WEIR LAB



Water and Energy Infrastructure Research Laboratory

Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel, Kavre

"Empowering water resources innovation through Integrated Hydraulic Modeling"





Located within the School of Engineering



Physical and Numerical Modeling for Water and Energy

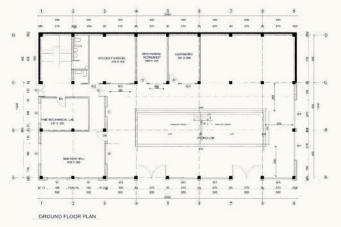


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Introduction

The WEIR Lab at Kathmandu University is a cutting-edge research center under the School of Engineering, established to serve as a regional hub for hydropower and water infrastructure research. It integrates physical modeling, numerical simulations, and interdisciplinary learning.

- Physical scale modeling of hydropower
- Advanced numerical tools for simulation
- Training ground for MSc, PhD, and industry professionals



Vision

To cultivate a community of experts in hydraulics and river engineering for national and global hydropower advancement.

Mission

To contribute to Nepal's technological and economic growth by promoting academic and research excellence in hydropower and water resource engineering.



Thematic Areas

- Hydrology and Watershed Modeling
- River Engineering and Morphodynamics
- Hydraulic Structures and Sediment Transport
- Hydropower System Optimization
- Irrigation and Water Supply Infrastructure
- Integrated Numerical + Physical Hydraulic Modeling
- Research Training & Industry Collaboration
- MSc and PhD in Water Resource and River Engineering
- WEIR Synergy: Student Think Tank

Core Objectives

- To promote interdisciplinary research in sedimentation and hydraulics
- To provide consulting and design validation services
- To support MS/PhD research programs
- To host knowledge dissemination through workshops and seminars
- To encourage regional and international academic collaborations

Lab Facilities

Location:

3-storey building (East Side, KU Complex)



Total Area:

700 m² (Modeling Space: 200 m²)



Rainwater Harvesting:

50,000-liter underground + overhead tanks



Pump Setup:

3-phase induction motor (12-15 m head)

Ongoing Projects

Upper Sanjen Headwork Model

1:30 scale physical model of Upper Sanjen Hydropower Project (14.8 MW).



Inline Hydro Turbine

Evaluating impeller efficiency in in-line hydro turbine systems.



RoDaLo

Real-time 3D sand bed profiling using robotic data logging





Undergraduate and Post graduate Research
Projects

Weir Synergy: interdisciplinary collaboration
platform

Participation in real-world modeling and
testing



Future Plans

Launch Msc/PhD programs in Water Resource and River Engineering



Expand lab capacity with digital modeling and simulation clusters.





Call for Colaboration

We invite industry leaders, academic institutions, and development agencies to join hands in building a sustainable and research-driven hydropower future for Nepal.

For collaborations, contact:

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> "From Himalayan Rivers to Global Impact - WEIR Lab is powering the future."