

Dr. Nawa Raj Khatiwada at the Institute of Engineering, Dharan Campus

Dr. Nawa Raj Khatiwada, a Senior Research Specialist at the Nepal Development Research Institute, was invited as the Chief Guest at an academic event held on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024. The event was the Orientation Program for newly enrolled students at the Institute of Engineering, Dharan Campus. Dr. Khatiwada delivered an insightful address to the fresh batch of students.



"Exploring Challenges and Insights: NDRI Team Conducts Key Informant Interviews on Withdrawal of Committed FDI in Nepal"



Dr. Rudra Suwal, Senior Research Specialist and Ms. Salisha Raila, Research Associate a duo from NDRI, undertook Key Informant Interviews (KII) with Mr. Bimal Baral, Under Secretary at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Supply, as well as Prof. Dr. Gandhi Pandit, Senior Advocate/ Founding Partner of Gandhi and Associates.

This KII took place on Thursday, January 18, 2024, aiming to identify key issues concerning the withdrawal of committed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Nepal. Additionally, the objective was to understand the primary reasons hindering the realization of FDI in the country. The KII yielded insightful and remarkable observations from professionals in relevant fields, shedding light on the intricacies of FDI in Nepal.

Newspaper coverage

Mr. Kamal Chaulagain, a Research Associate at the Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI), published an article addressing the critical topic of 'The Environmental Consequences of Tobacco.' Published in the Annapurna Express on January 15, 2024, Chaulagain's article delves into the often-overlooked environmental impact of tobacco consumption.



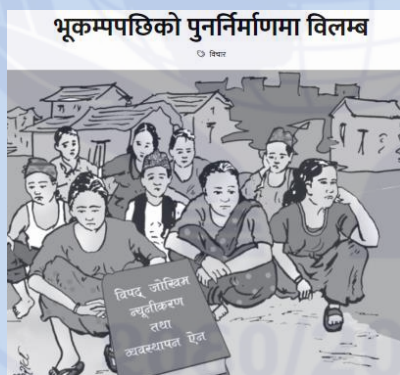
The environmental consequences of tobacco

Annually, tobacco causes the death of over five million people, with a disproportionate share of these fatalities attributed to second-hand smoke exposure.

The environmental consequences of tobacco are far-reaching and often overlooked. Beyond the well-known health risks to smokers, tobacco cultivation and processing have a significant impact on the environment. Deforestation for tobacco plantations, the use of pesticides and fertilizers, and the release of greenhouse gases during the production process all contribute to environmental degradation. Furthermore, the disposal of tobacco waste, including discarded cigarettes and filters, poses a threat to local ecosystems and water bodies. The article highlights the need for sustainable tobacco production practices and stricter regulations to mitigate these environmental impacts.

Awakening and Insightful Read

Prof. Dr. Tara Nidhi Bhattarai, Vice President of Nepal Development Research Institute, shared his insights on Earthquake Safety Day in an article published in Gorkhapatra. He discussed the current state of reconstruction in Nepal and highlighted the concerning observation that the nation has not learned valuable lessons from its history of earthquakes.



Back-to-Back publications achievement by NDRI Vice President



Prof. Dr. Tara Nidhi Bhattarai, Vice President of Nepal Development Research Institute, presented the book "Geological Field Excursion Guidebook of Malekhu Area, Central Nepal Himalaya" to the NDRI library. The authors of the book include Santa M. Rai, T.N. Bhattarai, Mary Hubbard, Champak B. Silwal, Lalit K. Rai, Durga Khatiwada, and Basant Bhandari which is published by the Department of Geology, Tri-Chandra Multiple Campus, Tribhuvan University.

Thought-provoking News

The weight of patriarchy

<https://kathmandupost.com/editorial/2024/01/17/the-weight-of-patriarchy>

Focus on road safety

<https://kathmandupost.com/columns/2024/01/10/focusing-on-the-road-safety-agenda>

Thought of the Week

"Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone."

- Pablo Picasso

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