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Take away on

Sexual and Gender Based Violence

Panel Discussion Program on “Statelessness as Consequences of GBV: Barrier for SDG Goal 5 and 16



On August 14, 2023, an insightful Panel Discussion Program titled "Statelessness as Consequences of GBV: Barrier for SDG Goal 5 and 16" took place as a Side Event of the Nepal People's Forum on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2023 at the Basera Boutique Hotel in Kathmandu. The event was jointly organized by FWLD, Worec Nepal, and Amnesty International Nepal. Distinguished panelists, including Dr. Renu Adhikari, Chairperson of Worec; Dr. Binda Pandey, Leader of CPN UML; a Representative from the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs; and Ms. Bimala Limbu from Morang, an affected individual, shared their insights. Advocate Sabin Shrestha, Executive Director of FWLD moderated the panel discussion. The event was attended by a diverse group, encompassing representatives from National Women Commission, National Dalit Commission, Civil Society

Organizations (CSOs), International Human Rights Communities, UN Agencies, and journalists from various media outlets. The discussion delved into the intricate relationship between statelessness and Gender-Based Violence (GBV), exploring how these issues impede the realization of SDG Goals 5 and 16.

In addition to the panel discussion, members of the affected community, including women, children with absent fathers, gender and sexual minorities, as well as Madhesi and Dalit groups shared their personal experiences during the event. This event served as a platform for fostering understanding, dialogue, and awareness surrounding the challenges of statelessness and GBV and their impact on achieving Sustainable Development Goal, specifically Goal 5 and Goal 16

Interactive Orientation with Multi-Sectoral Service Providers to Address GBV from a Victim-Centric Approach



BAITADI

21st to 26th August, 2023

Participants: Representatives from the Judicial committee members, mediators and grievance administrator from Dasarath Chand Municipality and Patan Municipality, District Court, District Government Attorney's Office, District Hospital (OCMC), District Bar Association, Safe House, Stipend Lawyer, Legal Aid Committee, and various organizations working in the sector of women's rights and access to justice.



BAJHANG

28th August to 1st September, 2023

Participants: Representatives from the Judicial committee members, mediators and grievance administrator from Jaya Prithivi Municipality and Bithhadachir Rural Municipality, District Court, District Government Attorney's Office, District Hospital (OCMC), District Bar Association, Safe House, Stipend Lawyer, Legal Aid Committee, and various organizations working in the sector of women's rights and access to justice.

Program with the Federal Parliamentary Committee on Women and Social Affairs

FWLD, in collaboration with the Federal Parliamentary Committee on Women and Social Affairs, organized a residential capacity enhancement program in Dhulikhel, Kavrepalanchowk, on September 3rd and 4th, 2023, Focusing on 'Exploring Women's Rights: Constitutional and Judicial Perspectives.' The event was presided over by the Chairperson of the Women and Social Affairs Committee,

featuring presentations by Advocate Sabin Shrestha, Executive Director of FWLD, who discussed the Analysis of Gender Aspects within the Constitution. Additionally, Honorable Justice of the Supreme Court, Sapana Pradhan Malla, shed light on Judicial Trends in Advancing Women's Rights. The program witnessed active participation from esteemed Committee members and affiliated officials.

Committee Secretary Mr. Indra Bilash Poudel extended a warm welcome and outlined the program's objectives, while advocate Binu Lama from FWLD moderated the sessions.

FWLD also extended their congratulations to President Honorable Kiran Kumar Shah for his presidency and expressed their best wishes for a successful tenure.





Take away on Citizenship/Legal Identity

One to One Meeting



On July 14, 2023, representatives from the Women, Law, and Development Forum (FWLD) met with Rudradevi Sharma, Joint Secretary and Head of the Policy, Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Division under the Ministry of Home Affairs to discuss issues related to the Nepal Citizenship Rules. Specifically, in light of the second amendment to the current Nepal Citizenship Rules in 2063, which has already addressed the issue of citizenship for children born to Nepali mothers with unidentified fathers, the Ministry should take necessary steps to ensure that such children, who cannot easily obtain citizenship from the district administration office, are provided with the means to do so. Additionally, topics to be included in the upcoming revision of the Nepal Citizenship Rules of 2063 should encompass the following: NRNA citizenship certificates, citizenship certificates that acknowledge the self-identity of gender and sexual minorities, name and gender change options on citizenship certificates, obtaining citizenship certificates for children of foreign fathers and Nepali mothers, and the implementation of provisions holding family members responsible. Furthermore, consideration should be given to the citizenship status of married women who are the children of Nepali fathers.

Discussion Program with the Senior Editors and Journalists



FWLD, in collaboration with MAG, organized a discussion program titled "Status of the Implementation of the Nepal Citizenship Act" on August 9, 2023 at Yak Palace, Lalitpur. The distinguished presence of Honorable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs Narayankaji Shrestha as chief guest graced the event. The program was attended by over 40 media persons including senior editors and journalists of the mainstream media.

Training of social mobilizers

A training of social mobilizers was conducted in various districts to build capacity of social mobilizers to conduct community outreach programs in all over the district.



Kailali (Aug 21, 2023)



Rupandehi (Aug 25, 2023)



Ilam (September 9, 2023)

Discussion program on “the Necessary Amendments to the Nepal Citizenship Rule-2063”



On August 18, 2023, a significant discussion event took place at Kathmandu’s Hotel Basera Boutique. The event aimed to shed light on the ongoing delay in enacting amendments to the Nepal Citizenship Rule 2063, despite the authentication of the Nepal Citizenship (First Amendment) Act, 2079, over two months ago. The objective of the program was to raise awareness among the concerned ministries regarding the potential consequences of this delay. Furthermore, the event aimed to facilitate a discourse on the

essential amendments required within the Nepal Citizenship Rule, 2063.

Advocate Sabin Shrestha, Executive Director of FWLD, effectively articulated the concerns of civil society organizations. He also outlined the necessary amendments imperative to the Nepal Citizenship Rule. Mr. Krishna Bahadur Katuwal, Under Secretary of the Citizenship and National ID Management Section within the Ministry of Home Affairs, attended the event as a guest speaker. He addressed

the issues raised during the program and provided insights into the ongoing amendment process of the Rule. The event was attended by more than 30 representatives from diverse backgrounds, including civil society organizations, media professionals, and lawyers. Advocate Binu Lama of FWLD served as the moderator for the session, while Sushama Gautam, an advocate, extended a welcoming address and emphasized the program’s goals.

Discussion program with media on Legal Identity

A discussion program with media on the implementation status of Nepal Citizenship Act was conducted on 26 August, 2023 at Butwal, Rupendehi. The program saw participation of representatives from various print, audio-visual and online media houses and a local representatives of national news houses. Interactive discussion was focused on recent amendments on Nepal Citizenship Act and to ensure its effective implementation. The program was facilitated by advocate Sabin Shrestha, advocate Nagendra Basyal and Mr. Binod Chandra Devkota.



Mobile Legal Counseling Clinics Citizenship Facilitation Desk



FWLD conducted 3-days mobile legal counseling clinics on legal identity rights specifically focusing on Citizenship and Birth Registration at Butwal Sub-metropolitan City, Sidharthnagar Municipality and Tilotama Municipality of Rupandehi district on August 26, 27 and 28, 2023 respectively. these three-day clinics was to spread knowledge about the importance of possessing a citizenship certificate, having proper birth registration and to provide case-based individual legal counseling on the doorstep of concerned people, who face challenges accessing legal advice due to financial limitations or geographical barriers. It also offered further para-legal assistance and other legal services to obtain legal identity documents (Citizenship Certificate and Birth Registration Certificates) to people in need during the clinics.



FWLD and IHRC is running "Citizenship Facilitation Desk" at Banke District Administration Office to provide para-legal service to local people for obtaining citizenship certificate. FWLD would like to thank Banke DAO office for providing space in the office to run para-legal service.

Program on Legal Identity (Citizenship and Birth Registration)



DHANGADHI SUB-METROPOLITAN CITY, KAILALI

22 August, 2023

Participants : Representatives from local government including Deputy Mayor, Civil registration department, Women department, ward-chairs and ward secretaries.



BUTWAL SUB-METROPOLITAN CITY

24 August, 2023

Participants : Representatives from all the wards of the Butwal Sub-metropolitan city including the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, Civil registration department, ward chairs and ward secretaries.

Resource Person : Mr. Ramchandra Aryal, Rupendehi Assistant CDO



ILAM MUNICIPALITY

10 September, 2023

Participants : Representatives from all the wards of the Ilam Municipality including Deputy Mayor Bishnu Dahal (also acting Mayor), Chief Administrative Officer Ganesh Kumar Khadka, Civil registration department, ward chairs and ward secretaries

Resource Person : Mr. Sharwan Kumar Pokhrel CDO of Ilam district



BIRGUNJ METROPOLITAN CITY

25 September, 2023

Participants : Representatives from 32 wards of the Birgunj Metropolitan City including Mayor Rajeshman Singh and Acting Chief Administrative Officer of Parsa district Shiva Prasad Lamsal, Civil registration department, ward chairs and ward secretaries

Resource Person : Mr. Shiva Prasad Lamsal acting CDO of Parsa district



PALPA MUNICIPALITY

29 September, 2023

Participants : Ward chairperson from 10 municipalities of the Palpa district.

Resource Person : Mr. Bandu Prasad Bastola, CDO of Palpa district

Nepal Citizenship (Third Amendment) Regulation, 2080 B.S



On September 24, 2023, an Interaction Program was held at Sap-Falcha, Babarmahal, Kathmandu, to discuss the provisions and implementation of the Nepal Citizenship (Third Amendment) Regulation, 2080 B.S. Mr. Krishna Bahadur Katuwal, the Under-Secretary at the Home Ministry and Chief of the Citizenship and National ID Management Section, served as the presenter

for the event. Advocate Binu Lama from FWLD extended a warm welcome and highlighted the program's objectives, while Mr. Binod Chandra Devkota moderated the discussions.

This engaging event attracted participation from more than 40 media professionals representing mainstream media outlets and online platforms.

Forum Theatre Performances



On September 30, 2023, in an effort to increase public awareness about the recent changes made to the Nepal Citizenship Act and Regulation, which now include provisions to obtain citizenship certificate, particularly through mother's name, forum theatre performances were organized in streets of Ward 7 of the Banepa Municipality and Ward 7 of the Panauti Municipality of Kavrepalachok district. After each forum theatre performance, a follow-up discussion took place with the audience, centering on the pertinent issue and delving into practical obstacles and potential solutions moving forward.

Community Outreach Programs on Legal Identity



ACHHAM

- On September 1, 2023 in Safenbagar-6
- On September 5, 2023 in Jalpadevi, Safenbagar Municipality – 2
- On September 7, 2023 in Mastamandau, Safenbagar Municipality – 4
- On September 11, 2023 in Baijanath, Safenbagar Municipality Ward 1
- On September 12, 2023 in Ghughurkot, Safenbagar Ward 10
- On September 13, 2023 in Nawathana, Safenbagar Municipality Ward -5
- on September 14, 2023 in Safenbagar Municipality Ward -11
- On September 16, 2023 in Janalikot, Bannigadhi Jaygadh Rural Municipality Ward-2
- On September 21, 2023 at Chandika, Safenbagar Municipality Ward 8

ILAM

- On September 22, 2023 at Nayabazar, Maijogmai Rural Municipality
- On September 23, 2023, in Tarakuti, Ilam Municipality Ward 7
- On September 23, 2023, in Godak, Ilam Municipality Ward 10



BANKE

- On September 20, 2023 at Belbhar, Janaki Rural Municipality Ward-2
- On September 23, 2023 at Duduwa Rural Municipality
- On September 26, 2023, in Narainapur Rural Municipality
- On September 23, 2023 at Baijanath Rural Municipality
- On September 23, 2023 at Baijanath, Kohalpur Municipality



KAILALI

- On September 1, 2023, in Godawari Municipality Ward 7
- On September 3, 2023, in Dhangadhi Sub-Metropolitan City Ward -1
- On September 7, 2023, in Janajyoti Youth Club, Benauli of Kailari Rural Municipality ward -6
- On September 8, 2023, in Kailari Rural Municipality Ward -3
- on September 15, 2023 in Bادهरा, Dhangadhi Sub-metropolitan City, Ward -3
- On September 13, 2023, in Dhangadhi Sub-metropolitan City Ward -6
- On September 14, 2023 in Kailari Village Municipality, Ward -5
- On September 24, 2023 at the Dhangadhi Sub-Metropolitan City Ward- 2
- On September 27, 2023, in Dhangadhi Sub-Metropolitan City Ward-8



RUPANDEHI

- On September 23, 2023, in Mayadevi Rural Municipality Ward - 6
- On September 23, 2023, in Om Satiya Rural Municipality Ward-2
- On September 29, 2023, in Siddharthanagar Municipality Ward-10
- On September 29, 2023, in Rohini Rural Municipality Ward- 5
- On September 29, 2023, in Sidharthnagar Municipality Ward- 9
- On September 30, 2023, in Om Satiya Rural Municipality Ward -6



Success Stories

Enabling People without Citizenship Certificate to Exercise Economic and Social Rights

NIKKI KUMARI JHA, who was previously stateless, sought legal assistance from FWLD and filed a writ in the Supreme Court. During the initial hearing, the Court issued an interim order enabling Nikki to exercise various economic and social rights, such as enrolling in higher education, obtaining a SIM card, opening a bank account, applying for employment and competitive exams, acquiring a driving license, purchasing vehicles, filing cases, registering a non-governmental organization, obtaining a migration certificate, acquiring a PAN number, registering a business, and other similar rights, even though she did not possess a citizenship certificate. The Court also ordered that she should not be deprived of any of the mentioned rights while during her stateless period.

Ultimately, Nikki was granted citizenship on July 5, 2023, following a mandamus order issued by the Supreme Court.



Cristina Maharjan, her mother and FWLD's lawyers

Supreme Court Upholds GENDER EQUAL NATIONALITY RIGHT

Bindiya conceived **CRISTINA** from the relationship with her boyfriend before marriage but the relationship did not last long as that man tried to kill her by setting her on fire using kerosene when she was three months pregnant. Bindiya raised her single-handedly. When Cristina turned 18, she sought a citizenship certificate through her mother's name, only to be denied by the ward office. The denial was based on the absence of father. This denial infringed upon Cristina's right to citizenship under her mother's name and impeded Bindiya's ability to pass on citizenship to her child independently. To rectify this injustice, with the assistance of FWLD, she filed a case in Nepal's Supreme Court. On August 8, 2023, the Supreme Court issued a mandamus order compelling the relevant authorities to issue Cristina's citizenship certificate with her mother's name, thereby upholding equal nationality right.



Isha and Her Mother's Journey to Citizenship Certificate

ISHA retains a faint memory of her father as someone who frequently engaged in arguments with her mother. On a freezing night, as usual, he got into a heated argument with her mother and eventually forced both Isha and her mother thrown out of the house. She remembers spending that chilly night under open sky with her mother. Subsequently, Isha's mother took her to her maternal home. A week later, upon returning, they were informed by their rented room owner that her father had vacated the room, taking all his belongings, and he never returned.

Isha was raised solely by her mother, and faced numerous challenges along the way. Isha nurtured a dream of pursuing education abroad to bring happiness to her mother's life. However, this aspiration was shattered when her hopes of obtaining citizenship denied by the concerned authority due to the absence of her father. With the legal assistance of FWLD, Isha filed a case in the High Court. On April 18, 2023, the High Court provided verdict in her favor. After successful litigation, she finally secured her citizenship certificate on August 14, 2023.



Working for Non-discrimination and Equality

Ruby Basnet's Triumph



Successful Legal Battle to Obtain Identity Through Mother's Name

RUBY BASNET'S father disappeared after admitting her pregnant mother, Pramila Basnet, to the hospital, and he never returned. Ruby was raised by her mother until her tragic passing. She was then placed under her maternal grandmother's guardianship. However, when Ruby applied for a citizenship certificate through her mother's name, the District Administration Office denied her request, citing her father's disappearance and the inability to grant citizenship in her mother's name. Despite her persistent efforts to obtain citizenship, she faced repeated rejections from the authorities, leading her to succumb to depression and even attempted suicide. Along with legal support, FWLD also referred her for psychosocial counseling. Ruby fought a lengthy four-year battle, and on July 30, 2023, the Supreme Court of Nepal issued a mandamus order, instructing the relevant government authorities to grant Ruby citizenship certificate in her mother's name. FWLD is committed to ensuring the successful execution of the court's decision.



Working for Non-discrimination and Equality



Take away on

Sexual & Reproductive Health Right

Women Deliver 2023 Conference in Kigali, Rwanda



FWLD had the opportunity to participate as a speaker in a concurrent session on "Achieving Access to Abortion as a Human Right" organized by Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR) at the Women Deliver 2023 Conference in Kigali, Rwanda on 19 July 2023. The purpose of this

session was to demonstrate how different countries (Mexico, Colombia, Uganda, and Nepal) ensure access to abortion from the perspective of the effort to change laws or persuade tribunals and courts to recognize sexual and reproductive health and rights as fundamental human rights.

Advocate Sabin Shrestha, Executive Director of FWLD, highlighted major advances of right to safe abortion in Nepal and strategies related to the advocacy to establish safe abortion right as a human and fundamental rights in Nepal.

Workshop Program with Project Partners

On September 17–19, 2023, a workshop was conducted for the project partners (Center for Reproductive Rights, Forum for Women, Law and Development, and CARE Nepal) in regard to the project "Rights-based Participation and Accountability for Increasing Accessibility and Quality of Comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health Services for Women and Girls in Disaster Situations in Nepal" in Dhulikhel, Kavre.



Discussions Program with Master's Degree Nursing Students (MN)



First Year Master's Degree Students in Nursing College of Nepali Army Institute of Health Sciences, met with Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD) on 17 September, 2023 to discuss the issue of sexual and reproductive health rights, legal identity, gender-based violence, child's rights, human trafficking and safe



migration, economic and social rights, access to justice and legal aid and others.

Similarly, first year Master's Degree Nursing Students (MN) of Nursing College of Pokhara Nursing Campus, Tribhuvan University, met with Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD) on 20 September, 2023

CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL

21 years since legalization of abortion and 9th safe abortion service day



On the occasion of 9th Safe Abortion Service Day, National Women Commission, Family Welfare Division and Reproductive Health Rights Working Group (RHRWG) organized the candle light vigil on September 26 in Basantapur Durbar Square, Kathmandu. The candles were lighted in solidarity for women and girl who have lost thier lives due to unsafe abortion in the past and also with objective to spread awareness that no women or girl will ever have to lose their life and risk their health due to such unsafe abortion in future. Dr. Gauri Pradhan from Family Welfare Division initiated the program by given the remarks and lighting a candle.

In the program, Mr. KP Upadhyaya of MSI highlighted the objective of the program where Ms. Nisha Joshi of FWD and Adv. Nabin Kumar Shrestha of FWD facilitated the program. While MSI coordinates and undertook overall management of the program, a powerful flashmob was performed by FPAN to highlight that "use safe abortion service if you have an unwanted pregnancy". Advocate Nabin Shrestha from RHRWG's secretariat FWLD had shown his participation in the event.



On September 27, 2023, the 9th Safe Abortion Service Days event took place, chaired by Bibek Kumar Lal. The former Chief Justice, Honorable Kalyan Shrestha, was the chief guest, and Dr. Sangita Kaushal from the Health Services Department and Dr. from the Family Welfare Division served as special guests. The event's theme was 'सुरक्षित गर्भपतन अधिकारको निमित्त: निरन्तर सहकार्य, एक्यबद्धता र न्याय'. It was organized by the Family Welfare Division in collaboration with RHRWG. During the event, FWLD distributed a publication focused on advocating for amendments to the Right to Safe Maternal and Reproductive Health, and the chief guest expressed support for these amendments.



Take away on Implementation of Palermo Protocol

Consultation meeting on the role of local level



FWLD organized a Consultation meeting with Bhadrapur Municipality on 2 July 2023 on the role of local level in controlling human trafficking and transportation and implementation of the Human Trafficking and Transportation Control Act. The meeting had presence of Mr. Ganesh Pokhrel, Mayor and Ms. Radha Karki, Deputy Mayor along with other local level representatives from Bhadrapur Municipality and civil society organizations working on the sector. The meeting was chaired by the ex Deputy Mayor of the municipality and Advocate Chandra Shrestha. The meeting was very fruitful and the Mayor Mr. Ganesh Pokhrel of the municipality committed to formulate a local level law against human trafficking and other Gender based Violence and to work for it's effective implementation.

Consultation meeting with Honorable Parliamentarians



On the Occasion of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, FWLD organized a Consultation meeting with Honorable Parliamentarians on Amendment of National law against trafficking especially discussing on the need to amend the definition of exploitation under the human trafficking and transportation and the conceptual difference between trafficking and smuggling on 30 July 2023. Honorable Parliamentarians had intensive discussion on the issue and committed to amend the law in line with the Palermo Protocol.



Take away on
CEDAW AND BEIJING+30

*Meeting on civil society reporting on
CEDAW and Beijing+30 review*



FWLD organized a discussion meeting on civil society reporting on CEDAW and Beijing+30 review on 6 September 2023. The meeting was graced by the CEDAW Committee Member and founder convenor of NNBN Ms. Bandana Rana.

The meeting discussed about the participation of civil society in pre-sessional working group and submission of a report in the pre-session. Ms. Rana guided the meeting by providing insights on the reporting process and important deadlines.

Take away on *Supplementary Activities*

Promoting the Equality of Women: IWRAW Asia Pacific Journey



IWRAW Asia Pacific in collaboration with Partners for Law in Development (PLD) India, Forum for Women Law and Development (FWLD) Nepal and Women's Fund Asia (WFA) hosted a book launch event on August 31 2023 of the book "Promoting the Equality of Women: IWRAW Asia Pacific Journey" that's written by Shanthi Dairiam, founder of IWRAW Asia Pacific and a convening that brought together feminist who worked, learned and grew with Shanthi, as she popularized CEDAW across Asia Pacific,

through the aegis of IWRAW AP in Kathmandu, Nepal.

In the event, Shanthi Dairiam spoke about the book and her journey with her fellows in widely disseminating and interpreting the information that CEDAW entailed for sharpening the women movements. Similarly, the event was also graced by Honorable Sapana Pradhan Malla, Justice of Supreme Court of Nepal who spoke about how the CEDAW was used as an advocacy tool in Nepal and the role of Shanthi in providing strategies to do so. Similarly,

Madhu Mehra from Partners for Law and Development also spoke on the role of Shanthi in training activists across South Asia about CEDAW and its usages. The event had presence of esteemed guests such as Honorable Kamala Parajuli, Chairperson of National Women Commission, Ms. Bandana Rana, CEDAW Committee Member, Honorable Ranju Jha, Member of Federal Parliament and other women rights activists from Nepal and from South Asia.

Celebration dinner in honor of Shanthi Dairiam



FWLD hosted a dinner event on 1 September 2023 in the honor of Shanthi Dairiam, former CEDAW Committee Member and founder of IWRAW- AP for her contribution in popularizing CEDAW across South Asia. The event was also graced by

Savitri Goonesekere, former Vice-Chancellor of University of Colombo and former CEDAW Committee Member, Honorable Sapana Pradhan Malla, Justice, Supreme Court of Nepal along with other regional participants from the Convening.

In-house Safeguarding Training on PSEAH



FWLD organized an in-house Safeguarding Training on Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH) from 9-10 August 2023 in Mulkot, Sindhuli with the support of Australian Aid and The Asia Foundation. During the training, the participants were oriented on the provisions of the Safeguarding Policy of FWLD. They also discussed new issues of safeguarding and how we can incorporate them in the policy.

FWLD team watched theatre drama



On July 12th, 2023, the FWLD team watched theatre drama titled "Hui Bhandha Chiso" at Mandala Theatre Nepal. The play skillfully portrayed the intricacies of life in the Jumla region, digging into a numerous of issues such as migration, development, reproductive health, healthcare facilities, and the caste system, among others.

The drama artfully depicted the bond of love and affection between spouses, as well as the profound love that mothers have for their children. However, its primary focus resided in the quest for defining truth. It ventured into the realm of whether truth lies in objective facts and reality or resides in one's personal faith and perception. Following the thought-provoking performance, FWLD team convened a reflection meeting to collectively share and discuss their insights and takeaways from the play.



FWLD team went to watch drama 'Damani Bhir' on 22 September 2023. The drama depicted the scenario of untouchability and multiple forms of discrimination against people of so called lower caste especially showed the plight of women. It also showcased the people's revolution to change the government in hopes that it would end all forms of discrimination.

MEDIA COVERAGE

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हामी गौरव, राष्ट्रको पत्रिका

नागरिकता नियमावली अन्तिम चरणमा

दुई घटनाबारे छानबिन समिति गठन

गौरवापत्रका समाचारदाता कञ्जमार्छी, साउन २४ गते

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THE RISING NEPAL

‘New regulation on citizenship in the offing’

BY A STAFF REPORTER
Kathmandu, Aug. 9

Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister, Narayan Kaji Shrestha, has said that the final draft of the new citizenship regulation has been completed by the Ministry. He further revealed that the regulation is scheduled to be presented to the cabinet at the earliest.

Once approved by the cabinet, Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Shrestha emphasised that the majority of issues pertaining to citizenship matters will be effectively resolved.

Addressing an interaction programme on the progress of the Nepal Citizenship Act, jointly organised by the Media Advocacy Group and Forum of Women Law and Development on Wednesday, DPM Shrestha acknowledged that while the act and its associated regulations have the potential to effectively tackle significant challenges facing citizenship matters, they also have a crucial constraint.

He pointed out that certain issues cannot be incorporated into the act due to the fact that the Constitution does not provide the necessary provisions to formulate laws in relation to these specific matters.

The new legislation and regulations have introduced provisions that grant citizenship to foreign women married to Nepali citizens. Additionally, individuals born in Nepal to a mother who is a Nepali citizen and who has resided within the country will be eligible for Nepali citizenship by descent. This provision also extends to children without a known father and mother and to homeless children.

However, the law does not encompass provisions to grant citizenship to foreign men married to Nepali women due to constitutional limitations in this specific context, DPM said.

DPM Shrestha emphasised that the current government places a high priority on addressing issues faced

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‘New regulation on citizenship...’

by the general people. As such, any challenges arising from these cases will be promptly and attentively dealt with by the government, he said.

Commending the government’s initiative to reform citizenship laws, participants at the event highlighted ongoing challenges surrounding the issue. Sabin Shrestha, the Executive Director of the FWLD, noted that residents in Madhes-based districts are often compelled to endure lengthy queues for citizenship services due to overcrowding.

Kamala Panthi, a senior journalist and activist, pointed out another concern that despite the benefits of the new law, individuals lacking three generations’ identity still face hurdles. They are unable to open bank accounts and apply for public services, as these institutions require information spanning three generations.

Moreover, attendees stressed that while the updated law simplifies the citizenship acquisition process, citizens often face a lack of respect and inhumane treatment due to the behavior of officials at District Administration Offices.

Narayan Prasad Bhattachar, the Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Home Affairs, suggested implementing biometric systems in the citizenship process.

He emphasised that citizenship holds both state obligations and citizens’ rights. Adopting a biometric system, he asserted, could effectively address numerous issues associated with the citizenship certificate process.

On July 22, the House of Representatives decisively passed an amendment to Nepal’s citizenship law, signifying a significant step towards addressing the citizenship-related challenges. The amendment had remained pending in the parliament since August 2018.

दैनिक नेपालगञ्ज

‘सामुदायिक सचेतना जरूरी’

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व्यक्त गौतमले यस सम्बन्धी कानूनी व्यवस्थाका विषयमा प्रकाश पारेका थिए। कार्यक्रमको सहीजकारणका गर्दै अधिवक्ता गौतमले कानूनी पहिचान जनाउने जन्मदर्ता, विवाह दर्ता र नागरिकता लगायतका विभिन्न दस्तावेजनका बारेमा रहेका कानूनी व्यवस्था बारे प्रकाश पारेका थिए। जन्मदर्ताको प्रक्रिया, जन्मदर्ता गर्दा आवश्यक पर्ने दस्तावेजहरू, नागरिक प्रमाणपत्र प्राप्तीको प्रक्रिया र आवश्यक पर्ने कलाजत लगायतका विषयमा अधिवक्ता गौतमले जानकारी गराएका थिए।

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पाण्डेयले नागरिकताका विषयमा समसूहक आउने गरेको बताउँदै सविधान र कानूनमा टिकेर काम गर्नुपर्ने बताए । समाज समया कर्मचारी र जनप्रतिनिधिहरूलाई कानूनी सलतना आवश्यक रहेको मेयर पाण्डेयले बोर्ड दिए । रुपन्देहीका सहयाक प्रमुख जिल्ला अधिकारी रामचन्द्र अर्यालले नागरिकलाई पाउनुपर्ने सेवा सहज रुपमा पाउनुपर्ने र नभिले कुटा गर्न नहुने कर्मचारी र वडा अध्यक्षहरूलाई आग्रह गरे । अर्यालले नागरिकताका विभिन्न तिकाविकरुमा स्वेदनतौल वन सवेलाई आग्रह गरे । कार्यक्रममा प्रस्तुतीकरण व्यवक गर्बे अधिवक्ता सविन श्रेष्ठले विभिन्न बटपाक्रम बर्ता विवरणहरू थाप भएको बताउँदै अध्याय गर्नुपर्ने बताए ।

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Citizenship-related Regulations will be taken to cabinet soon: DPM Shrestha

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LALITPUR, August 9: Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Narayan Kaji Shrestha, stated that the regulations related to citizenship would be introduced at the earliest.

Addressing a discussion program on the implementation of the Citizenship Act here today, he asserted that the situation of an individual applying for a citizenship certificate and having to wait for months on end to obtain one will be over once the regulations are introduced.

The discussion program was jointly organized by the Media Advocacy Group and the Forum for Women, Law, and Development.

"We are presenting the regulation related to citizenship in the Council of Ministers very soon. We are yet to receive the input of the Ministry of Law on this. There will be no need for people entitled to the citizenship certificate to wait for months," Shrestha said, adding that the distribution of naturalized citizenship has been somewhat simplified at present.

Stating that a provision has been made at present wherein one can acquire naturalized citizenship through self-declaration and there is no requirement for documentary evidence as before, Minister Shrestha said that there is no

Citizenship regulation soon, says DPM Shrestha

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Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Narayan Kaji Shrestha has said that the citizenship regulation will soon be framed to facilitate execution of the newly amended citizenship act.

Addressing a programme jointly organised by Forum for Women, Law and Development and Media Advocacy Group on the implementation of the new citizenship law, Shrestha said that granting naturalised citizenship to husbands of Nepali women married to foreign men would still be unresolved as the constitution had not remedied the situation.

DPM Shrestha also said the new citizenship regulation would be framed within two weeks to facilitate the execution of the newly amended citizenship act.

He further said that the district administration offices were getting a large number of applications from children of citizens by birth and added that the government

was trying to provide eligible citizens the citizenship card in an efficient manner without any delay.

Executive Director of FWLD Sabin Shrestha said that there was huge number of applications submitted by children of citizens by birth and the government needed to deploy additional human resources to expedite the process and issue citizenship cards to them.

Shrestha said that district administration offices were issuing citizenship to children of citizens by birth in accordance with the existing citizenship regulations, but in the case of children whose fathers remain untraced, the DAOs were telling the applicants to wait till the new citizenship regulation was framed, and this was not fair.

He further said the government must ensure that affidavit formats are incorporated in the new citizenship regulation to facilitate issuance of citizenship to non-resident Nepalis and people whose fathers remain untraced, as well as orphans.

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