

Field Execution of the Project SAMMUNATI

From October 23rd to 29th, 2024, the Livelihood and Food Security Program team at NDRI conducted a comprehensive field evaluation of the "SAMMUNATI: Building Climate Adaptive Farming Opportunities and Improved Livelihoods for Women and Marginalized Groups in Nepal" project in collaboration with the Practical Action. The team visited eight municipalities across Dang, Rukum East, and Rolpa districts to assess the project's impact and gather insights.

To ensure thorough coverage, the team was divided into two groups, each focusing on four rural municipalities.



Mr. Rajendra Khatri, the Project Lead and Senior Research Associate, NDRI, along with Ms. Binita Shahi, Research Associate from NDRI conducted fieldwork in Paribartan and Thabang rural municipalities in Rolpa, as well as Bhume and Putha Uttarganga rural municipalities in Rukum East. Concurrently, Mr. Ram Prasad Devkota, the project's Data Manager and Research Associate, NDRI, and Dr. Manjeshwori Singh, GEDSI expert and Senior Research Specialist, NDRI, led the evaluation in Dangisaran and Shantinagar rural municipalities of Dang and Runtigadhi and Triveni rural municipalities in Rolpa. During this field visit, the team engaged with a wide range of stakeholders, including local representatives, group leaders, lead farmers,

women, and people with disabilities. Numerous focused group discussions were held to gain deeper insights, and individual projects were surveyed to gather both qualitative and quantitative data. Through on-site verifications and interviews, the team successfully gathered essential information for the project's final evaluation, highlighting the impact and challenges of SAMMUNATI's efforts to foster climate-resilient farming and livelihood improvements for women and marginalized communities. The team successfully completed the on-site verifications, qualitative and quantitative data collection for the final evaluation.

7th Weekly Staff Presentation on "Extreme Rainfall in Kathmandu: Past and Future"

Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) held its 7th weekly staff presentation on Monday, October 28, 2024, featuring Ms. Divya Laxmi Subedi, a Research Associate at NDRI, who presented on the timely topic, "Extreme Rainfall in Kathmandu: Past and Future."

Ms. Subedi's presentation offered a detailed analysis of extreme rainfall patterns in Kathmandu, contextualizing historical rainfall data alongside projections for future trends. As climate change intensifies globally, the research provided valuable insights into the patterns of extreme rainfall events and their implications on Kathmandu's urban resilience and planning.



NDRI Bids Farewell to Ms. Divya Laxmi Subedi, Honoring Her Contributions

On October 31, 2024, Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) hosted a heartfelt farewell session for Ms. Divya Laxmi Subedi, a dedicated Research Associate who worked under the institute's Water and Climate Program. The event gathered NDRI researchers, who came together to recognize Ms. Subedi's valuable contributions and wish success in her future endeavors. During the session, representatives from NDRI family shared their experiences working alongside Ms. Subedi, highlighting her dedication, insightful research, and collaborative spirit.

Many expressed gratitude for her efforts and her role in fostering a supportive and dynamic work environment at NDRI acknowledging her invaluable contributions to the institute and the field.



International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

On October 29, 2024, a symposium on the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction with the theme 'Empowering the next generation for a resilient future (उत्थानशील भविष्यको लागि भावी पुस्ताको सशक्तिकरण)', was organized by the Nepal Geological Society and supported by National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) and DPNep Nepal with other collaborating institutions such as Nepal Tourism Board (NTB), Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), NSET-Nepal and



National Disaster Risk Reduction Center (NDRC). The event was held at the Nepal Tourism Board, Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu.

The program was graciously inaugurated by the Honorable Minister of Physical Infrastructure and Transport Devendra Dahal. Following the inaugural session, the technical session featured presentations from Tribhuvan University, NDRRMA, and the Department of Mines and Geology (DMG). A key part of the event was panel discussions that brought together representatives from government, academia, the private sector, and community organizations. The symposium emphasized the significance of raising awareness among stakeholders concerning disaster risk reduction and future preparedness, in honor of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction.

NDRI was represented by Vice-President Prof. Dr. Tara Nidhi Bhattarai as Panelist and Senior Research Specialist, Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung and Research Associate Ms. Srijana Poudel, as participants

Marking the Festive Spirit of Tihar: NDRI Celebrates Laxmi Puja



On the auspicious occasion of Tihar, one of Nepal's most significant festivals, Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) organized a Laxmi Puja ceremony on the 31st of October 2024. The celebration brought together NDRI staff, who actively participated in creating colorful rangolis and worshipped the goddess Laxmi during the celebration. The Laxmi Puja began with traditional rituals as NDRI staff offered prayers, sweets, and fruits to invoke blessings.

Thought-provoking News

Nepal at risk: Malaria and dengue could spread due to climate change

<https://kathmandupost.com/money/2024/11/01/nepal-at-risk-malaria-and-dengue-could-spread-due-to-climate-change>

Nepal's first consumer court to start hearing cases in December

<https://kathmandupost.com/money/2024/10/30/nepal-s-first-consumer-court-to-start-hearing-cases-in-december>

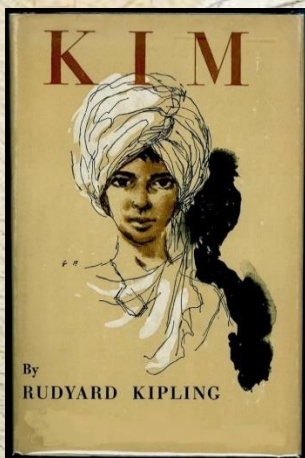
Thought of the Week

It's the repetition of affirmations that leads to belief. And once that belief becomes a deep conviction, things begin to happen."

Claude M. Bristol

Book Recommendation of the Week

★★★★☆ 3.70



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