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“There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread”

Mahatma Gandhi

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IIMSAM explores avenues to launch its Spirulina Initiatives to eradicate malnutrition and secure the United Nations Millennium Development Goals in the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal



(H.E. Amb. Manish Uprety with H.E. Murari Raj Sharma, Ambassador of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal to the UK)

(United Nations Headquarters, New York, 12th February 2009) The special emissary of H.E. Ambassador Remigio Maradona, Director General-IIMSAM, H.E. Ambassador Manish Uprety, Special Envoy to South Asia met with the Ambassador of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal to the United Kingdom, H.E. Ambassador Murari Raj Sharma to explore avenues to initiate Spirulina programmes in the country to eradicate malnutrition and secure the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

IIMSAM-KSF Model for Grassroots Development that was developed by H.E. Ambassador Manish Uprety along with the Kanwaljit Sandal Foundation and Hash Biotech Labs Private Ltd. shall guarantee a unique buy-back from the local cultivators. Under the programme, Hash Biotech Pvt. Ltd shall guarantee to buy back the Spirulina from the farmers that can not be utilised in local nutrition and other programmes run by the government and other stakeholders. At a time when the size of the land holdings is diminishing, the *IIMSAM-KSF Model for Grassroots Development* would not only initiate local empowerment processes by establishing lasting capacities and capabilities but shall also safeguard the economic interests of the small and marginal farmers.

IIMSAM's Director General H.E. Amb. Remigio Maradona stated- *I am confident that Nepal would play a pivotal role to realise our mandate of a world free of malnutrition and hunger through Spirulina; and to deliver the benefits of Spirulina cultivation to the peoples through the unique IIMSAM-KSF Model for Grassroots Development.*