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NDRI Annual Day Celebrations: Reflecting on a Remarkable Journey



The 21st NDRI Annual Day program, held at Hotel Himalaya on April 12th, 2024, marked a significant milestone for the institute. The event was graced by esteemed guests and scholars, making it a memorable gathering of minds and ideas.



The gracious presence of Hon. Nawal Kishor Sah Sudi, Minister of Forests and Environment, as the Chief Guest, of the program emphasized the importance of environmental conservation. The program, chaired by Dr. Krishna Pahari, President of NDRI, witnessed active participation with over 100 in-person attendees and 50 virtual participants, showcasing the broad reach and impact of our initiatives. The major Highlight of the program was the Keynote lecture by Dr. Pema Gyamtsho, Director General of ICIMOD.



Ms. Ashma Aryal, Outreach and Communication Officer, led the proceedings as the Master of Ceremony, setting the tone for an engaging and insightful day. The program was initiated with an inaugural ceremony led by the chief guest followed by a formal welcoming by Dr. Shankar Shrestha, Executive Director of NDRI.



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Special moments included the unveiling of NDRI's Special Report, "A Reflection on 20 Years of Service," by the Chief Guest, highlighting NDRI's journey and contributions over two decades. The keynote speaker's introduction was given by Prof. Dr. Tara Nidhi Bhattarai, Vice President of NDRI.





Dr. Pema delivered a captivating keynote address on 'Climate and the Hindu Kush Himalaya – Critical Decade for Securing our Shared Future,' shedding light on pressing environmental challenges. Insights from distinguished guests like Ms. Ayshanie Medagangoda-Labe, UN ResidentCoordinator a.i. and UNDP Resident Representative for Nepal, and Hon. Nawal Kishor Sah Sudi, Minister of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal enriched the discussions. The Opening ceremony and Keynote session concluded by the Chair, Dr. Krishna Pahari. A group photo session captured the spirit of unity and collaboration that defines NDRI's journey toward a sustainable and resilient future.





The panel discussion, "Way Forward for a Climate Resilient Future," moderated by Dr. Divas B. Basnyat, Lead, Water and Climate Program, NDRI further explored actionable strategies with expert inputs from Dr. Zhang Lanying (China), Dr. Arun Bhakta Shrestha (Nepal), Prof. Dr. Jyoti Parikh (India), and Dr. Madhav Karki (Nepal). Prof. Dr. Ram Manohar Shrestha, Emeritus Professor at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), gave his Special remarks focusing on the current trend and the studies that are going on, and the strategies that the country needs to adopt for a more sustainable future. The Program was concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Manjeshwori Singh, General Secretary of NDRI, who added a touch of gratitude and appreciation. The day concluded with a delightful lunch, fostering networking opportunities among attendees.





- Facebook Link covering the entire opening and keynote session of NDRI Annual Day live.
- Facebook Link covering the Panel Discussion session of NDRI Annual Day live.

Exploring the Socio-Economic Determinants and Policy Landscape of Tobacco Use in Nepal: A Comprehensive Analysis

National Survey Dissemination Ignites Urgent Call for Tobacco Control in Nepal. Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) hosted a dissemination workshop to unveil the findings of the National Survey on socio-economic and policy aspects of tobacco use in Nepal on 5th April, 2024, Friday. The event brought together policymakers, researchers, and health advocates to address the pressing issue of tobacco control in the country.



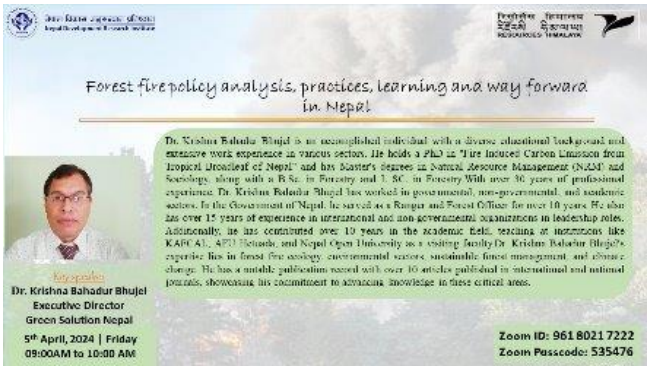
The workshop was chaired by Dr. Krishna Pahari, President of NDRI, and graced by the presence of Hon. Prakash Adhikari, Member of Parliament, as the Chief Guest. Additional Secretary Dr. Dipendra Raman Singh and Saroj Dhungel, Chair of the Health Journalist Forum Nepal, were the Special Guest and Guest, respectively. Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung, Senior Research Specialist, NDRI delivered an instructive presentation on the significance of tobacco taxation as a crucial strategy for tobacco control. Kamal Chaulagain, Research Associate, NDRI presented the key findings from the National Survey, shedding light on the socio-economic factors influencing tobacco use



Hon. Prakash Adhikari and other esteemed guests, including Additional Secretary Dr. Dipendra Raman Singh and Saroj Dhungel, Chair of the Health Journalist Forum Nepal officially unveiled the report. The workshop facilitated a fruitful discussion among participants, who unanimously agreed on the dire need to address the tobacco issue in Nepal through comprehensive and coordinated efforts. "This survey provides crucial insights into the tobacco control challenges we face as a nation," remarked Hon. Adhikari. "We must prioritize evidence-based policies, public awareness campaigns, and multi-stakeholder collaborations to safeguard the health and well-being of our citizens. "The insightful dissemination workshop was skillfully moderated by Anjana Lamichhane, Research Associate at NDRI. The workshop underscored the significance of robust tobacco control measures, including taxation, smoke-free policies, and public education campaigns, to curb the detrimental effects of tobacco use on public health and the economy in Nepal.

192nd Episode Of Contemporary Policy Dialogue (CPD)

The 192nd episode of Contemporary Policy Dialogue on 5th April 2024 focused on the pressing issue of forest fires in Nepal, featuring Dr. Krishna Bahadur Bhujel as the key speaker. Dr. Bhujel shared insights on forest fire policy analysis, practices, and the way forward in Nepal.



The event emphasized the need for a comprehensive approach to combat forest fires, highlighting the importance of collaboration, community engagement, and technology. Participants discussed strategies for prevention and management, stressing the need for a multi-faceted approach. The event concluded with a commitment to work together towards sustainable solutions for addressing forest fires in Nepal.



If you were unable to attend this informative dialogue session, please access the YouTube link provided to watch the recording.

Thought-provoking News



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Initiatives for protecting labour rights and ending usurious lending are historic: PM Dahal



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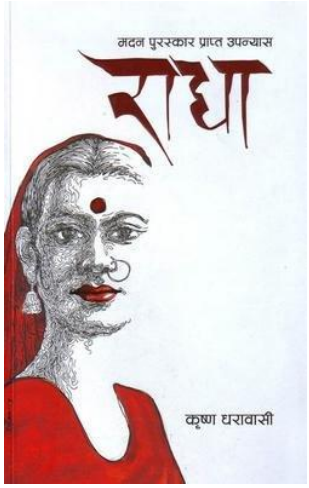
Economic globalization refers to the increasing interconnectedness and interdependence of national economies through trade, investment, migration, and technology transfer.

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