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In April, 18 members of the Growth Entrepreneurship Employment Promotion (GEEP) actively engaged in collecting applications across 79 wards in the Gandaki and Koshi provinces. A total of 1,039 applications were gathered, comprising 631 male and 407 female entrepreneurs. These applications were carefully evaluated based on key criteria including entrepreneurial mindset and skills, financial and investment status, innovation, growth potential, current business status, business planning, market conditions, and leadership with community impact.

From the pool of applicants, 400 entrepreneurs will be selected and recognized in their respective palikas. These individuals will participate in an enterprise mindset bootcamp and receive training on developing a business model canvas. To ensure accessibility, a team of students will co-facilitate the sessions, providing additional support to the participants.



Following the bootcamp, the selected 400 entrepreneurs will present their ideas to a local jury panel in each palika. The jury will assess the presentations and narrow down the list to 200 outstanding entrepreneurs. From these, the top 20 from each palika will be celebrated for their exceptional potential and contributions to entrepreneurship. Currently, the 3 days event is ongoing in 10 local governments of both provinces.

Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship 2025

We are thrilled to announce that the Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship has partnered with Nepali Academics in America (NACA) to finalize its mentorship for the 2025 cycle. This collaboration brings together seasoned experts committed to guiding fellows during the entirety of the program. Our research mentors will offer sustained, hands-on support through regular check-ins, tailored feedback, and strategic advice, ensuring fellows receive professional guidance every step of the way. By embedding structured mentorship into the fellowship journey, we are helping equip Nepal's policy professionals and leaders with the tools, networks, and insights they need to drive impactful policy solutions.

RESEARCH MENTORS 2025



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Dr. Gokarna Sharma
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Dr. Gyan Nyaupane
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Gearing Up for Policy Research Bootcamp 2025!



With the vision of “Building a community of researchers who have intense enthusiasm and curiosity towards the national policy ecosystem and are keen on contributing to evidence based policy making in Nepal.” Governance Lab successfully conducted Policy Research Bootcamp last year.

As we gear up for Policy Bootcamp 2025, we are actively applying the lessons learned from last year, refining our approach through feedback and insights from both experts and participants. The preparation is underway to create a more impactful and enriching experience. We're stepping into this year's journey with renewed focus, sharper design, and a bold commitment to building the next generation of policy researchers.

Updates from Inclusive Digital Transformation

In recognition of Girls in ICT Day 2024, Governance Lab became a part of a dynamic and empowering workshop on Inclusive Digital Transformation on April 23, 2024, organized by Plan International Nepal, in collaboration with Women Leaders in Technology (WLIT).



Bringing together over 60 girls and young women from diverse regions, the workshop reframed technology as a tool not only for careers, but for grassroots advocacy, social change, and equitable development. More than a skills-training event, the session was a call to action. It aimed to inspire the next generation of young female leaders in Nepal, while addressing the persistent gender digital divide. The workshop encouraged collective reflection on the importance of equitable access, representation, and empowerment in the digital era, where inclusive transformation is not a luxury, but a necessity. The sessions conducted in the workshop included digital literacy and security, data security and privacy, digital advocacy and tools under which the introduction to AI and its functioning process was explained.

Inclusion Economics Nepal

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Inclusion Economics Nepal (IEN) successfully conducted a survey of voters to disentangle voter bias under our research project called 'Understanding Political Selection in Nepal'. Over a 40-day period, the survey team successfully completed 2,200 interviews with a diverse range of voters across 11 heavily earthquake affected districts. The survey collected valuable data on voting behavior, voter biases, candidate preferences, and experiences with local service delivery.



Leading Innovation in Foreign Service - Senior Executive Leadership Workshop

The Institute of Foreign Affairs (IFA), in collaboration with NLA, organized a Leadership Workshop for 25 Joint Secretaries from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on the 11th and 12th of April 2025. The sessions were led by Dr. Pukar Malla, Executive Leadership Coach at NLA, in collaboration with the leadership coaching team.



The workshop, the first of its kind organized in MoFA history, was pivotal in enabling the Joint Secretaries to understand the practice of adaptive leadership and leverage the learnings to navigate the complexities of modern diplomacy and lead innovations in their respective institutions.

The leadership course was followed by a panel discussion on 'Leading Innovation in Foreign Service' with panelists Dr. Bimala Rai Paudyal and Amb. Gyan Chandra Acharya, moderated by Dr. Pukar Malla. The discussion offered a compelling exploration of resilience, values, and adaptability in the face of challenges.

Podspective by Daayitwa Abhiyaan

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The **Podspective by Daayitwa Abhiyaan** podcast series delves into values carried by the organizations of Daayitwa Abhiyaan (comprising of Daayitwa, Governance Lab, Nepal leadership Academy and Nepal Rising) and discusses themes of governance, leadership and innovation with the aim to promote Sustainable Economic Development in Nepal and Evidence based Policy Research.

New episodes are coming soon! Don't forget to like, share and subscribe to stay updated on all future episodes!

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Power Begins with Belief & Leadership Begins with Action

At the Abhaya Dialogue at the Nepal Tourism Board, Dr. Pukar Malla, Daayitwa Abhiyaan's Chairperson, participated in an interactive panel discussion. Moderated by Saugat Gautam, the discussion included three well-established voices within Nepal's space for civil society - Dr. Bimala Rai Paudyal, Ms. Manushi Bhattarai, and Dr. Pukar Malla. The conversation touched such topics as governance, power, gender, accountability, and youth engagement - with each contributor bringing compelling insights from direct experience.

Dr. Malla reiterated that leadership is not something to be asserted as a title, but to be embodied. He urged Nepal's youth to break free from illusions and take their space in government—not through official authority, but through deep action in service to purpose and to community.



Publications

How much is too much? When gender justice is not in sight



By : Pratisha Joshi

According to UN Women, one in three women globally has experienced physical and/or sexual violence at least once in their life, often perpetrated by intimate partners. WHO studies show that younger women, especially those between 15 and 19, are at an even higher risk. With the rise of digital platforms, incidents of online abuse and harassment have surged dramatically.

The incident of Prakriti Lamsal in KIIT showed how abuse and harassment against women when neglected can lead to such tragic fate. This occurrence exposed the systemic failures, both socially and institutionally, that allow such injustices to persist.

Pratisha Joshi from Governance Lab's take on the incident where she calls for sustained action, legal accountability, and a deep social change to address such injustices.

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Greetings of the New Nepali Year

Happy New Year 2082

from Daayitwa Abhiyaan Family



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