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187th Episode of Contemporary Policy Dialogue

INTO THE WORLD OF BIRDS: NEPAL'S PERSPECTIVE



Key speaker
Dr. Hem Sagar Baral
Adjunct Associate Professor
Charles Sturt University, Australia

26th January, 2024 | Friday
09:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Dr. Hem Sagar Baral, Nepal's first ornithological, is a wildlife conservationist with a career spanning nearly four decades. He earned his PhD in bird ecology from the University of Amsterdam in 2001. Dr. Baral played a pivotal role as the first CEO of Bird Conservation Nepal and later joined Himalayan Nature as the Chief Technical Advisor. In 2013, he established the Zoological Society of London's Nepal office, where he served as Country Representative until recently. Currently, he works as a freelance consultant and holds an Adjunct Associate Professor position at Charles Sturt University, Australia. Hem's contributions include advocating for the ban of diclofenac and promoting safe alternatives for vultures. He spearheaded initiatives such as establishing a vulture breeding center, community-managed vulture restaurants, and the Kosi Bird Observatory. His efforts also extended to setting up conservation awards and student scholarships, as well as publishing local language field guides on birds and mammals.

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In an enlightening 187th episode of Contemporary Policy Dialogue (CPD) on January 26th, Dr. Hem Sagar Baral captivated audiences with insights in "Into the World of Birds: Nepal's Perspective." The ornithologist and conservationist shared mesmerizing facts about Nepal's diverse birdlife.

During the program, Dr. Baral addressed the critical issue of policy gaps in bird conservation and highlighted the importance of adopting sustainable practices. The discussion prompted a significant conversation, bringing attention to the beauty of Nepal's avian wonders and the necessity to tackle the policy challenges that hinder their protection. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of bird conservation and encourage stakeholders to work towards a sustainable and effective solution.



Memo Writing Training

On January 24th, 2024, the President of NDRI, Dr. Krishna Pahari, conducted a training session on memo writing for the researchers employed at the institute. Dr. Pahari is an expert in the field, and his guidance is expected to help the participants produce high-quality and effective memos. The session aimed to improve the memo-writing skills of the participants, which would enhance the quality and effectiveness of the memos they produce.



Meeting with the Deputy Chief District Officer of Lalitpur District

On Tuesday, 23rd January 2024, Mr. Amar Dip Sunuwar, Deputy Chief District Officer, along with some staff from the District Administration Office (DAO) Lalitpur, visited NDRI to learn more about its research activities. The meeting was attended by Dr. Shankar Shrestha, Executive Director, NDRI, Dr. Divas B. Basnyat, Lead of the Water and Climate Program at NDRI, Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung, Lead of Health, Environment and Education Program at NDRI, Dr. Rudra Suwal, Lead of Economic Development Program at NDRI, and Ms. Ashma Aryal, Outreach and Communication Officer at NDRI. Dr. Shrestha began the meeting with a brief introduction about NDRI, followed by thematic information from Dr. Gurung, Dr. Basnyat, and Dr. Suwal. Mr. Sunuwar suggested exploring opportunities for collaboration and requested NDRI to work with stakeholders not only in other districts and wards but also in Lalitpur district and the Ward 5 itself. He also suggested exploring areas for research in schools around Lalitpur, where the DAO office would assist as needed.



Thought-provoking News

Government approves rulebook to issue start-up funds

<https://kathmandupost.com/money/2024/01/28/government-approves-rulebook-to-issue-start-up-funds>

Kathmandu records year's coldest morning, dense fog blankets Tarai

<https://thehimalayantimes.com/environment/kathmandu-records-years-coldest-morning-dense-fog-blankets-tarai>

Thought of the Week

"The bad news is that time flies. The good news is that you are the pilot."

-Michael Altshuler

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