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GEEP

GEEP Expo & Investment Pitch Highlights

The Gandaki and Koshi Expo and Learning Symposium 2026 brought together entrepreneurs, government, private sector, and development partners to strengthen Nepal's entrepreneurial ecosystem. Across both provinces, the events showcased local enterprises, highlighted GEEP's impact through capacity building, technology support, market access, and mentorship, and fostered dialogue on improving entrepreneurship policies, financing, and collaboration.

The GEEP Investment Pitch was successfully held across 9 municipalities in Gandaki, Koshi, and Lumbini Provinces, where 95 entrepreneurs presented their businesses before a multi-stakeholder evaluation panel. Outstanding entrepreneurs were recognized for their innovation, growth potential, and entrepreneurial excellence.

Congratulations to all the entrepreneurs for their remarkable achievements!











Myagde



Hupsekot



Jaljala



Badigad



Siranchowk



Gauradaha



Phakphokthum



Resunga



Tansen

Investment Pitch across 9 Palikas

GEEP Fellowship 2026

The GEEP Fellows continued advancing local entrepreneurship initiatives across partner municipalities by supporting policy reviews, entrepreneur data collection, success story documentation, and investment pitch activities. During June, fellows successfully organized Udhyam Sambad in six municipalities, bringing together local governments, entrepreneurs, financial institutions, youth, and other stakeholders to strengthen collaboration for local economic development. Fellows also participated in the Koshi and Gandaki Expos and are preparing for upcoming engagements in Tansen and Resunga.





Executive Policy Leadership (EPL) Course

Daayitwa successfully conducted the final phase of the Executive Policy Leadership (EPL) Course under the Leadership for Economic Governance (LEG) framework for participants from Gandaki and Lumbini Provinces. Bringing together elected representatives, administrative officials, and key stakeholders, the training strengthened capacities in policy innovation, public finance, political economy, intergovernmental collaboration, adaptive leadership, and entrepreneurship governance. The sessions also provided a platform to reflect on GEEP implementation, capture key lessons, and develop action plans to integrate entrepreneurship and employment promotion into local policies, budgets, and long-term development plans.





DNPPF

Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship (DNPPF) 2026

DNPPF 2026 officially launched with a two-day orientation, welcoming 12 fellows from diverse backgrounds to begin their public policy journey through interactive sessions, expert discussions, and alumni engagement. Throughout June, fellows participated in a series of trainings on public administration, governance, leadership, policy research, and adaptive problem-solving, alongside the Chiya Chautari discussion series, fostering peer learning and critical dialogue on contemporary policy issues.









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Gig Economy and Ride-Hailing: Towards Employment Generation

On June 19, Daayitwa and Governance Lab attended the NEFTalk on "Gig Economy and Ride Hailing: Towards Employment Generation," organized by Nepal Economic Forum, bringing together policymakers, business leaders, and development practitioners to discuss Nepal's growing platform economy.

Nepal's gig economy has grown by 68% in the past five years, with over 300,000 people now engaged in ride-hailing and platform-based work. Discussions covered the role of EVs in sustainable mobility, policy gaps under the proposed Digital Mobility Operation Standard 2026, social protection for gig workers including SSF inclusion, and expanding opportunities for women in ride-hailing. The session also highlighted the potential for digital mobility to generate employment beyond Kathmandu, in semi-urban and rural areas.

The event featured speakers including Aanchal Kunwar (Daraz Nepal), Jasmine Rajbhandary (World Bank Group), Pukar Malla (National Planning Commission), Rajesh Maskey (eDriveNepal), Rojesh Shrestha and Sujeev Shakya (Nepal Economic Forum), and Semanta Dahal (Purak Asia).





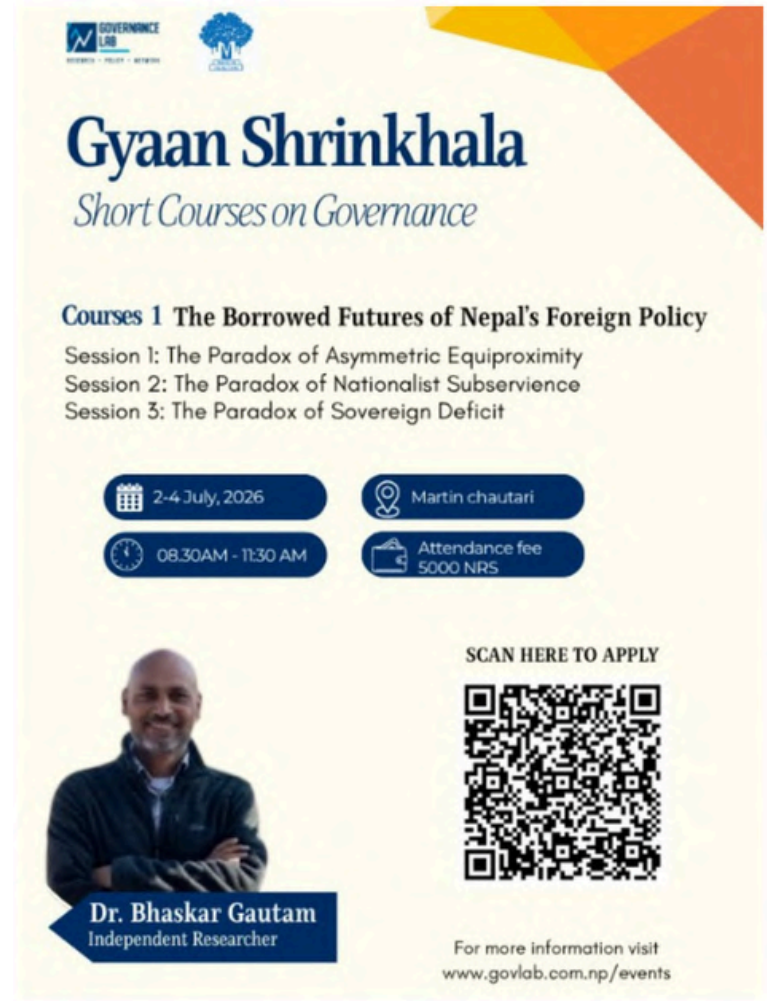
Governance Lab

Gender and Governance Fellowship: Governance Lab launched the Gender Governance Fellowship under the UN Women-supported GRIG programme, placing 9 fellows across municipalities in Lumbini Province to strengthen gender-responsive and inclusive local governance. Fellows also participated in a virtual orientation covering leadership, GEDSI, and gender-responsive governance.

Gyaan Shrinkhala: In partnership with Martin Chautari, Governance Lab launched Gyaan Shrinkhala, a short course series on governance. The first course, "The Borrowed Futures of Nepal's Foreign Policy," invited young participants to critically explore Nepal's foreign policy through interactive discussions and expert-led sessions.

Learning Series: As part of Pride Month, Governance Lab hosted "Creative Resistance through Art & Advocacy," an interactive learning session exploring the role of art in LGBTQIA+ advocacy, encouraging reflection, creativity, and dialogue on inclusion and allyship.









Mission Aasha

Volunteer Testimonial - PEARL KHAREL

I had the opportunity to volunteer at Daayitwa during my summer break and contribute to Team Mission AASHA. Although it was a short engagement, I still got to work on a variety of tasks related to the ROOTS Program, including providing insights and suggestions for next year's program, working on social media captions for the promotional video, and making a flyer alongside Pratyusha, another volunteer around my age. There weren't many difficulties; the tasks challenged my creativity and writing skills. Overall, I am grateful for the experience - PEARL KHAREL



IEN

Survey of Women Politicians Across The Country

Inclusion Economics Nepal (IEN) conducted a five-day facilitator training (June 24–28, 2026) for the Women's Network Program, preparing 22 facilitators from 35 candidates to support the initiative across 46 districts. The program aims to empower women aspiring to contest the 2084 local-level elections by creating peer-learning networks, fostering leadership, and strengthening support systems for women in politics. The program is set to launch in late July/early August 2026.



Daayitwa Abhiyaan in International Women Business Forum 2026 organized by FWEAN





Daayitwa Abhiyaan participated in the International Women Business Forum 2026, organized by FWEAN, where Pratisha Joshi, Program and Partnership Coordinator, moderated a panel on "Global Best Practices and Inclusive Business Ecosystem." The discussion brought together regional leaders from Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Cambodia to share lessons on building inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystems, covering topics such as market access, financing, chamber-building, and women's economic empowerment. The session highlighted the importance of regional collaboration in advancing inclusive entrepreneurship.

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