

South Asian University Holds Eleventh Governing Board Meeting in Kathmandu

The Eleventh Governing Board Meeting of the South Asian University (SAU), India, a flagship project of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), was held on [December 18–19, 2023](#), in Kathmandu, Nepal after six years. The meeting was attended by the Governing Board members from SAARC member states, representatives from the SAARC Secretariat, and the SAU authorities.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dev Raj Adhikari, Chairman, University Grants Commission, Nepal, who welcomed the participants and expressed his appreciation for the role of SAU in facilitating regional cooperation in higher education and research. He also thanked the previous Governing Board members for their contributions to establishing SAU as a reputable platform for teaching, learning, and research. Further, he congratulated SAU for its achievements and commended the



(SAU) for their roles in establishing and running the University in New Delhi. He highlighted the importance of education for the welfare and quality of life of the South Asian people and called the SAU a significant achievement and a Centre of Excellence for regional cooperation.

The meeting discussed and decided on 31 agenda items, which are very crucial for university operations. Some of the key decisions include the appointment of Prof. K.K. Agrawal as the new President of SAU, the transfer of the Chair of the Governing Board to Pakistan as per the alphabetical order after Nepal, the approval of the revised budget for the financial year 2023-24, the endorsement of the academic calendar for the academic year 2024-25.

The meeting also reviewed the progress and achievements of SAU in the areas of academic excellence, research output, student diversity, faculty development, international collaboration, and campus development. The meeting appreciated the efforts of the acting President, acting Vice President, and acting Registrar of SAU for their leadership and management of the university during the transitional period.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from the chair.

