

# Stress on biodiversity conservation

## POST REPORT

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The second General Assembly of Himali Jadibuti Sarokar Samuha (HJSS) here yesterday called upon organisations and experts working in the Karnali region on medicinal plants and herbs to make the people aware on sustainable utilization of herbs, coordination among stakeholders and conservation of bio-resources.

Addressing the pro-

gramme, Bishma Prasad Subedi, executive director of Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bio-diversity (ANSAB), spoke about the need to "strengthen pressure groups such as HJSS for the equitable distribution of economic gains from bio-diversity, creating conducive policy environment in the non-timber forest products (NTFP)'s sub-sector".

Also highlighting the role of ANSAB in sustainable con-

servation through enterprise development he said, "ANSAB's activities in the Karnali region encompass community forestry, natural resource-based enterprise development, capacity building and advocacy for conducive policy environment."

HJSS was established in 2001 with an objective to play an active role in conservation, marketing, research, standardisation and advocacy of non-timber forest products.

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