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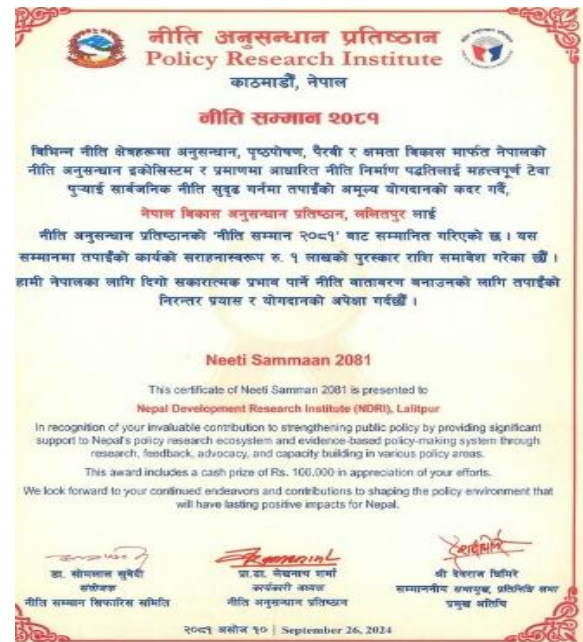
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NDRI Honored with Prestigious 'Niti Samman 2081':**For contributing to Nepal's policy research ecosystem and evidence-based policy-making system**

On September 26, 2024, on the occasion of the 6th anniversary of the Policy Research Institute (PRI), the Government think tank of Nepal, Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) was honored with the prestigious 'Niti Samman 2081' (Policy Award/Honor 2024). The event began with a message from Right Hon'ble Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli, delivered by Dr. Khaganath Adhikari followed by PRI Executive Chairman's (Prof. Dr. Lekhnath Sharma) presentation of PRI activities, and the presentation of various awards. The Keynote Speeches were delivered by Dr. Yubaraj Khatiwada (Economic Advisor to Prime Minister and Former Finance Minister) and Prof. Dr. Suresh Raj Sharma (Former Vice-Chancellor of Kathmandu University). NDRI President, Dr. Krishna Pahari, on behalf of NDRI, received the 'Niti Samman 2081' from the Right Hon'ble Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Devraj Ghimire, and delivered his [remarks](#) upon receiving the esteemed award.



Following a rigorous selection process among 115 research institutions in Nepal, NDRI has been recognized as the top institution. This honor recognizes NDRI's invaluable contribution to Nepal's policy research ecosystem and evidence-based policy-making system through research, feedback, advocacy, and capacity building in various policy areas.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of high-level dignitaries. NDRI was represented by President Dr. Krishna Pahari and Executive Director Dr. Shankar Shrestha.

This recognition further enhances NDRI's commitment to advancing impactful research and providing meaningful policy insights for the development of Nepal.

Media Coverages:

<https://gorkhapatraonline.com/news/125026>
<https://khabarhub.com/2024/26/692190/>
<https://www.makalukhabar.com/2024/09/99977424831/>
<https://thahakhabar.com/news/212534/>
<https://hamrakura.com/news-details/178099/2024-09-26>



NDRI Honored: for its contribution in Research for Cancer Prevention

NDRI was felicitated with a letter of honor (सम्मान पत्र) on the occasion of the 42nd anniversary of Nepal Cancer Relief Society (NCRS), for its invaluable contribution in the field of Cancer prevention through research and advocacy on tobacco control.

Dr. Krishna Pahari (President) received the award on behalf of NDRI. A key highlight of the event was the inauguration of NCRS's Annual Publication which also featured an insightful article by Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung, Senior Research Specialist and Lead of the Tobacco Control Program at NDRI.

The article highlighted the status of issues related to the tobacco control in Nepal, NDRI's ongoing research and advocacy on Tobacco control and the way forward.



Weekly Staff Presentation Highlights Ecosystem-Based Adaptation

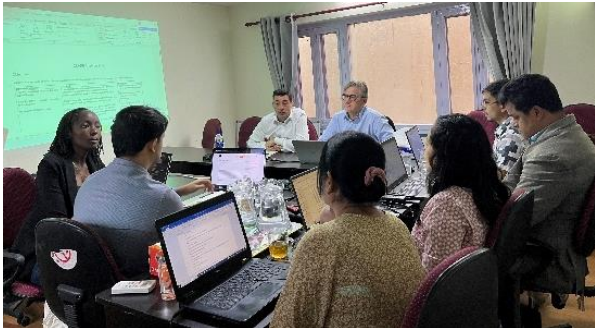
On the 3rd episode of the NDRI Weekly Staff Presentation at Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI), Senior Research Associate Ms. Shreya Bajimaya delivered an insightful talk on "Why Ecosystem-Based Adaptation (EbA)", highlighting the growing importance of EbA in combating the effects of climate change. Ms. Bajimaya highlighted BbA as an approach that utilizes biodiversity and ecosystem services to help communities adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change. The presentation was followed by informative discussions among the speaker and NDRI researchers.



ECONOGENESIS Project UK and Rwanda Team Visits NDRI

As a part of the ECONOGENESIS project, the team from Paul Watkiss Associates-UK represented by Paul Watkiss and Butera Blanche and Vanguard Economics-Rwanda represented by Mads Kudsen are currently in Nepal for a week long meeting with NDRI team (led by Dr. Divas Basnyat) to discuss on the project activities and plan way forward. The primary focus of the discussion revolves around survey instruments, sector modelling, identifying potential study areas and ensuring coordination with relevant stakeholders.

The ECONOGENESIS project is jointly funded from FCDO (UK) and IDRC (Canada), as part of the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Program (CLARE). The ECONOGENESIS team will be conducting a series of events in Kathmandu which will be covered in the next newsletter.



204th Episode Of Contemporary Policy

Dialogue Series

The 204th Episode of the Contemporary Policy Dialogue Series took place on September 27, 2024, featuring the Under Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development Dr. Matina Joshi Vaidya as the key speaker. The session focused on the critical topic of "नेपालमा खाद्य नीति: स्वच्छता र गुणस्तर". Dr. Vaidya's presentation covered several critical aspects related to the quality control, also highlighting the international treaty agreements, and the existing policy and legal frameworks guiding the quality of products. She began by outlining the governmental policies, emphasizing their role in safeguarding quality and hygiene within the context of Nepal.



Dr. Vaidya then delved into the existing policy and legal framework related to food quality and hygiene in Nepal, identifying gaps and areas for improvement. She proposed a way forward, suggesting that stakeholders must collaborate to strengthen the legal mechanisms governing the quality of products.

Click on the picture above to watch the full Episode

Thought Provoking news

Rain-induced disaster death toll reaches 200, dozens still missing

<https://kathmandupost.com/national/2024/09/30/rain-induced-disaster-death-toll-reaches-200-dozens-still-missing>

PM Oli's petty streak

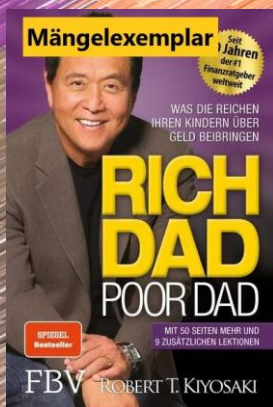
<https://kathmandupost.com/columns/2024/09/20/pm-oli-s-petty-streak>

Message from NDRI!

Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) expresses deepest sympathies to all those affected by the recent floods and landslides across Nepal. We understand the immense loss and hardship you are facing in this difficult time, and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,
NDRI Family

Book Recommendation of the Week



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 4.11

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

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