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STEM Workshop

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Workshop, spanning from February 18 to 28, 2024, continued its sessions on Day 5 (22 February 2024) and Day 6 (23 February 2024) at NDRI. Engaging in the workshop are 12 undergraduate and recent graduate Nepali students, accompanied by Dr. Juan F. Arratia, a Fullbright specialist, and representatives from the Small Earth Nepal (SEN) and NDRI. On February 22 (Day 5), Dr. Krishna Pahari, President of NDRI, and Dr. Shankar Shrestha, Executive Director of NDRI were present in the workshop. The session of Day 5 began with introductions, followed by a presentation about NDRI by Dr. Shrestha, and welcome remarks from Dr. Pahari. Subsequently, Dr. Juan F. Arratia discussed Summer Research Opportunities in the US in STEM fields, drawing from his own experiences to inspire participants to pursue scholarship opportunities.





Ms. Sophiya Shrestha, Senior Research Assistant (NDRI), represented NDRI on both Day 5 and Day 6 of the workshop. Days 5 and 6 primarily focused on guiding participants through the process of crafting a competitive research poster. This involved covering essential components such as abstract, introduction, project methodology, results, references, acknowledgment, and additional information. Each participant had the opportunity to present their research topics based on their interests. They received valuable feedback from Dr. Arratia and their fellow participants, aimed at enhancing their presentations and identifying areas for improvement. Overall, these sessions were helpful for the participants to develop a competitive research poster and improve their presentation skills, ultimately adding value to their future research publications.

189th Episode Of Contemporary Policy Dialogue (CPD)

On February 23, 2024, the 189th episode of Contemporary Policy Dialogue featured Professor Dr. Gandhi Pandit, Senior Advocate at Gandhi and Associates, discussing the legal framework surrounding debt lending and financing in mega projects under Foreign Investment in Nepal. The discussion aimed to provide insights into the complex regulatory landscape governing these investments, which play a crucial role in Nepal's development. The episode provided a comprehensive exploration of the laws, rules, and regulations governing these aspects, shedding light on the challenges and opportunities within the context of Nepal's evolving economic landscape.



If you missed our latest episode of CPD, you can access the YouTube link by clicking on this image.



Initiating to Elevate Nepali Literature



On February 21st, a meeting was held at the NDRI hall, bringing together esteemed individuals from various spheres. Dr. Nawa Raj Khatiwada, Senior Research Specialist at NDRI, joined forces with Ashma Aryal, Outreach and Communication Officer at NDRI, alongside Dr. Geeta Tripathi, Reju Pokharel, Lilamaya Gautam, and Shanta Ghimire. The highlight of the meeting was a conference call graced by the renowned Nepali writer, Jhamak Ghimire. It was also the initiation for planning for an upcoming event on the 14*th* of March where Australian Ambassador to Nepal Felicity Volk will serve as the key speaker along with remarks by other Nepali authors. The event is planned for a hybrid modality where other Nepali authors and literature enthusiasts will participate. It would be more than just an event; it is expected be a milestone in Nepali literary history, sure to inspire future generations.

Unveiling of the Nepal Competitiveness Index 2024

Dr. Rudra Suwal, Secretary and Senior Economist of NDRI was a distinguished participant at the Release Event of the Nepal Competitiveness Index (NCI) 2024 on February 22, 2024, held at Aloft, Thamel, Kathmandu.

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The NCI 2024 study, crafted by researchers from the Nepal Institute for Policy Research (NIPoRe) and the Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI) at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, promises valuable insights into Nepal's economic landscape and its competitive positioning on a global scale.

NEPAFE Honors Dr. Khatiwada with Honorary Membership

Nepalese Association of Agriculture, Forestry and Environment (NEPAFE) conferred Honorary Membership to Dr. Nawa Raj Khatiwada, Senior Research Specialist and Immediate Past President of NDRI on February 24, 2024. While offering the membership to Dr. Khatiwada, Dr. Sitaram Ghimire, Vice President of NEPAFE mentioned that they are looking forward to a fruitful collaboration between NEPAFE and NDRI.

Thought-provoking News

Clamour for Hindu state

https://kathmandupost.com/editorial/2024/02/15/clamour-for-hindu-state

'Mobile phone is the biggest tool for financial inclusion'

https://kathmandupost.com/money/2024/02/16/mobile-phone-is-the-biggest-tool-for-financial-inclusion

Thought of the Week

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. "

– Helen Keller

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