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NDRI is an independent, non-partisan, and non-profit institution dedicated to addressing contemporary and emerging policy challenges and to influencing public policy through research.

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NDRI Organizes a Collaborative Expert Consultation and Working Dialogue

Nepal Development Research Institute organized a one-day collaborative expert consultation and working dialogue on Migration-Livelihood Interlinkages: Building a Coordinated Policy Response on December 24, 2025, at Shangrila Blu Hotel, Lalitpur. The workshop was the culmination of NDRI's ongoing Migration Atlas of Nepal project, which highlighted the multifaceted nature of Nepal's migration patterns and how it impacts various facets of people's livelihoods. The workshop brought together over 35 policy practitioners and sector experts from multiple civil service organizations, government institutions, and development partners working on Nepal's migration discourse to recommend a list of actionable advice for the way forward through consultations on the multifaceted



Participants gathered for a group photo

links between labor migration and livelihoods in Nepal. The workshop facilitated an interactive, multi-stakeholder dialogue to explore the interconnected dimensions of labor migration and livelihoods and co-develop actionable policy directions that can strengthen rural economies, protect migrant workers, and enhance national migration governance. The event started with welcome remarks by NDRI Executive Director, Dr. Shikha Thapa Magar, NDRI

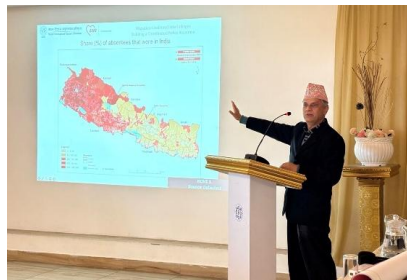
President Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung, and AWO International Regional Director South Asia, Mr. Surendra Gautam. Dr. Krishna Pahari, the Project Lead and Lead of the Livelihoods and Food Security Program, delivered a presentation to familiarize participants with the objectives and findings of the Atlas.

The participants were divided into smaller groups to discuss broad and specific policy recommendations for the six different assigned themes with specific guiding

NDRI Wraps Up Field Visit to Salyan



Workshop participants discuss on their assigned themes questions facilitated their discussions under each topic. In the afternoon, the participants had the opportunity to present their group discussions to everyone by focusing on the prevailing situation, the gaps and the corresponding recommendations under each of the topics. The event concluded with a synthesis of the recommendations.



Dr. Krishna Pahari, during his presentation

Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) completed a week-long exploratory field visit to Bangad Kupinde Municipality in Salyan district from 15th to 20th December, 2025, as part of its ongoing feasibility study of a proposed project titled “Building Community Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security and Disaster Risk Reduction in Salyan District, Nepal” led by AWO International.

The study team included NDRI's Lead of Livelihood and Food Security Program- Dr.

Krishna Pahari, GEDSI Expert- Dr. Manjeshwori Singh, and Research Associate Mr. Daya Shrestha. The team met with the Municipality's Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and various municipality officials to get a thorough understanding of the various challenges and opportunities prevalent in the municipality. Key informant interviews with many of the ward chairpersons helped the team determine how the prevailing situation in food security, livelihood opportunities, and disaster risks varies even within the municipality. Moreover, the study team also conducted numerous Focus Group Discussions with local farmers across numerous wards. FGDs were conducted to get the perspectives of the intended program beneficiaries.



The study team in front of the municipality office

Dr. Krishna Pahari leading a focus group discussion among local farmers

NDRI participation at 4th National Dialogue on Anticipatory Action by NDRRMA



From Left: Mr. Riaz Lodhi, Country Representative, WFP; Er. Dinesh Prasad Bhatt, Chief Executive NDRRMA; Hanaa Singer-Hamdy, UN Resident Coordinator in Nepal; Dr. Shikha Thapa Magar, NDRI Executive Director

NDRI Executive Director Dr. Shikha Thapa Magar participated in the 4th National Dialogue on Anticipatory Action, by NDRRMA held at ICIMOD. The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, the Honorable Minister of Home Affairs, Om Prakash Aryal. The dialogue brought together a diverse range of stakeholders

from government, development sectors, the private sphere, and community-level organizations. Discussions were centered on identifying impactful and effective solutions for disaster-prone Nepal. The proceedings included a technical session, where researchers, policymakers, and implementers collaborated to develop practical and significant solutions.



Hon. Minister of Home Affairs during his talk

NDRI Marks Its Presence at the Prestigious ICT Awards 2025

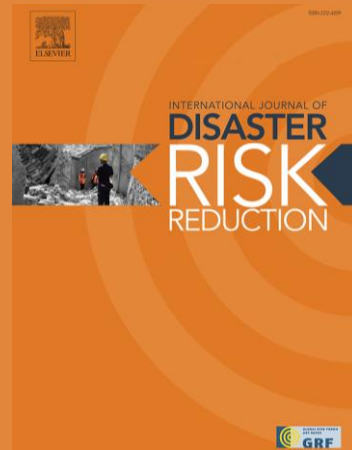
On December 19, 2025, Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) took part in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Awards 2025, Nepal's premier platform celebrating innovation and excellence in technology, which was held in Lalitpur, Nepal. The event was attended by NDRI's Executive Director, Dr. Shikha Thapa Magar, General Secretary, Dr. Nawa Raj Khatiwada, and Senior Research Specialist, Prof. Dr. Raj Kumar Bhattarai. The ICT Awards recognize individuals and organizations driving Nepal's digital transformation across areas such as digital governance, social impact through ICT, startup innovation, diaspora engagement, and women in technology. By bringing together leaders,

innovators, and changemakers, the event highlighted how technology continues to shape inclusive growth and connect Nepali talent with the global digital ecosystem.



Glimpse from the ICT Award

New Publication from NDRI



NDRI alumni, Ms. Divya Laxmi Subedi and Ms. Rojina Haiju, contributed to a recently published article in the International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction as part of the GCRF Tomorrow's Cities project. Their work focused on climate change analysis and incorporated methodological approaches that NDRI has long applied in its research. The publication, titled Earth Observation-Informed Modelling of Flash Floods, highlights NDRI's commitment and expertise in advancing evidence-based climate research..

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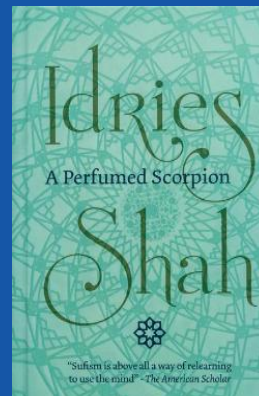
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