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*“Campaign for Inclusion and Good Governance in Community Forestry,
Rights of Local Communities over Natural Resource and their Recognition in the New Constitution”*

**Forest Caravan 2010
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Press Release

The Forest Caravan commences with the motto “Campaign for Inclusion and Good Governance in Community Forestry, Rights of Local Communities over Natural Resources and their Recognition in the New Constitution” has celebrated its fifth day of activities performing different interaction, discussion and cultural program with the mass gathering and rally in various districts. Caravan Team of Bajura reached to Budor, Doti performing interaction program for today. Mention interaction program was held in presence of representatives from community forestry users, CSOs and stakeholders from different organization where they put their views accentuating rights over natural resources, which should given to community as their fundamental rights and should wisely be incorporate in the new constitutions. Enterprise based on NTFPs conserved by the local communities should be established and it should necessarily promote communities livelihood, they utter.

The team which started their caravan from Darchula today reached to Dhangadi, where they perform different interaction program in the CFUGs level. Speaker of the program most importantly address the issues of forest encroachment and timber smuggling. On the way making different gathering, the caravan team of Jumla reached to Surkhet where they were given a warm welcome organizing an interaction program. In the program the discussion was held on the issues of natural resources where participants’ demanded the policy made for natural resources management should be practical enough to get implemented. They protest against the Illegal Timber smuggling encountered in that area most often.

Likewise, the caravan team which left from Rukum reached to Rolpa where they organized a gathering with different stakeholder and forests users group to discuss the issues of inclusion, good governance and the rights over natural resources. The team which started their caravan from Gulmi today reached to Pyuthan where they highlights the price of resin tapped from the community forestry should be increase. Mustang team reached to Syangja organizing big gathering along with the cultural program. The speakers of the program focus their vote on the need of institutional development along with the inclusion. Caravan team which left from Ramechhap, today reached to Bhaktapur where they organized interaction program ensuring the participation from all the district stakeholders. Participants of the program criticize the government decision regarding community forestry boundary conflict and deforestation in Nagarkot area.



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Likewise, the caravan team which left from Sindhuli today reached to Rautahat organizing a district assembly in Khorakatti. So program focuses on the issues of collaborative forest management, where the highlight was management system of collaborative and giving it all in the hand of community. In the same program, Terai community forestry users committee utter about women leadership in community forestry and the inclusion of distant users. Another Caravan team reached to Siraha which actually moved from Khotang organizing various program on the way. Discussion was mainly focused on the topic of elite people capturing the forests land in the name of landless people and the issues of deforestation and timber smuggling. Similarly, Caravan Team of Tamplejung halt in Dharan conducting a discussion program with the representative of CFUG and other stakeholders in the issues regarding forest handover.

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