Hello Everyone,

My name is Surakshya Kandel, and I am standing as a candidate for Student Association President. Having recently completed my BSc in Accounting and Finance, I bring not only academic understanding but also a strong background in student leadership, representation, and community building. As the President of the Nepali Society and a current Student Voice Representative, I have worked closely with students from diverse backgrounds and understand the importance of inclusive leadership, practical support, and open communication. Throughout my time at university, I've seen how much potential we have as a student body—creative, driven, and full of ideas. But I've also seen how that potential is often held back by a lack of support, limited opportunities for engagement, or gaps in communication between students and the university. That's where I believe the Student Association can make a real difference—and that's exactly what I want to lead. In my time as President of the Nepali Society, I helped organize cultural events, academic workshops, and social initiatives that created a strong sense of community and belonging. Leading a student society taught me how to listen to student needs, coordinate with university departments, and deliver real, positive change. As a Student Voice Rep, I've worked closely with course leaders and academic staff to bring forward concerns about teaching quality, assessments, and feedback. I've seen the importance of having a clear, trusted channel where students can raise their voices and see results. If elected as your Student Association President, I will focus on three key areas: 1. Enhancing Academic Support and Student Representation I will strengthen the relationship between students and academic staff by pushing for clear communication, regular feedback, and accessible academic resources. I'll make sure every student knows their voice matters and that their concerns are taken seriously. 2. Building Community Through Inclusion and Engagement I will support student-led initiatives, promote collaboration between societies, and create opportunities for students to connect beyond the classroom. Whether through cultural events, skillbuilding workshops, or social campaigns, I want to help build a community where everyone feels they belong. 3. Prioritising Wellbeing and Support Services Your wellbeing should never be a secondary concern. I will advocate for better access to mental health services, clear signposting of support systems, and regular wellbeing activities throughout the academic year. I am a leader who listens, acts, and follows through. My approach is not about promises—it's about progress. I will work to make our Student Association more visible, more responsive, and more impactful for every student in our school. Let's make this year one where your voice is heard, your needs are met, and your experience is better than ever. Vote Surakshya Kandel for Student Association President – For a stronger voice, a connected community, and a better student experience.