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NDRI Meets with IDRC Regional Director and MOICS Secretary

On August 22, 2024, Dr. Kapil Kapoor (Regional Director, Asia Regional Office, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), New Delhi, India) visited NDRI at its premises for a meeting with high dignitaries of NDRI including the NDRI project team members of the IDRC funded project on 'Promoting innovation and inclusion in growth potential enterprises: Evidence from Nepal'. NDRI was represented by Dr. Krishna Pahari (President), Dr. Shankar Shrestha (Executive Director), Prof. Dr. Raj Kumar Bhattarai (Senior Research Specialist and PI of the Project), Dr. Rabita Shrestha Mulmi (Senior Research Specialist and EDI Expert of the Project), Mr. Rajendra Khatri (Senior Research Associate and Project Manager), Ms. Shreya Bajimaya (Senior Research Associate), Ms. Deepa Luintel (Admin and Finance Officer), Ms. Nirmita Shrestha (Research Associate), and Ms. Dikshya Barasaini (Research Assistant). The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize the participants with both organizations and to share and learn about the project's progress and findings.



Dr. Shankar Shrestha provided a comprehensive overview of NDRI's current activities including key projects, initiatives, events and collaboration partners, among others. This was followed by the presentation by Prof. Dr. Raj Kumar Bhattarai who highlighted the project's progress, outlined the future directions of the project, and emphasized the project's role in addressing key areas through innovative solutions and collaborative efforts. The presentation emphasized the project's dedication to impactful research and its significant role in fostering the development of the MSME sector in Nepal. This was followed by remarks from Dr. Kapoor who acknowledged the project's progress and highlighted the importance of utilizing the identified opportunities/findings in driving policy change at government levels.

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Dr. Kapoor emphasized the crucial role of impactful research in policy development and change. He added that a recent IDRC study on 'How Governments respond to research' found that in South Asia, research is getting increasingly politicized and the demand for research by Government is either constant or decreasing. He added that despite such circumstances, the increasing interest of local and federal government in this NDRI study is highly commendable. He highlighted an important role of the Research Council to achieve a good ecosystem of research in any country. The meeting concluded with closing remarks from Dr. Krishna Pahari who highlighted NDRI's aim of conducting quality research to achieve policy impact and serve society at large.



The meeting at NDRI was followed by a tripartite meeting at Hotel Hilton, Kathmandu among NDRI (represented by Dr. Shankar Shrestha, Prof. Dr. Raj Kumar Bhattarai and Dr. Manjeshwori Singh); IDRC (represented by Dr. Kapil Kapoor) and Government of Nepal represented by Mr. Krishna Bahadur Raut (Secretary (Industry), Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies (MOICS), Government of Nepal), Mr. Jiblal Bhusal (Joint Secretary, MOICS) and Mr. Yagya Raj Koirala (DG, Department of Industry, MOICS). The meeting concluded with a consensus on the importance of research (including the ongoing NDRI project) to inform policy. IDRC prioritizes research that could directly impact policy, so the collaboration among NDRI, MOICS, and IDRC is expected to be a strong collaboration in order to make a strong project case for impactful research in days to come.

Developing Effective Hydro-Met Data Distribution Mechanisms

Mr. Girish Raj Lamsal, Research Associate of the Water and Climate Program at NDRI, attended the "Consultative Meeting on Review of Hydro-Met Data Pricing and Distribution Mechanisms" at the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology Premises. The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss and improve the current practices and to develop an effective strategy for data distribution.

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The meeting aimed to assess and refine current data distribution and pricing strategies, address stakeholder challenges, and propose solutions to improve data accessibility and collaboration in hydrological and meteorological services. After an opening session with remarks from Dr. Rajan Bhattarai, Deputy Director General of the Hydrology Division, a presentation on Hydro-Met Data Distribution Mechanisms was led by Mr. Sumar Kumar Regmi and Mr. Binod Parajuli. An interactive discussion, facilitated by Sagar Mishra and Sangha Ratna Shakya, gathered feedback from participants, concluding with closing remarks from Dr. Jagadishwor Karmacharya, Director General of the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology.

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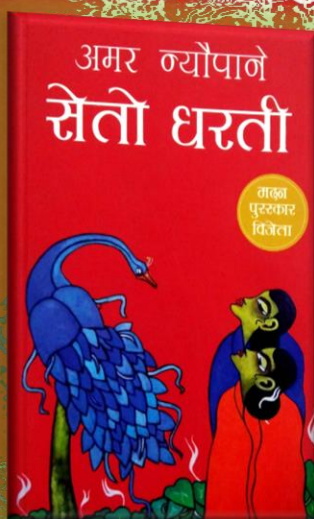
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Thought of the Week

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