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Prof. Dr. Bhattarai Engages in MoEST STEM Design Competition Discussion

Prof. Dr. Tara Nidhi Bhattarai, Vice President of the Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI), participated in a meeting organized by the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology (MoEST) on the 28th of August 2024. The event, held at the MoEST Shabha Hall, centered on a STEM Design Competition among university students, aimed at inspiring innovative earthquake-resistant building designs in Jajarkot. During the meeting, Prof. Dr. Bhattarai emphasized the importance of the competition and suggested taking lessons from the reconstruction works of the 2072 earthquake. The competition seeks to encourage the development of innovative, practical, and cost-effective earthquake-resistant building designs that utilize local materials, addressing the specific needs and challenges faced by the Jajarkot region.

202nd Episode of Contemporary Policy Dialogue Series

On Friday, 30th August 2024, Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) hosted the 202nd episode of the Contemporary Policy Dialogue Series, focusing on the topic "Empowering Young Girls and Women in STEM: Nepali Perspective." The event was conducted in a hybrid setting, accommodating both in-person and virtual attendees. The insightful session featured Dr. Hemu Kharel Kafle, the Founding President of the Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) National Chapter in Nepal, as the key speaker.



Dr. Kafle shared her organization's mission to attract more women into the field of science, highlighting various activities and awareness programs OWSD has conducted in schools across Nepal. These initiatives aim to understand the condition of science education and teaching methods, particularly from a gender perspective. She also discussed OWSD's interactions with science teachers from all seven provinces, emphasizing the importance of understanding their challenges and needs. Through these efforts, OWSD has provided valuable support to women and girls in science, helping them overcome barriers to success. In addition, Dr. Kafle identified missing elements in the current system that act as barriers to greater female participation in STEM fields, calling for targeted interventions to address these gaps. The session concluded with an interactive discussion, allowing participants to engage with Dr. Kafle on various aspects of empowering women in STEM.

Empowering Young Girls and Women in STEM: Nepali Perspective



Key Speaker
DR. HEMU KHAREL KAFLE
Founding President
OWSD-Nepal

Hemu Kharel Kafle (PhD) is a Scientist at the Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences (KIAS) and the Head of the Center for Water and Atmospheric Research (CWAR). She graduated with a degree in Environmental Science from Ben-Gurion University (Israel) and obtained her PhD in Remote Sensing from Nagoya University (Japan). Dr. Kafle's research interests are in extreme climatic conditions, such as drought and desertification, and their impact on agriculture and water resources. She has also been working on air and soil pollution in the Kathmandu Valley. Her post-doctoral research at the Weizmann Institute of Science (Israel) focused mainly on afforested forests under extreme climatic conditions. Her research career thus far has resulted in several peer-reviewed publications, with at least a dozen as the lead author in high-impact journals. Felicitated by The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) as a Young Scientist in 2014, she was one of the first women to receive the Early Career Women Scientist fellowship in 2018.

30th August, 2024, Friday
09:00AM to 10:00AM

Zoom ID: 961 8021 7222
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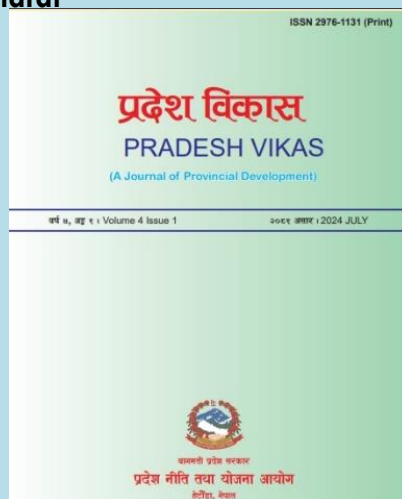
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Dismal narratives of education

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Journal Paper authored by Senior Research Specialists of NDRI, Dr. Manjeshwori Singh and Prof. Dr. Raj K. Bhattarai



Title: Control over Resources and Agricultural Decision-making: Gendered Evidence from Kavreplanchowk District, Nepal

Authors: Manjeshwori Singh, Keshav Lal Maharjan, Raj Kumar Bhattarai

Monetary Policy Analysis 2081/82



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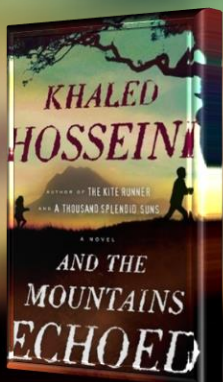


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