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Review and Consultative Interaction on the 'Fiscal Policy of FY 2083/84 Concerning Tobacco Products, Alcoholic Beverages, and Sugar-Sweetened Beverages: Reflections and Future Roadmap'

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HEADLINES FEATURED IN THIS EDITION

- NDRI organizes Review and Consultative Interaction on the 'Fiscal Policy of FY 2083/84 Concerning Tobacco Products, Alcoholic Beverages, and Sugar-Sweetened Beverages: Reflections and Future Roadmap'
- NDRI attends the Regional Meeting titled "From Kathmandu Declaration to Regional Transformation: 25 Years of Home-based Workers' Solidarity"
- Dr. Krishna Pahari at the international conference on Innovations in Food Science and Human Nutrition, Rome



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On June 30th 2026, NDRI organized a Review and Consultative Interaction on the 'Fiscal Policy of FY 2083/84 Concerning Tobacco Products, Alcoholic Beverages, and Sugar-Sweetened Beverages: Reflections and Future Roadmap' at Basera Boutique Hotel, Babarmahal. The event was led by Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung, Senior Research Specialist, with more than 40 participants, including key experts from different thematic groups like: Fiscal and Revenue, Public Health, Media and Communication, Research, Civil Society and Legal, Policymakers and stakeholders.



Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung, Senior Research Specialist setting the background of the program

The meeting focused on the discussions on understanding the current fiscal (tax) policies related to tobacco products, alcohol, and sugar-sweetened beverages, examining the factors that have hindered the effective implementation of taxation measures on these health-harming products, and identifying additional actions and policy interventions required to strengthen and improve the taxation system in the future.



Mr. Ganesh Shah, Ex-Minister for Environment, Science and Technology concluding the program by his thankyou note

Ms. Anjana Lamichhane, Ms. Sarya Thapa Magar, and Mr. Pragyan Ghale delivered a presentation on the review of the Fiscal Policy for FY 2083/84 related to tobacco products, alcohol, and sugar-sweetened beverages.

Some glimpses of Review and Consultative Interaction on the 'Fiscal Policy of FY 2083/84 Concerning Tobacco Products, Alcoholic Beverages, and Sugar-Sweetened Beverages: Reflections and Future Roadmap'



"BE THE CHANGE THAT YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD." — MAHATMA GANDHI

NDRI attends the Regional Meeting titled “From Kathmandu Declaration to Regional Transformation: 25 Years of Home-based Workers’ Solidarity”

On 30th June 2026, at Hotel Royal Tulip, Kathmandu, Ms. Manjeshwori Singh Maharjan, Senior Research Specialist (Gender and Livelihood), attended the regional meeting titled “From Kathmandu Declaration to Regional Transformation: 25 Years of Home-based Workers’ Solidarity,” organized by HomeNet South Asia. The event commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Kathmandu Declaration and brought together stakeholders from across South Asia to reflect on progress in advancing the rights, recognition, and social protection of home-based workers. The discussions highlighted both achievements and persistent challenges, emphasizing the need for stronger regional collaboration, inclusive policies, and enhanced representation of home-based workers in decision-making processes recognition, inadequate social protection, market barriers

and climate-related vulnerabilities. The participants emphasized the need for stronger regional collaboration, inclusive policies, and meaningful representation of home-based workers in decision-making processes.

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment to improving the livelihoods, dignity, and economic security of home-based workers across South Asia.



Presentation on key achievement at the Regional Meeting titled “From Kathmandu Declaration to Regional Transformation: 25 Years of Home-based Workers’ Solidarity” organized by HomeNet South Asia.

Dr. Krishna Pahari at the international conference on Innovations in Food Science and Human Nutrition, Rome

On 1st and 2nd July 2026, Dr. Krishna Pahari, lead of the livelihoods and food security at NDRI, participated in the 11th Edition of the International Conference on Innovations in Food Science and Human Nutrition (IFHN 2026) in Rome. This conference brought together academicians and scientists from countries from all six continents over the world.



Dr. Krishna Pahari, lead of the livelihoods and food security, presenting at the 11th Edition of the International Conference on Innovations in Food Science and Human Nutrition (IFHN 2026) in Rome.

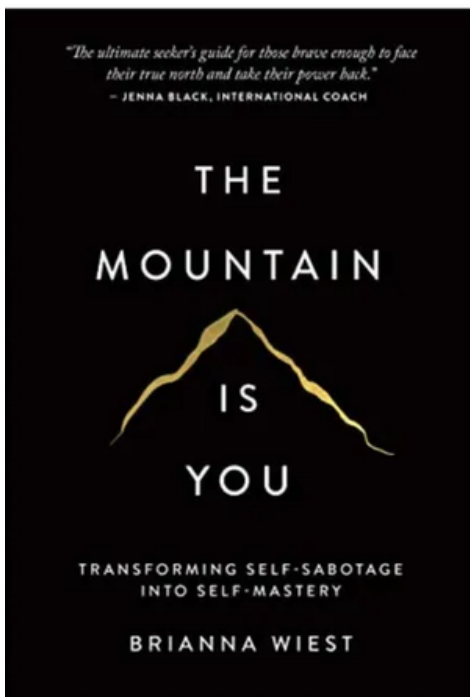
Dr. Pahari presented the paper on 'Nepal's Journey toward Food

Security: trends, achievements and challenges, which is based on the recently published and widely acclaimed publication by NDRI and PRI (Policy Research Institute), entitled 'Nepal's Journey towards Zero Hunger'. Dr. Pahari also chaired a session on the first day of the event, together with Anne Taylor-Vissers of Teeside University, UK. During the conference, Dr. Pahari's presentation was very well received, and he held fruitful interactions on potential collaboration with a number of participants including Dr. Dipak Panigrahy from Harvard Medical School, Prof. Yifei Hu from Capital Medical University in Beijing, China, Anne Taylor-Vissers from Teeside University, UK; Prof. Elango Ayyasamy from Tamilnadu veterinary college and research institute in India, and Prof. Gilles-Eric Seralini from University of Caen Normandy in France.

All of them have expressed keen interest for research collaboration.



Mr. Surendra Pandey, Former Finance Minister of Nepal at Review and Consultative Interaction on the 'Fiscal Policy of FY 2083/84 Concerning Tobacco Products, Alcoholic Beverages, and Sugar-Sweetened Beverages: Reflections and Future Roadmap'



BOOK RECOMMENDATION

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Meaningful change happens when policies reflect the realities and aspirations of the people they are meant to serve".

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