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### National Planning Commission gets full shape

The government of Nepal has appointed Vice chairman and Members of the National Planning Commission of Nepal.



The cabinet decision of 18 January 2023 appointed Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha, as the Vice Chairman and Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal as the member of commission. Similarly, the cabinet decision of 30 January 2023 appointed Mr. Sushil Gyawali, Dr. Kushendra Bahadur Mahat, and Prof. Dr. Sangita Singh as the members of the commission. Likewise, the cabinet decision of 6 February 2023 appointed Prof. Dr. Geeta Bhakta Joshi and Dr. Jayakant Raut as the members of the commission. Mr. Kewal Prasad Bhandari, secretary of NPC, is the member secretary of the Commission.

NPC Chairman and Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' administered oath of office to the Vice Chairman Dr. Shrestha. NPC Vice Chairman Dr. Shrestha administered oath of office to the members.



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### Short Biography of VC and Members:



Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha had served earlier in the same capacity at the National Planning Commission from September 4, 2016 to August 3, 2017. Prior to his appointment at the NPC, Dr. Shrestha held the esteemed position of Executive Director at the Central Bank of Nepal, where he worked primarily in the areas of economic research, policy analysis, training, and strategy formulation. In addition, he represented the central bank as a board member of several prestigious institutions such as the Credit Information Centre, Nepal Stock Exchange Limited, Securities Board of Nepal, and National Banking Institute, where he demonstrated exceptional leadership and expertise. Dr. Shrestha has also served as a Senior Economist for three years and as a Visiting Research Economist for one year at the South East Asian Central Banks Research and Training Centre based in Kuala Lumpur, where he made valuable contributions to research and training in the field of economics. Dr. Shrestha holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Wollongong, Australia. He has authored seven books and a significant number of research papers in peer-reviewed international journals on a diverse range of topics such as financial liberalization, capital flows, monetary policy, welfare, international migration, time series econometrics, and financial inclusion.



Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal is a distinguished economist and development planner with two decades of professional experience, including teaching at the university and engaging in policy formulation and planning in government. From April 2018 to December 2022, Dr. Phuyal served as a Member of the National Planning Commission (NPC), where he made substantial contributions to the drafting and formulation of the 15<sup>th</sup> periodic plan of the Government of Nepal, as well as to the formulation of national and provincial plans. At NPC, Dr. Phuyal led many studies, reports, and policy research initiatives which included key research on "The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Foreign Employment and its Impact on the Economy of Nepal", "The Integrated National Social Protection Framework", "The Integrated National Employment Framework", "Foreign Investment in Nepal - Commitment, Problems Encountered and Arrangements Needed to Attract Investment" and "Fifth Rebasement of National Account Statistics and GDP". His rich and varied experience in economics, development and social sectors was invaluable in the NPC's endeavors. Prior to his appointment at the NPC, Dr. Phuyal was an Associate Professor of Economics at the Centre for Economic Development and Administration (CEDA) in Tribuvan University and also served as a visiting scholar/professor at prestigious international universities. He earned a Ph.D. in Economics from Chonnam National University, South Korea, in 2011, where he was the recipient of outstanding Ph.D. fellowship awards in 2006 and 2007. Dr. Phuyal has authored several books/chapters and published over four dozen scholarly articles in peer-reviewed international journals.