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*Dr. Manjeshwori Singh, Co-lead of the Livelihood and Food Security Programme, NDRI
with fellow participants at the CLARE-GEI Grantee Meeting*

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HEADLINES FEATURED IN THIS EDITION

- NDRI participation in **CLARE-GEI Grantee Meeting**
- 236th Episode of Contemporary Policy Dialogue (CPD) featuring **Mr. Anil Pokhrel** Former CEO, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA)
- **Bhote Koshi Flash Flood**
- Green Decision Labs and Research Pvt. Ltd. (GD Labs) and NDRI have signed a **MOU** to strengthen collaboration in climate adaptation, disaster management, environmental technology, and urban resilience.



NDRI participation in CLARE-GEI Grantee Meeting

On Monday, 24th August 2026, Dr. Manjeshwori Singh, Co-lead of the Livelihood and Food Security Programme NDRI, participated in the CLARE-GEI Grantee Meeting held at ICIMOD Hall. The meeting was facilitated by Shannon Sutton, CLARE-GEI Specialist, and brought together grantees from Nepal, including Prakriti Research Center, ICIMOD, ICLEI South Asia, and NDRI. The meeting provided an opportunity for the grantees to introduce their respective projects and share updates on project progress, key activities, challenges encountered during the study period, and the status of deliverables.

Participants highlighted common field-level challenges and discussed their experiences and approaches to addressing them. The meeting provided a platform for reviewing deliverables submitted to date and identifying areas requiring continued attention. Participants highlighted several common challenges, particularly difficulties related to

field-level activities and implementation, and exchanged experiences and possible approaches for addressing these challenges. The participants were encouraged to maintain regular communication, share progress and emerging challenges, and strengthen peer learning and collaboration throughout the remaining project period.

Overall, the session strengthened networking, coordination, and collaboration among the Nepal-based grantees by providing an opportunity to share project updates, experiences, challenges, and lessons learned. It also encouraged regular progress sharing, peer learning, and knowledge exchange, helping participants identify areas for mutual support and collaboration.

The discussion further emphasized the importance of maintaining open communication and continued engagement among the grantees throughout the project implementation period to support effective coordination, learning, and achievement of the intended project outcomes.

236th Episode of Contemporary Policy Dialogue (CPD) featuring Mr. Anil Pokhrel Former CEO, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA)

On Friday, 4th September 2026, the 236th Episode of the Contemporary Policy Dialogue (CPD) featured Mr. Anil Pokhrel Former CEO, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA). The title of the session was: "Rasuwa Disaster: From Rescue to Recovery-Strategic Priorities and the Way Forward". The discussion emphasized the need to learn from the disaster beyond political blame and highlighted that "Build Back Better" should guide reconstruction and recovery efforts. Mr Pokhrel also talked about the need to examine the effectiveness of disaster management authorities, while recognizing the critical contributions of security forces and volunteers during the emergency response. The session further highlighted the need for deeper analysis of Nepal's complex geographic and

Himalayan risks to strengthen preparedness, response, recovery, and long-term disaster resilience.

The session recognized the significant role played by security forces, local responders, volunteers, and communities during the emergency response and highlighted the need to further strengthen coordination among these actors. Participants also stressed that Nepal's complex geography and Himalayan risks, including the potential for cascading and climate-related hazards, require deeper analysis and improved preparedness.



Mr. Anil Pokhrel Former CEO, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) on 236 Episode of Contemporary Policy Dialogue (CPD) hosted by NDRI

Overall, the dialogue highlighted the need for stronger institutions, better coordination, and risk-informed approaches for resilient recovery and disaster management in Nepal.

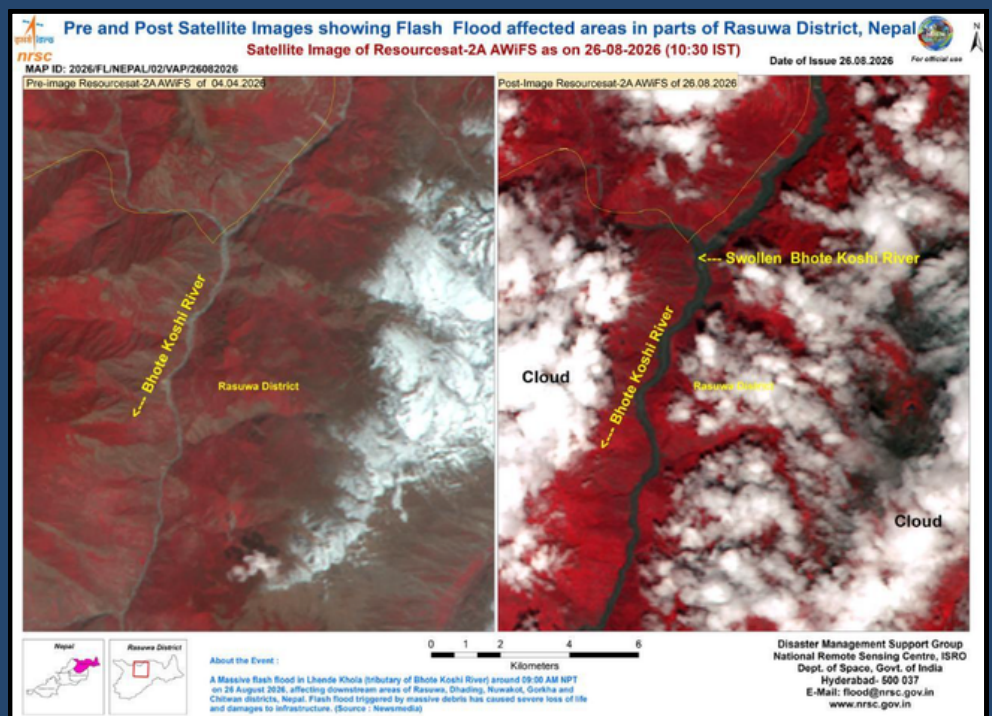
"CHANGE IS THE END RESULT OF ALL TRUE LEARNING."

— LEO BUSCAGLIA

Bhote Koshi Flash Flood

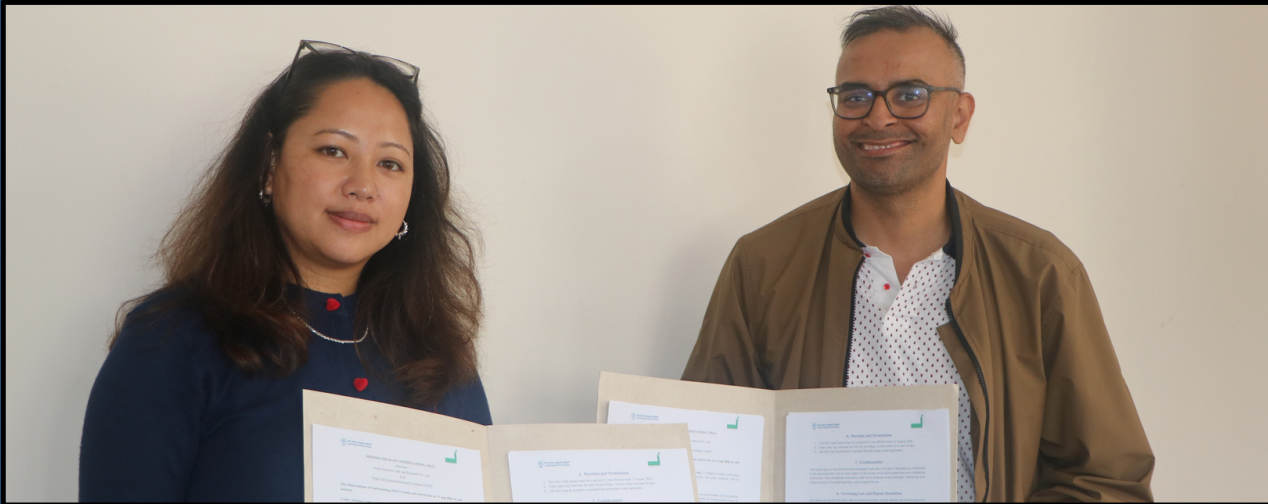
On 26 August 2026 (10 Bhadra 2083), at around 08:40 AM, a sudden debris-laden flood originated in the Lhende Khola in the upper catchment near the Nepal-China border, approximately 20 km northeast of Rasuwagadhi. A ice-rock avalanche triggered the event. The flood travelled through the Bhote Koshi, affecting Timure and Syabrubesi before entering the Trishuli River and causing severe impacts across Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading, Gorkha, and Chitwan. The flood moved exceptionally fast, was sediment-laden, and extreme in scale. At Galchhi (27.7961°N, 85.0003°E), roughly 88 km downstream from the source, the Trishuli reportedly rose by approximately nine meters (28 ft) in only 30 minutes. The speed of the flood overwhelmed some of Nepal's automatic flood-monitoring stations installed in the upper reaches of the Trishuli, sweeping them away before they could send a warning, leaving communities without any advance warning.

As on 7 September 2026, the National Disaster Risk and Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) has reported the death toll has risen to 1376, with 4894 individuals still missing, making this

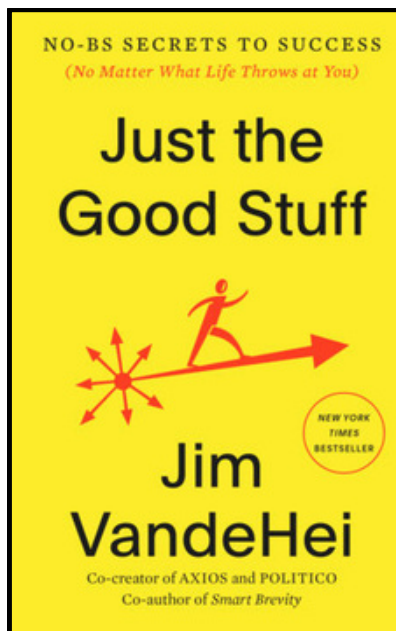


one of the deadliest documented Himalayan flood disasters. Initial seismic analysis estimates the avalanche contained between 197 - 492 million cubic meters of ice and rock. Even the low estimates of around 200 million cubic meters would make this the largest rock-ice avalanche ever recorded.

For more detailed information click the above picture



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BOOK RECOMMENDATION

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Think critically, learn continuously, and act meaningfully."

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