

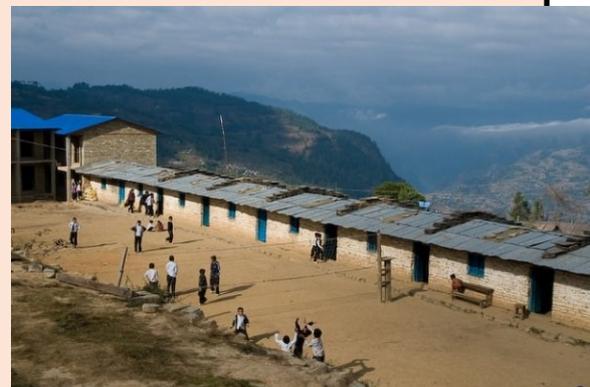
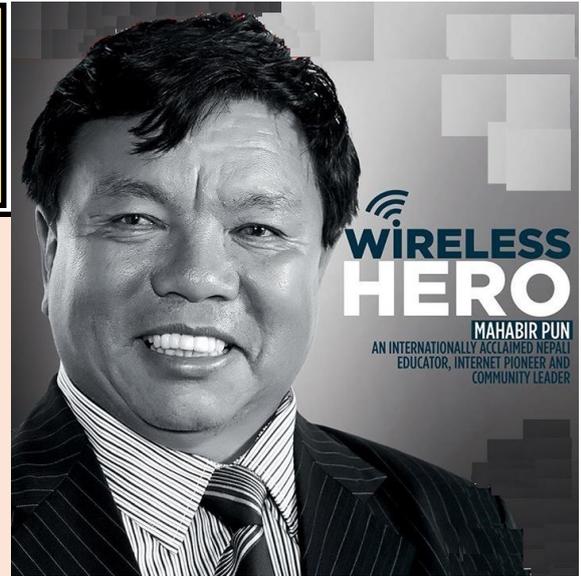
# 292<sup>nd</sup> IDEC Seminar

## Community Schools in the Nepalese Mountains: Status, Challenges and Way Forward

**Speaker:**

**Dr. Mahabir Pun,**  
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Dr. Mahabir Pun's journey from a remote mountainous village in Nepal to the University of Nebraska in the US; and back to Nepal, committing himself for the community development in rural areas, is an inspirational story. After getting his Master's Degree in education from the US, Dr. Pun returned to his native village Nangi, with an ambitious goal to set up a school that will serve as a model for local education and economic development. Dr. Pun is also well-known for the Nepal Wireless Networking Project, which works to optimize the use of information and communication technologies for the benefit of rural communities. Among many awards received by Dr. Pun for his outstanding works in rural Nepal, the notable ones are the prestigious Magsaysay Award and an honorary degree as Doctors of Humane Letters by the University of Nebraska in 2007. In this seminar, he talks about his experiences of working for the quality improvement of education in rural schools of Nepal.



**Date: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Time: 18:00 - 19:30**  
**Everyone is welcome.**

**Venue: Small Conference Room, IDEC**  
**Language: English**  
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