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Nepal Development Research Institute

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.

HEADLINES FEATURED IN THIS EDITION

- NDRI Hold an Introductory Meeting with AEC to Explore Strategic Collaboration
- FDI Interaction Program
- NDRI Participation in the Launch of Nepal Competitiveness Index 2026
- NDRI and CBER Joint Webinar: Women in Research and Policy in the Global South

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NDRI Hold an Introductory Meeting with AEC to Explore Strategic Collaboration

institutional priorities.



A group photo taken after the meeting, including Dr. Suwal, Ms. Shrestha, Dr. Gurung, Mr. Joshi, Mr. Acharya, and Mr. Basnet

AEC officials shared that they maintain strong networks with entrepreneurs across sectors and expressed openness to future collaboration, particularly in facilitation, joint initiatives, and knowledge-sharing efforts. Both organizations acknowledged the potential to work together in areas that support enterprise development and strengthen engagement with entrepreneurs.

FDI Interaction Program

Dr. Rudra Suwal, Economist at the Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI), participated in an interaction program for the private sector group organized by the Policy Research Institute on 23 February 2026. The discussion focused on the theme “नेपालमा प्रत्यक्ष वैदेशिक लगानीको प्रतिबद्धता र वास्तविक लगानी प्राप्त”, examining the gap between committed foreign direct investment (FDI) and the actual inflow of investment in Nepal. The interaction brought together experts and private sector representatives to discuss various aspects of foreign direct investment in Nepal, particularly the gap between committed and actual investment inflows. The program provided a platform for participants to share perspectives and engage in discussions on issues related to Nepal's investment environment and possible ways forward.

NDRI Participation in the Launch of Nepal Competitiveness Index 2026

The Nepal Institute for Policy Research (NIPoRe) unveiled the 4th edition of the Nepal Competitiveness Index (NCI) on 24 February 2026 at Dusit Princess Kathmandu. The event brought together policymakers, researchers, and development stakeholders, with the Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) also invited to participate.

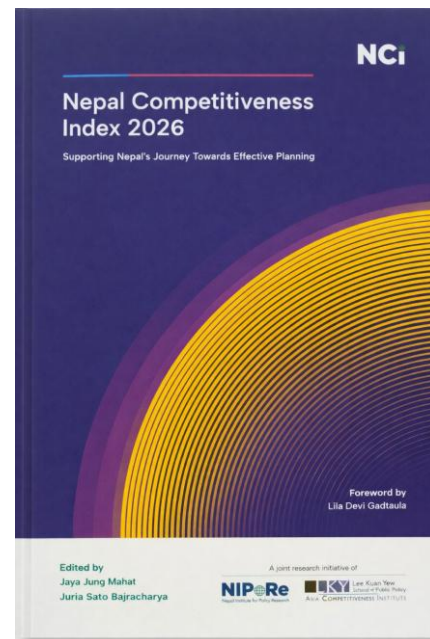
The book launch was followed by a panel discussion on “Fiscal Federalism and Provincial Performance in Nepal: Rethinking Allocation, Efficiency, and Accountability in the Post-Gen Z Protest Era.” The discussion was conducted in two rounds. The first session focused on strengthening provincial performance in delivering fiscal federalism, while the second explored competitiveness in the

new era, addressing economic uncertainty and strategies to strengthen provincial revenue sources and economic confidence.

The Nepal Competitiveness Index is a joint research initiative of NIPoRe and the Asia Competitiveness Institute. The index ranks Nepal's seven provinces based on four environments, 11 sub-environments, and 64 indicators, providing insights to help policymakers better understand provincial competitiveness and design more effective economic development strategies.

This year's edition also includes a thematic chapter on fiscal federalism and provincial performance, aiming to identify practical and actionable strategies for the incoming government to help provinces respond to evolving citizen expectations

and achieve sustainable economic growth. Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung, President of NDRI, attended the event and acknowledged NIPoRe's continued contribution as a leading think tank promoting evidence-based policy dialogue in Nepal.



NDRI and CBER Joint Webinar: Women in Research and Policy in the Global South!

This year to commemorate International Women's Day, Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) in collaboration with the Centre for Business and Economic Research (CBER) is jointly hosting a webinar on the role of women in research and policy across the Global South on 12th March, 2026 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm NPT. We are pleased to invite you to join us in our upcoming webinar. This year's theme, "When we give, we gain," reflects our commitment to creating meaningful spaces for dialogue, learning, and collective growth, values we believe you greatly embody.

The webinar will be streamed live on our official Facebook account.



WEBINAR ON WOMEN IN RESEARCH & POLICY ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



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Ink For Change 

A collective moment from 21st Falgun (5 March) after casting votes.

Headlines & Happenings



[Haze and pollution shroud Nepal for nearly a week](#)

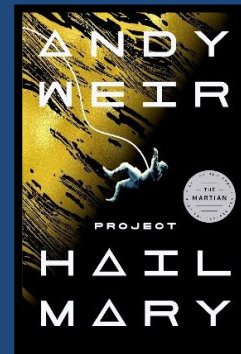


[Youthquake in Parliament](#)

Thought of the Week

You cannot change what you refuse to confront.

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