campuses at M. A. level. Within Kathmandu valley alone, eight campuses are running sociology at M. A. Altogether more than 5,500 students have enrolled each year in sociology for M. A. program in annual system.

year too total of 26 competent students have got admission on a competitive basis. Of the total MPhil students, more than two-thirds are engaged in teaching in either constituent or affiliated colleges of Tribhuvan University.

Like all social science disciplines—including Sociology, which emerged within a specific social and historical context, Sociology came to be regarded as a distinctive discipline in Nepal within a specific historical backdrop. Sociology, for the first time in Nepal, began to be taught and learned at the graduate (MA) level at Tribhuvan University in Kirtipur 1981, where it was led by Dr. Chaitanya Mishra. Sociology in Nepal continued to develop with the gradual changes in socio-historical context of Nepal as well as Tribhuvan University. The teaching of Sociology at Tribhuvan now has completed 38 years. It is believed that these all things have given a new enabling set up for the intellectual and organizational development of Sociology in Nepal in the years to come.

Motto: The motto of CDSO is to contribute state and society through producing skilled, qualified, moral, competent human resource that can contribute in the social sectors to fulfill the felt need of the country and society.

Vision: CDSO as leading Department of TU aims at being a widely recognized leading academic institution throughout the

World in imparting quality education and offering relevant courses with integration of technology in teaching, learning and research.

Mission: CDSO has the mission of educating students and developing their knowledge and skill with civic sense of nobility, required for the nation by offering relevant academic courses, developing new curricula, and creating friendly and conducive environment for learning and scholarship.

Goals: Promote central department of sociology through quality teaching/learning and research activities, including regular update of courses offered by CDSO

Objectives: The main objective of CDSO is to produce specialized skilled social scientist in both basic and applied areas of sociology. Towards that goal, CDSO has been offering course on number of programs in social sciences. The programs and courses are run through afore-mentioned more than 45 campuses/colleges all over the country and also some other campuses/colleges are offering programs at Bachelor level. Beyond that it has been taught in other areas such as medicine, engineering, forestry, agriculture, management and administration. CDSO is also planning to develop and implement new programs in teaching and research which are more relevant in the present context. Besides, CDSO also offers courses on research methodology, academic writing and supervises full time MPhil and PhD programs. In order to achieve its goal of promoting sociology in Nepal CDSO has the following specific objectives:

- a) to produce skilled, qualified, competent, moral and hardworking human resource capable of working in social sectors,
- b) upgrade quality of teaching at various levels courses at Trivhuvan University,
- c) to enhance the professional capability of faculty and students,
- d) to develop institutional capacity; teaching and research, of sociology in Nepal

Activities: Major activities to be carried out to achieve these objectives are as follows:

- a) Upgrade the quality of teaching and research through incorporating modern science and technology including communication mechanism at the department;
- b) Updating and upgrading curriculum from Bachelor to M. Phil level programs regularly and implement effectively;
- c) Revise and implement master level syllabus in each two-five years period;
- d) Improve physical and academic environment of department and maintain it up to date forever;
- e) Develop institutional capacity and network accelerating the functions of Professor Chaitanya Mishra Foundation for Social Sciences particularly targeting students' capability;
- f) Generation of financial resources for research and study grants/fellowship/scholarships for both faculty and students at MA, MPhil and PhD degree;

- g) Conducting orientation to the faculty about new courses to upgrade teaching quality;
- h) Launching trainings programs to the faculty about research methodology and other relevant topics/issues to enhance their capability;
- i) Searching and establishing inter-university exchange programs for faculty and students at MA, MPhil and PhD degree.

Department Management Committee: Central Department of Sociology has formed a department management committee on 2074-11-18 BS. The composition of DMC is as follows:

Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Tulsi Ram Pandey (HOD)

Member: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Surendra Mishra

Member: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Youba Raj Luintel

Member: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tika Ram Gautam

Member: Dr. Chiranjibi Acharya

Member: Dr. Manahari Dhakal

Member: Mr. Prem Bahadur Chalaune

Member: Dr. Pramod Bhatta

Member: Mr. Dipesh Kumar Ghimire

Member: Mr. Keshav Raj Silwal

Member: Prof. Madhusudan Subedi

Member: Mr. Poshan Dahal

Member: Dr. Lokranjan (Ramesh) Parajuli

Member: Mr. Balaram Upadhyaya

Member: Mr. Ram Bahadur K.C.

Member: Mr. Sudeep Singh Nakarmi

Member: Dr. Guman Singh Khattri

Member: Dr. Meena Uprety

Governing Board: Central Department of Sociology has formed a governing board to look after overall activities under CDSO and also facilitate different committees formed under CDSO. The composition of this governing board (2074-11-18 BS) is as follows:

Chair: Prof. Dr. Tulsi Ram Pandey

Member: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tika Ram Gautam

Member: Dr. Pramod Bhatta

Member: Dipesh Kumar Ghimire

Member: Keshav Raj Silwal

Internal Quality Assurance Committee (IQAC): CDSO has formed a separate committee IQAC (2075-9-8) to ensure the quality of education to be provided through CDSO. The composition of the committee is as follows:

Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Tulsi Ram Pandey

Member: Dr. Pramod Bhatta

Member: Mr. Sudeep Singh Nakarmi

Physical Infrastructure Development/Improvement

Committee: Central Department of Sociology has formed a PIDC (2075-1-14 BS) for the improvement/development of physical infrastructure. The composition of PIDC is as follows:

Coordinator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Surendra Mishra

Member: Dr. Chiranjibi Acharya

Member: Mr. Sudeep Singh Nakarmi

Educational Infrastructure Development/Improvement

Committee: CDSO has formed a separate committee (2075-1-14 BS) for the development/improvement of educational infrastructure at the department. The composition of the committee is as follows:

Coordinator: Dr. Tika Ram Gautam

Member: Mr. Prem Bahadur Chalaune

Member: Mr. Dipesh Kumar Ghimire

Member: Mr. Keshav Raj Silwal

Research Management Cell/Journal Publication

Committee: CDSO has also a separate cell for research management. This committee (2075-1-14 BS) works for the publication of research/journal based on research. The composition of the committee is as follows:

Coordinator: Dr. Pramod Bhatta

Member: Dr. Tika Ram Gautam

Member: Prof. Madhusudan Subedi

Member: Dr. Lokranjan (Ramesh) Parajuli

Member: Dr. Guman Singh Khattri

Research Management Cell (RMC): CDSO has a cell to manage the research to be conducted under CDSO. This committee manages funds for research and allocate research grants to faculty and students. This committee further facilitates the collection of research articles, its review and publication. The composition of the committee is as follows:

Coordinator: Dr. Pramod Bhatta

Member: Dr. Tika Ram Gautam

Member: Prof. Madhusudan Subedi

Member: Dr. Lokranjan (Ramesh) Parajuli

Member: Dr. Guman Singh Khattri

Self-Assessment Team (SAT): CDSO has a team called self-assessment team which manages overall quality assurance related activities and proceeds for the QAA process. The composition of the committee (2076-9-16 BS). The composition of the committee is as follows:

Coordinator: Mr. Bishnu Prasad Basel

Member: Mr. Raju Kumar Rai

Member: Mr. Tek Nath Subedi

Member: Ms. Sunita Raut

Member: Mr. Lalit Kumar Bista

Employment Cell: CDSO has a cell for counseling students about employment opportunities. The composition of the cell is as follows:

Coordinator: Mr. Prakash Rai

Member: Mr. Raju Kumar Rai

Member: Mr. Tek Nath Subedi

Member: Ms. Sunita Raut

Member: Mr. Lalit Kumar Bista

Public Information Cell (PIC) has a cell for providing information related to department. The composition of the cell is as follows:

Coordinator: Raju Kumar Rai

Member: Mr. Prakash Rai

Member: Mr. Tek Nath Subedi

Member: Ms. Sunita Raut

Member: Mr. Lalit Kumar Bista

Departmental Activities: CDSO focuses mainly on various teaching and research related activities. In addition to those activities CDSO carries out physical and educational

infrastructure development/improvement and environmental protection/improvement related activities. The major teaching activities are related to classroom based teaching for MA, MPhil and PhD students. In addition to that regular talk and seminar module of teaching also take place. Sometimes CDSO manages tutorial classes for MA and MPhil students based on the feedback of faculty and students.

University level teaching requires research based teaching. CDSO manages two types of research projects. First category includes individual research through faculty. Second category is the institutional research which is managed through CDSO with the heavy engagement of faculty and students. CDSO has education and health related researches which are undergoing in collaboration with foreign universities.

Infrastructure development/improvement related activities also include two types of activities. The first type include construction of new buildings in order to manage class rooms, administration blocks, faculty units, toilets and library effectively and efficiently. CDSO has recently constructed a separate toilet for both boys and girls. The second type include improvement in existing physical infrastructure through renovation and repair. CDSO has recently renovated old

administrative blocks, classrooms, conference/seminar hall, meeting hall, and toilets. It has also constructed new attached toilet in meeting hall.

Educational infrastructure related activities include the management of teaching equipment and materials. CDSO has managed LCD projector, lecture desk and laptop in all classrooms. Computer lab is renovated with easy access to internet. Access to e-library is also upgraded through renovation in cable and internet access. WIFI access is free to all faculty, students and new comers.

Teaching Faculty: There are altogether 23 teaching faculty at CDSO. They are mainly contributing in teaching and research areas. Also, they are look for research opportunities and work in various research themes at institutional and individual level.

The details of teaching faculty is as follows:

S.N.	Position	Name	Remarks
1	HOD/Associate Professor	Dr. Tika Ram Gautam	
2	Professor	Dr. Tulsi Ram Pandey	
3	Professor	Dr. Surendra Mishra	
4	Associate Professor	Dr. Youba Raj Luintel	
5	Associate Professor	Dr. Chiranjibi Acharya	At Dean's Office
6	Lecturer	Dr. Manahari Dhakal	
7	Lecturer	Mr. Prem Bahadur Chalaune	
8	Lecturer	Mr. Sudeep Singh Nakarmi	

9	Lecturer	Dr. Pramod Bhatta	
10	Lecturer	Mr. Dipesh Kumar Ghimire	On Study Leave
11	Lecturer	Mr. Keshav Raj Silwal	
12	PT Lecturer	Prof. Madhusudan Subedi	
13	PT Lecturer	Mr. Poshan Dahal	
14	PT Lecturer	Dr. Lokranjan (Ramesh) Parajuli	
15	Associate Professor (Guest)	Mr. Ram Bahadur K.C.	
16	Lecturer (Guest)	Mr. Balaram Upadhyaya	
17	PT Lecturer	Dr. Guman Singh Khattri	
18	PT Lecturer	Mr. Bishnu Prasad Basel	
19	PT Lecturer	Mr. Raju Kumar Rai	
20	PT Lecturer	Ms. Sunita Raut	
21	PT Lecturer	Mr. Tek Nath Subedi	
22	PT Lecturer	Mr. Prakash Rai	
23	PT Lecturer	Mr. Lalit Kumar Bista	

Non-Teaching Staff: At CDSO there are 5 non-teaching staff.

They are providing the required services to the student and faculty at CDSO. They are mainly contributing in financial and administrative management. The details of non-teaching faculty is as follows:

S.N.	Position	Name	Remarks
1	Account Officer	Mr. Balkrishna Karki	
2	Chief Office Assistant	Ms. Rojina Mahat	
3	Office Attendant	Mr. Rakesh Gubhaju	
4	Office Attendant	Apsara Khatiwada	
5	Office Attendant	Ms. Maiyacha Pode	

Student Details: CDSO enrolls around 100 students in each academic year at Master Level. These students are divided into two group. Each group/section includes around 50 student. The detail of student studying at CDSO this year at MA level is given in annex 1.

CDSO runs MPhil program which is under Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Tribhuvan University. Each year CDSO enrolls only 25 student each year on merit basis. The detail of students studying at MPhil level is given in annex-2. There is PhD with course work program run under FOHSS, TU. Each year 10-15 students get admission at PhD level. Last year 16 students were admitted in this program. Currently, these students are studying at CDSO. The detail of student studying at PhD level is given in annex-3.

MPhil Management Committee: CDSO has a separate MPhil program in Sociology run under Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Tribhuvan University. It enrolls 25 students in each academic year this MPhil level. In order to manage this MPhil program there is a separate MPhil Management Committee. The composition of this committee is as follows:

Chairperson: Dr. Tika Ram Gautam (HOD)

Member: Prof. Dr. Chaitanya Mishra

Member: Prof. Dr. Tulsi Ram Pandey

Member: Dr. Youba Raj Luintel

Member: Prof. Madhusudan Subedi

Member: Dr. Dinesh Prasain

Member: Ms. Rojina Mahat