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Kakani International Training Centre

Kakani International Training Centre (KITC) was funded in 1999 with the initiative leadership of Chief Commissioner Mr. Shree Ram Lamichhane. KITC was initiated to involve scouts from Nepal and all over the World. It is located in Kakani Village Development Community, Ward No.6, Nuwakot District. It is about 25 km from Katmandu, NorthWest, at an altitude of 2000 meters above sea level.



The centre has occupied about 44 hectares of land. KITC has one dormitory with 35 beds (5 common rooms and 4 attached bathrooms) and cooking facilities. Campsites can accommodate more than 1,000 people at once. And a seminar hall for 50 to 100 people. The available facilities for camping, training, seminar/workshop are being used for scouts as well as non-scouts activities.

The 1½ hr journey from Katmandu goes up a beautiful panoramic view on hills. Once in Kakani, you will enjoy the magnificent view on the Himalayan ranges. The wonderful sunrise and sunset have been attracting many people to spend nights at Kakani just for sight, contemplation and meditation.

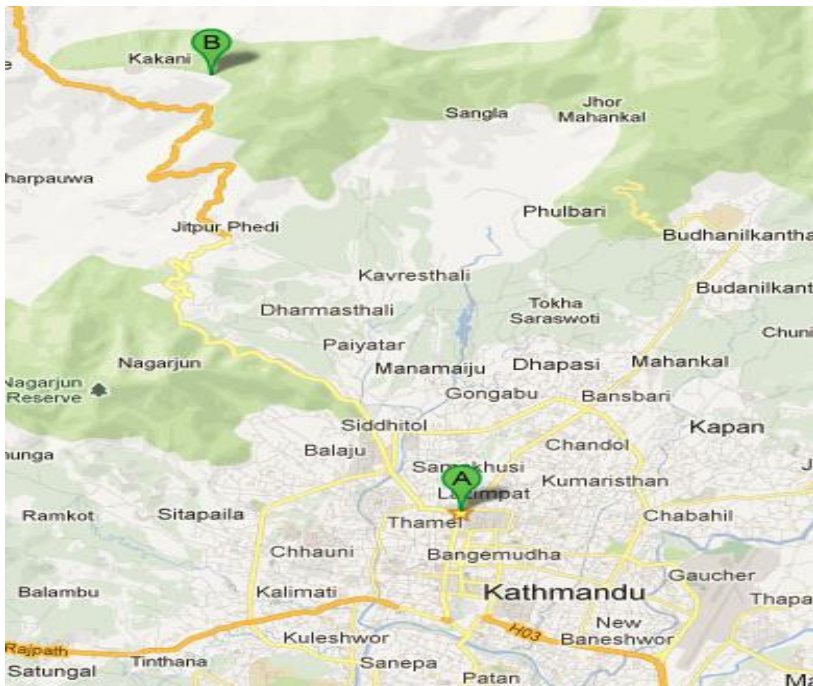
One can see from Kakani International Training Centre (KITC) the mountain landscape of central Nepal, a vast collection of majestic peaks stretching from Ganesh Himal to the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges. There is an unusually perfect blending of the imposing mountain scenery with the more sylvan environment of the lower valleys. Rhododendrons growing wild on the mountain slopes begin to bloom in late winter and stay in bloom for several months, giving the village even more charm.

More than a relaxing place, Kakani International Training Centre proposes many educative package programs. It is being used for scout Basic as well as Advance training course and camping venue of Nepal Scouts. It has environmental, adventure, renewable energy and computer training opened to all ages participants.

Longer lasting trainings are also held: HIV prevention training, income generation training, agriculture training, etc.

Location of Centre

Kakani is easily accessible for groups, by car or bus or plane. Groups travelling by car and bus Parking facilities are provided at the Centre.



By Road: Bus and car will bring you to Kakani in 1.5 hrs from Kathmandu.

By Plane: The main international airport Tribhuvan International Airport is located in Kathmandu.

Locate: Latitude/Longitude 27 °48'48.73" N, 85 °16'29.74" E

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Region: Asia Pacific

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Environmental features of the Centre (300 words):



Kakani International Training Centre is situated at 2000m, 23 km from the capital of Kathmandu in a hilly agricultural region. It borders on one side the traditional hilltop farming community of Kakani and on the other side the Shivapuri National Park and Wildlife Reserve. Shivapuri has been a national park since 2002 and houses a diverse range of wildlife including 318 species of bird and 2,122 floral species. The site covers 44 hectares, much of which is left in a natural, wild state and provides habitat for many birds as well as wild Boar and Leopard. Indian Leopards are also believed to be in the area. The planting of many trees and plants in these areas has transformed this area back to a wild state - previously it was used for agriculture. Bamboo has planted strategically in some areas on steeper ground to minimize the risk of landslides which have occurred here before. Areas of the site are used as plantations for Tea, various types of fruit and herbs, timber and non-timber plants. Kakani is located on a prominent ridge line with views to the Annapurna, Manaslu, Ganesh and Langtang ranges (where Baden Powell Scout Peak lies) in the Himalayas providing a spectacular backdrop to the centre.

In short, the location of Kakani, the connection with Shivapuri national park, views to the Himalaya and diversity of its habitat ensure that visiting Scouts get a real sense of exploration and a connection with the natural world.

Access to surrounding environmental places of interest:



Shivapuri National Park and Wildlife Reserve has covered almost 70% of our border and rest part of border is connecting with Kakani village. where most people are doing their farming. Mountain bikkers ways to Nagarkot, Chisapani, Ghorepani, and many others touristic areas goes through our centre.

Environmental Education Programmes Available



Some environmental education programme examples and samples:

We have done a series of works toward environmental education program at KITC. KITC teaches to young people how to protect environment, what is the role of young people for that, etc? Some programs are as follow:

- KITC provides renewable energy trainings (solar cooker, dryer, bee hive briquettes, Improved Smokeless Stove trainings) to scouts and non-scouts
- KITC provides bio-gas training
- KITC does botanical, nature and environmental trails
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Environmental Management of the Centre



Our environmental Practices are very much ingrained in the running of the Centre. Our Environmental Policy is designed to minimise our impact upon the environment - be that locally or globally (i.e. the reduction of harmful emissions from our buildings and vehicles). Here are a few examples of our Environmental Practices:

- KITC has a system of recycling and reusing (for bio-gas) waste materials which come from kitchen.
- KITC use tractor inside the centre instead of the other vehicles.
- The fire wood used for camp fire comes mostly from its own forests.
- KITC aims to be self-depended on energy source for light and heat water and it uses energy saving light bulbs (CFL instead of normal bulb). It has installed photovoltaic panels for energy at main office building, dormitory and campsite and will be installed at Seminar Hall next year. After installing the photovoltaic panels at seminar hall, KITC will be self-depended on energy.
- KITC uses solar energy to heat the water in the dormitory and office buildings for shower.
- KITC uses solar energy at main office building, dormitory to heat water.
- KITC use bee-hive briquettes to heat rooms at dormitory.
- KITC use Bio-gas for cooking.
- KITC do not allow vehicle inside the centre.
- KITC provides agriculture training for local community people.
- KITC provides Renewable energy training (Smokeless Cooking Stove, bee-hive briquettes, bio-gas, solar energy trainings) to scouts and local community people.
- KITC provides medicine herbs orientation training for scouts and non-scouts.
- KITC provides nature and environmental protection training for scouts and non-scouts.
- KITC does botanical, nature and environmental trails.
- KITC has own tea garden and serves to guest its own garden's organic tea.
- KITC has own fruit garden and produce jam from it.
- KITC do not allow hunting any kind of animal of centre.
- KITC preserve water resources and provide water to local community people.
- KITC prepare its dust bin (basket) from its own bamboo plant.
- KITC provided training about health and hygiene, HIV/AIDS, etc.
- KITC provides Kakani Environmental Badge (proficiency Badge) to scouts who maintenance trees (weeding, cleaning and irrigation) during the camp. Scouts need to work at least hour tree maintenance to get the badge.
- KITC already planted more than 100,000 trees (20,000 tea, 60,000 timber and 20,000 fruits) in the centre. Still planting more than 1,000 trees (tea, fruit and timber plants) every year.
- KITC has green house and garden to produce vegetables.
- KITC has poultry farm and goat farm.
- KITC has Bee farming for honey.

Main achievements to date:

We are able to make KITC green by planting thousands of plants over decade. Earlier the place was deforested by local people in Kakani.

We are using solar power for light and heating water (except Seminar hall).

Goals for the future:

To be a leading Scout Centre (in the term of environment and nature protection). Installation/Extension of the solar power at the Seminar hall and Campsite in 2013 and 2014. Continue to plant more than 1,000 trees every year. Develop as centre for environmental research centre.

Languages the centre can offer activities in:

The language of the Centre is Nepal and English.