

NEWSLETTER

29th July to 4th August

Year: 2024

Volume:157

NDRI's Extensive Follow-Up Survey & Intervention

A dedicated Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) team has completed a follow-up survey of growth potential enterprises across seven provinces of Nepal, covering 19 districts. The survey, conducted from July 21 to August 2, 2024, aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of ongoing interventions of Government programs for promoting enterprises such as MEDPA and YSEF, and gather comprehensive data to inform future projects. The field team comprised key project members, including Principal Investigator: Prof. Dr. Raj Kumar Bhattarai, Senior Research Specialists: Dr. Rabita Shrestha Mulmi and Dr. Manjeshori Singh, Project Manager: Mr. Rajendra Khatri, Research Associate: Ms. Nirmita Shrestha, and Research Assistant Ms. Dikshya Barasaini as well as 26 other enumerators.

Surveyed Districts and Provinces:

Sudurpashchim Province: Kailali, Dadeldhura, Baitadi, Bajura

Karnali Province: Dailekh

Bagmati Province: Dolakha

Gandaki Province: Syanja, Kaski, Manang, Lamjung

Koshi Province: Illam, Panchthar, Sankhuwasabha, Sunsari, Morang

Madhesh Province: Rautahat

Lumbini Province: Arghakhanchi, Bardiya, Kapilvastu



During the survey, the team engaged with local communities, collecting data on the impact of the interventions. A total of 1,200 entrepreneurs were interviewed as part of this follow-up survey. In addition, the NDRI team also started NDRI's intervention (cash support), during this field trip, to some selected entrepreneurs which had potential for high growth, which were identified/selected based on the baseline survey and case studies.



The Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Supply officials also visited the site to monitor the Micro-Enterprise Development for Poverty Alleviation (MEDPA) project. They demonstrated strong interest in the ongoing NDRI efforts and expressed support for the initiatives. The intervention and follow-up survey was completed, marking NDRI's efforts to promote innovation and inclusion in growth potential enterprises.

Celebrating the 200th Episode of Contemporary Policy Dialogue Series



नेपाल विकास अनुसन्धान प्रतिष्ठान
Nepal Development Research Institute

रिसोर्स हिमालय
रिसोर्स हिमालय
RESOURCES / HIMALAYA



Contemporary Policy Dialogue
200th
Special Episode

2nd August 2024, Friday
09:00 AM to 10:00:AM

Zoom ID: 961 8021 7222
Passcode: 535476

Click the above banner to watch the full coverage of the episode

The Contemporary Policy Dialogue (CPD) Series marked a significant milestone with the celebration of its 200th episode. The event held on the 2nd of August 2024 attracted a diverse audience from various thematic areas, reflecting the impact and inclusive nature of the series.

The program was initiated with the screening of a special video that highlighted the journey of the CPD Series over the past five years, showcasing insights and discussions from the previous 199 episodes. Following the video the participants engaged in discussions, offering

suggestions, reflections, and advice on the way forward for the CPD Series. The diverse perspectives enriched the conversation, underscoring the importance of continued dialogue.

The event ended with a positive and motivational atmosphere, bringing hope for the future. The collective energy and enthusiasm displayed an ongoing commitment to addressing critical policy issues and fostering meaningful change through this platform.



NDRI at Regional Dialogue on Accelerating Climate Resilience in the Hydropower Sector of the Hindu Kush Himalaya Region



Dr. Divas B. Basnyat, Lead of the Water and Climate Program at NDRI, presented an overview of the Guidelines for Climate Resilient Hydropower (CRH) in Nepal at a regional dialogue on “Accelerating Climate Resilience in the Hydropower Sector of the Hindu Kush Himalaya,” held on the 30th of July at ICIMOD Headquarters in Kathmandu, Nepal. This event was part of the 2024 International Conference on “Environmental Protection, Modernization, and Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions,” hosted by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), in collaboration with the Geographical Society of China and Tribhuvan University, from July 28 to August 3, 2024.

The dialogue had representatives from countries like Nepal, China, India, Bhutan, and Pakistan, each presenting on current practices in climate risk management in the hydropower development sector in their respective regions. This was followed by an insightful panel discussion on “Developing a Unified Approach for Climate Resilience in the Hydropower Sector,” featuring a panel comprising representatives from the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), Asian Development Bank (ADB), International Hydropower Sustainability Alliance (IHSA), I.I.T. Roorkee, Senior Advisor ICIMOD, and Ecosystem Services Specialist ICIMOD. Lastly, the closing session had a MoU signing between the Hydropower Sustainability Alliance (HAS) and ICIMOD.

NDRI's VP Enlightens with Comprehensive Rehabilitation Cases



In an informative session held at NDRI, Vice President of NDRI Prof. Dr. Tara Nidhi Bhattarai presented his observations on the rehabilitation efforts in a place nearby

the 2015 earthquake affected Barpak in Gorkha district. Prof. Bhattarai's highlighted both the positive impacts and areas for improvement in the rehabilitated area.



Following the presentation, NDRI researchers engaged in a lively discussion about how future rehabilitation projects could be enhanced. Overall, the session was informative, providing valuable insights into past rehabilitation efforts and setting the stage for more effective and resilient future initiatives.

Thought Provoking news

Government pushes for tough ethics code for officials, I/NGOs

<https://kathmandupost.com/national/2024/08/02/government-pushes-for-tough-ethics-code-for-officials-i-ngos>

Successive governments ignore directives on Dalit representation

<https://kathmandupost.com/politics/2024/08/05/successive-governments-ignore-directives-on-dalit-representation>

Media Coverage



Click on the image above to read the full article by the Water and Climate program lead of NDRI, Dr. Divas Bahadur Basnyat.

Book Recommendation of the Week



★★★★★ 4.65

Newsletter Preparation :

Ms. Seetal Luitel
Front Desk Officer

Editors :

Ms. Ashma Aryal
Outreach and Communication Officer

Dr. Shankar Shrestha
Executive Director

Click the icons to Connect with Us on Social Media!



YouTube

in

Feel free to recommend books to our readers so that we can collectively enhance knowledge exploration.