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HEADLINES FEATURED IN THIS EDITION

- 226th Contemporary Policy Dialogue on Nepal's Higher Education in Agriculture.
- Documenting Climate Vulnerabilities, From Households to Local Governments.

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226th Contemporary Policy Dialogue on Nepal's Higher Education in Agriculture



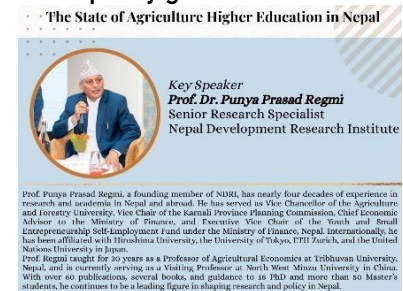
Insights and discussions from today's virtual session

On 5 September 2025, Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) and Resources Himalaya Foundation (RHF) successfully co-organized the 226th episode of the Contemporary Policy Dialogue Series in a hybrid format. The session featured a presentation on “The State of Agricultural Higher Education in Nepal” delivered by Prof. Dr. Punya Prasad Regmi, Senior Research Specialist at NDRI, former Vice Chancellor of Agriculture and Forestry University, and former Executive Chair of Youth and Small Entrepreneur Self-Development Fund.

Dr. Regmi highlighted the current scenario of higher education in Nepal, noting that there are 25 universities and 1,432 colleges. He further emphasized that 555 colleges in Nepal currently have fewer than 100 students enrolled, raising concerns about efficiency and sustainability.

He reflected on the history of agricultural education, recalling that Nepal once had a requirement-based quota system for agriculture students, which has since been diluted by the proliferation of institutions.

The Agriculture and Forestry University, established in 2010, intended to serve as a specialized institution for agricultural education. Dr. Regmi advocated for the adoption of the land-grant university model, emphasizing large-scale land-based practical learning; however, Nepal's policymakers have yet to recognize the importance of this model. Dr. Regmi highlighted the importance of focusing investment on one strong agricultural university rather than spreading resources thin, stressing strategic policies to ensure quality graduates.



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From Households to Local Governments: Documenting Climate Vulnerabilities



Data collection underway by our field enumerators

From September 2 to 9, 2025, the ECONOGENESIS project completed fieldwork across Nepal, focusing on the impacts of climate change, particularly floods, droughts, and landslides. The fieldwork was led by 9 supervisors, which included Dr. Majeshwori Singh and NDRI researchers Ms. Shreya Bajimaya, Mr. Rajendra Khatri, Mr. Rajendra Shrestha, Ms. Nirmita Shrestha, Mr. Girish Lamsal, Mr. Pramit Ghimire, Mr. Parashar Khadka, and Ms. Sophiya Shrestha, who guided and coordinated the efforts of 31 enumerators.

Supervisors coordinated closely with local governments and oversaw the survey process, while also conducting interviews with local government officials, including DRR, agriculture, and health focal persons, as well as with farmers, laborers, and vulnerable populations. They also ensured quality assurance and provided guidance to data collectors in the field. Data collectors gathered household-level data on how climate-induced hazards (floods, droughts, and landslides) have affected communities' lives and livelihoods.

The team aimed to cover 33 municipalities across the country. Despite challenges posed by recent political unrest, the field team successfully completed both quantitative and qualitative surveys in 24 municipalities across Nepal. Thus, collecting 832 quantitative samples and over hundred qualitative interviews, contributing to a deeper understanding of climate change impacts and adaptation efforts in Nepal.



Flood Level Warning



Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) extends its warmest congratulations to the Rt. Honorable Prime Minister Sushila Karki, on her historic achievement as the first female Prime Minister of Nepal. This milestone signifies remarkable progress and empowerment, highlighting the advancing role of women in leadership positions in Nepal.



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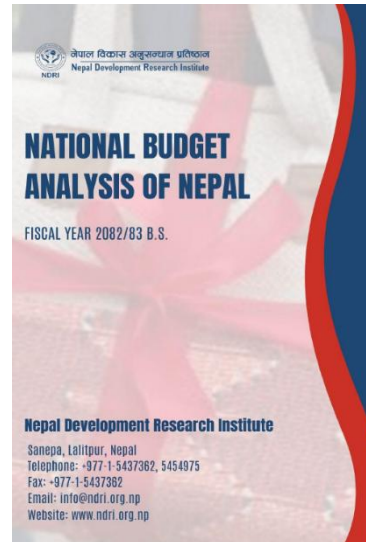
Nepal Development Research Institute expresses its deepest condolences to all who lost their lives and were affected during the tragic incidents across the nation.

We stand in solidarity with the families, communities, and every individual mourning this painful loss.

May peace, justice, and unity prevail in our country.



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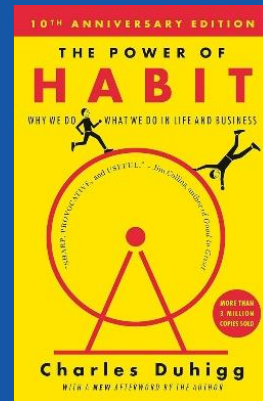
Israel threatens Hamas 'wherever they are' as Qatar hosts summit

Thought of the Week

Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions. When we stop waiting for the world to give us joy and instead cultivate kindness, gratitude, and purpose, happiness naturally flows into our lives.

— Dalai Lama

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