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Welcome to the latest edition of NDRI Insights, your go-to source for important updates, valuable information, and the latest developments from the Nepal Development Research Institute.

HIGHLIGHTS FEATURED IN THIS EDITION

- Consultation workshop on the “Project Bank” of Sarkegad Rural Municipality was held at NDRI.
- NDRI held a meeting with Everest Engineering College exploring avenues of academic research collaborations.
- Successful completion of the 222nd Episode of the Contemporary Policy Dialogue Series.
- The 23rd episode of Mesmerizing Mondays features an insightful presentation by Mr. Rajendra K. Shrestha.



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Successful Completion of Consultation Workshop on “Project Bank”



Dr. Deependra Rokaya presenting about the project bank

A consultation workshop on the “Project Bank” of Sarkegad Rural Municipality was held on 16th July 2025 at NDRI Conference Hall, organized by Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI). The workshop brought together experts, researchers, and key stakeholders for an in-depth discussion on project planning and prioritization. The session began with welcome remarks by NDRI Dr. Shikha Thapa Magar, who set the tone by briefly introducing the objectives of the event. Dr. Rudra Suwal then provided a conceptual overview of the Project Bank, followed by a comprehensive presentation by Dr. Deependra Rokaya on its findings and the way forward. He shared that 92 project plans have been developed under 16 thematic areas such as Agriculture, infrastructure, tourism and so on, reflecting the development priorities of Sarkegad Rural Municipality. The workshop concluded with an interactive discussion and Q&A session, fostering valuable insights and feedback from participants.



Group photo after the event

NDRI Explores Collaboration with Everest Engineering College



Glimpse of the meeting at EEC

On July 14, 2025, Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) held a meeting with Everest Engineering College (EEC) to explore opportunities for academic and research. Discussions focused on engaging EEC students in research activities aligned with NDRI's research projects. Both institutions agreed to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) covering areas such as internships, joint research projects, academic events, and resource sharing. Focal persons from each side will coordinate the next steps, including finalizing the MoU.



Group photo at EEC after the meeting

This partnership aims to enhance research capacity and create meaningful learning opportunities for students. The meeting was attended by key representatives from Everest Engineering College, including Prof. Dr. Hari Krishna Shrestha, CEO Mr. Arun Bhandari, and department heads from various faculties. Representing NDRI were Executive Director Dr. Shikha Thapa Magar, Senior Research Specialist Dr. Nawa Raj Khatiwada, and Outreach and Communication Officer Ms. Ashma Aryal.

222nd Episode of Contemporary Policy Dialogue Series



Dr. Krishna Pahari delivering his closing remarks

On July 11, 2025, Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) and Resources Himalaya Foundation (RHF) organized the 222nd episode of its Contemporary Policy Dialogue Series, focusing on “मध्यपूर्वी देशहरूसँग नेपालको वैदेशिक तथा श्रम सम्बन्ध: सन्दर्भ र रणनीतिक दिशा” with former ambassador to Saudi Arabia and seasoned diplomat Mr. Nawa Raj Subedi as the key speaker. Addressing the session, Mr. Subedi emphasized the critical role of labour diplomacy in safeguarding the rights and welfare of Nepali migrant workers in the Middle East, highlighting current challenges.

He stressed the need for strategic reforms and supporting returnee integration, noting that despite the economic importance of remittances, Nepal has yet to fully harness the potential of its migrant workforce through effective labour diplomacy.

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मध्यपूर्वी देशहरूसँग नेपालको वैदेशिक तथा श्रम सम्बन्ध: सन्दर्भ र रणनीतिक दिशा

Key Speaker
Mr. Nawa Raj Subedi
Former Ambassador

नवराज सुवेदी एक अनुभवी कूटनीतिज्ञ, लेखक, तथा सामाजिक-राजनीतिक विश्लेषक हुनुहुन्छ। उहाँले साउदी अरेबियामा नेपाली राजदूतको रूपमा कार्य गर्दै, नेपालको श्रम कूटनीति सुदृढ गर्न र मध्यपूर्वीय देशहरूसँगको द्विपक्षीय सम्बन्ध विस्तारमा महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निर्वाह गर्नुभएको छ। उहाँले हालसम्म तीन पुस्तक प्रकाशित गरिसक्नुभएको छ र ७०० भन्दा बढी लेख राष्ट्रिय दैनिक तथा पत्रपत्रिकामा प्रकाशित भइसकेका छन्। सुवेदी नेपाली समाजको सामाजिक र राजनीतिक आयाम सुधारमा सक्रिय विचारकको रूपमा चिनिनुहुन्छ। उहाँ विशेष गरी वैदेशिक रोजगारको सुधार, श्रमिक हकहितको संरक्षण, र श्रम कूटनीतिको प्रभावकारिता वृद्धिमा निरन्तर कलम चलाउँदै आउनुभएको छ। उहाँको लेखन र कूटनीतिक अनुभवले नीति निर्माणमा महत्वपूर्ण सन्देश पुर्याउँदै आएको छ।

Click on the [link](#) to watch the full Episode

Mesmerizing Mondays: Episode 23 Highlights

Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) successfully hosted the 23rd episode of its signature weekly series, Mesmerizing Mondays, featuring an exciting presentation by Mr. Rajendra Kumar Shrestha, Research Associate from the Water and Climate Program. Mr. Shrestha presented insights from the fellowship project “Glacial Lake Observatory for Flood Hazards Impacted by Changing Climate (GLO-FHICC)”, following his recent 10-day field expedition to the Everest region where the research team surveyed glacial lakes in Thame, Thengpo, Dig Tsho, and Gokyo, using advanced drone and sonar technologies.

Thought of the Week

*The more I read, the more I
acquire, the more certain I am
that I know nothing*

-Voltaire

Mr. Shrestha delivering his presentation

Alarming, two glacial lakes in Thengpo were identified as highly vulnerable to Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs), a severe and increasing risk in the face of climate change. The field data collected will feed into the development of a Glacial Lake Observatory platform, aimed at improving flood early warning systems and boosting community resilience and preparedness. This session was a valuable opportunity for NDRI staff to explore technological applications addressing critical climate challenges.

NDRI Celebrates Shrawan: "The Season of Greens"



Group photo at NDRI

At NDRI, we embraced the spirit of Shrawan by donning vibrant shades of green, a beautiful way to celebrate tradition, positivity, and togetherness! The green glow lit up our workplace with joy and color.

Thought Provoking News

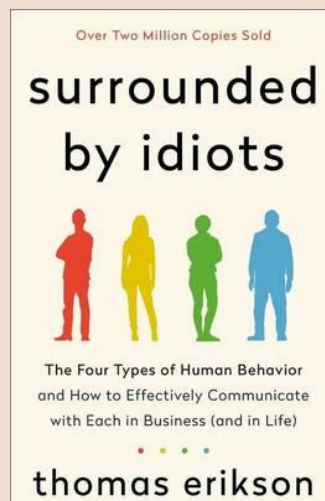
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