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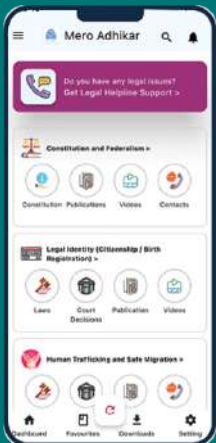
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FWLD's 29th Annual General Meeting



On October 3, 2023, the FWLD's 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in the organization's Equality Hall in Kathmandu. Senior Advocate Ms. Geeta Aryal, President of FWLD, chaired the AGM. The annual progress report was presented by Advocate Rup Narayan Shrestha, the FWLD secretary, while the audit report and FWLD's annual financial

statement were presented by Advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha, the FWLD treasurer. The AGM also resulted in the formation of a new executive committee. The meeting also felicitated the general members of FWLD, Ms. Meera Dhungana, Mr. Bharat Bahadur Thapa, and Mr. Sunil Kumar Shrestha, for their achievement as Senior Advocates.

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Senior Advocate Geeta Aryal
 Advocate Rup Narayan Shrestha
 Advocate Laxmi Pokharel
 Advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha
 Advocate Sharmila Parajuli
 Advocate Seema Dhami
 Advocate Pushpa Poudel

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Take away on

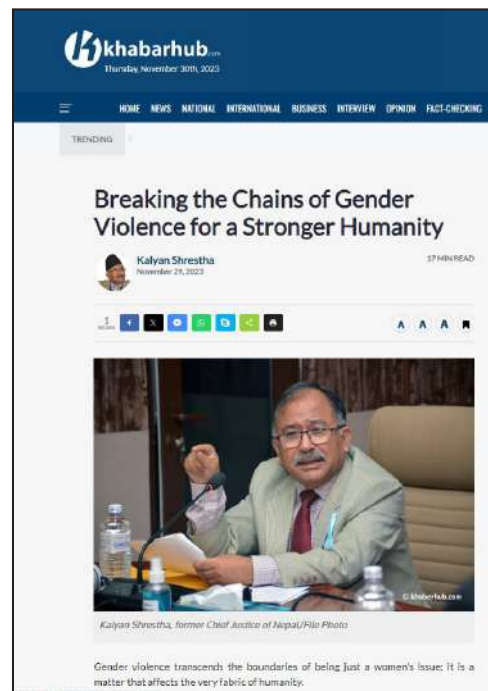
Sexual and Gender Based Violence

Media Orientation on Maintaining Confidentiality of Survivors of Sexual Violence



FWLD organized a Media Orientation on Maintaining Confidentiality of Survivors of Sexual Violence on 27 November 2023 on the occasion of 16 days Activism on Gender based Violence. The orientation had presence of Honorable Kalyan Shrestha, ex Chief Justice of Supreme

Court of Nepal who spoke on the issue of role of media in maintaining confidentiality of survivors of sexual violence. Similarly, the program also had Ms. Babita Basnet, Executive Director of Media Advocacy Group who spoke on online violence, ethics of journalists on maintaining confidentiality.



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



OKHALDHUNGA

25th to 29th November, 2023

Participants : Representatives from the Judicial committee members, mediators and grievance administrator from Siddhicharan Municipality, Chisankhugadhi Rural Municipality, Molung Rural Municipality and Manebhanjang 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

Discussion program on Ending Gender based violence: Strengthening services and amplifying voices



IPAS Nepal and FWLD jointly conducted a discussion program titled "Ending Gender based violence: Strengthening services and amplifying voices" on 8th of December 2023 in Kathmandu on the occasion of 16 days of activism against GBV. The chief guest of the program was Hon. Chanda Chaudhary, member of the Women and Social Committee of the Parliament. The program featured slam poetry by Nawaraj Parajuli followed by panel discussion on policies and services for GBV support. Sarada Thapa from Women, children and senior citizens service directorate of Nepal Police, Sabin Shrestha from FWLD, Dr Pashupati Mahat from CMC, Samir Ghimire from UNFPA, Nanda Kumari Thapa Deputy Mayor of Badimalika Municipality and Apekshya Rana Khatri from Sathi were the panelist of the program. Roshani Devi Karki

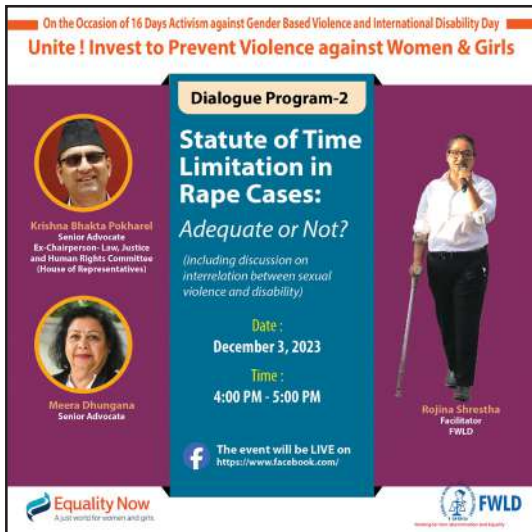


and Mamta Bisht from MoHP and MoWCSC respectively spoke about the efforts made by respective ministries to end GBV. Jagdishwor Ghimire from IPAS Nepal gave a vote of thanks and ended the program.

The program was facilitated by former Miss Nepal Sugarika K C. Representatives from the different governmental and non governmental organizations participated in the program.



Major Outcomes: Services provided by Office of Attorney general and other government offices to promote victim-centric approach in GBV cases' Safety and privacy of victims of GBV victims; Sharing of some good practices in victim-centric approach.



Major Outcomes: The current statute of time limitation is not enough, there should be no statute of time limitation in rape cases because it is not up to anyone to dictate when a victim should realize that she has become a victim; Social awareness and breaking the patriarchal norm are major ways forward along with legal intervention on the subject matter.



Major Outcomes: The dialogue re initiated discussion on the meaning, need and importance of General Recommendation of CEDAW along with discussing on the new proposed General Recommendation on Gender Stereotypes, its focus and how it would shape the effective implementation of provision of CEDAW.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

“Unite! Invest to Prevent Violence Against Women & Girls”

Infographic Video

कार्यस्थलमा हुने यौनजन्य दुर्व्यवहार (निवारण) ऐन, २०७१ सम्बन्धी जानकारी

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PSA on the occasion of 16 Days Activism Against Gender Based Violence



Law against Offence related to Reproductive Health



Law against Sexual Harassment at Workplace



Law against Witchcraft



Law against Child Sexual Abuse



Law against Menstruation



Law against Dowry



Law against Human Trafficking



Law against Marriage without Consent



Law against Tech-based sexual violence



Law against Domestic violence



Law against Sexual Harassment



Law against Rape



Law against Polygamy



Law against Acid Attack



Law against Child Marriage



Law against Marital Rape



Take away on
Citizenship/Legal Identity

Forum Theatre on Nepal's New Citizenship Laws

To increase public awareness of the recent revisions to Nepal's Citizenship Act and Regulation, forum theatre presentations took place at prominent locations of various districts. These amendments entail the provision of obtaining citizenship certificates through mother's name. After each performance, interactive discussions were conducted with the audience, centering on critical issues and exploring real-world challenges and potential solutions for the future.

District : Nuwakot | **Date :** October 3 and 4, 2023



District : Dhading | **Date :** October 5, 2023



District : Nawalpur | **Date :** October 6 and 7, 2023



Community Outreach Programs on Legal Identity



BANKE

- On October 10, 2023, in Kohalpur Municipality Ward-14, Baijjanath
- On October 18, 2023, in Khajura Rural Municipality, Ward-7



RUPANDEHI

- On October 1, 2023, in Tilotama Municipality, Ward-9
- On October 2, 2023, in Siddhartha Municipality, Ward-11
- On October 9, 2023, in Butwal Sub-Metropolitan City, Ward-8
- On October 12, 2023, in Tilottama Municipality, Ward-2



ILAM

- On September 25, 2023, in Ilam Municipality Ward-9
- On September 26, 2023, in Ilam Municipality Ward-5
- On September 27, 2023, in Ilam Municipality Ward-8
- On September 28, 2023, in Ilam Municipality Ward-2
- On September 30, 2023, in Ilam Municipality Ward-7
- On October 2, 2023, in Ilam Municipality Ward-6
- On October 6, 2023, in Ilam Municipality Ward-9

Discussion Program with the Honorable Members of the Federal Parliamentarians



On October 31, 2023, FWLD organized a discussion program at the Basera Banquet Hotel in Babarmahal, Kathmandu. The program brought together esteemed members of the Federal Parliament to address the issue of Legal Identity, focusing on the implementation of recent amendments to the Nepal Citizenship Act and Regulation. The primary objective of this program was to facilitate discussions on the modified provisions within citizenship laws and the practical challenges related to their implementation. The event also featured discussions on Nepal's

international human rights commitments concerning citizenship rights. The program was intended to enhance the understanding of policymakers concerning citizenship rights and to underscore the significant roles they must play in ensuring equal citizenship rights in Nepal. Advocate Sabin Shrestha, the Executive Director of FWLD, presented to provide a background for the topic's discussion, while Advocate Binu Lama extended a warm welcome and highlighted the program's objectives. Mr. Binod Chandra Devkota moderated the proceedings.

Program for Enhancing Capacity on Citizenship Rights

A Program for Enhancing Capacity on Citizenship Rights for Provincial-Level Networks, Community-Based Organizations, and Legal Professionals Held at Alpha House, Baneshwor, Kathmandu on November 3, 2023. Mr. Krishna Bahadur Katuwal, the Head of the Citizenship and National ID Management Department at the Ministry of Home Affairs, delivered a presentation on the recent amendments to the Nepal Citizenship Act and Regulations, while Advocate Sushama Gautam from FWLD discussed significant Supreme Court judgments related to citizenship matters and the challenges faced in implementing these laws. Advocate Binu Lama, also from FWLD, facilitated the event. The program drew participation from over 30 representatives of community-based organizations and lawyers hailing from various districts within the Bagmati province. Additionally, a Provincial Network focused on citizenship rights and birth-related issues was established during the event.



Discussion program with media on the Nepal Citizenship Act and Its implementation status



On November 9, 2023, FWLD and MAG jointly organized a discussion program with media in Lalitpur regarding the Nepal Citizenship Act and its implementation status. Mr. Krishna Bahadur Katuwal, the Under Secretary and Head of the Citizenship Section at the Ministry of Home Affairs, graced the event as the key speaker. He ensured the effective implementation of the Citizenship Act. During the program, Ms. Bhumika Shrestha from the Blue Diamond Society highlighted the challenges that sexual and gender minorities encounter when seeking citizenship and Ms. Devu

Parajuli from Nepal Disabled Women Association shared the challenges faced by person with disabilities while acquiring citizenship. Advocate Sabin Shrestha, the Executive Director of FWLD, elaborated on the trend of decisions by the Supreme Court of Nepal concerning citizenship issues and the obstacles encountered during the implementation of these decisions. The program was chaired by Ms. Anita Bindu, Chairperson of MAG, while Ms. Babita Basnet, Executive Director of MAG facilitated the discussion program.

3-Day Mobile Legal Counseling Clinics

FWLD conducted a series of three-day mobile legal counseling clinics in Kailali and Nawalparasi (East) Districts. The primary objective of these clinics was to raise awareness about the importance of obtaining a citizenship certificate and ensuring birth registration. The clinics also aimed to provide individualized legal counseling on-site to individuals who faced challenges in accessing legal advice due to financial constraints or geographical barriers. Additionally, the clinics offered para-legal assistance and other legal services to help individuals obtain the necessary legal identity documents, including Citizenship Certificates and Birth Registration Certificates.

Kailali District: Dhangadhi Sub-Metropolitan City Ward-8, Godawori Municipality Ward-7, and Kailari Rural Municipality Ward-3 on October 5th, 6th, and 8th, 2023, respectively.

Nawalparasi (East) District: Gaidakot Municipality, Devachuli Municipality, and Madhyabindu Municipality of Nawalparasi (East) district on November 8, 9, and 10, respectively.



Media Event on "Reformations of Gender Discriminatory Citizenship Law"



To mark the "16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence" under the theme "Unite! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls," FWLD organized a media event on the "Reformations of Gender Discriminatory Citizenship Law" at Alpha House, Buddhanagar, Kathmandu, on November 29, 2023. The purpose of the program was to deliberate on crucial amendments to citizenship laws, including the Constitution, to ensure equality in nationality laws, with a particular emphasis on gender perspectives. Honorable Sushila Thing, a member of the House of Representatives and Nepali Congress Whip, Honorable Bidhya Bhattarai, also a member of the House of Representatives, and Ms. Tulasa Lata Amatya, a Women's Activist, served as key speakers for the

event. The program drew over 50 participants, including more than 40 senior-level journalists and editors representing various mainstream media houses, print media, and online platforms. Advocate Sushama Gautam elucidated the program's objectives and Mr. Binod Chandra Devkota from FWLD moderated the event.



Program on the Status of Execution of Court Judgments in Citizenship and Civil Registration Cases

On December 13, 2023, FWLD organized a "Discussion Program on the Status of Execution of Court Judgments in Citizenship and Civil Registration Cases," bringing together relevant stakeholders. The primary objective of the event was to examine the progress and challenges associated with the implementation of court judgments. Mr. Saroj Raj Regmi, Director at the Supreme Court Judgment Execution Directorate, delivered a presentation on the issue. Speakers included affected individuals Ms. Neha Thapa, Mr. Avinash Thapa, and Ms. Sanumaiya Chhetri, who shared their post-judgment struggles. Advocate Sushama Gautam provided insight into the situations faced by the affected persons. Advocate Binu Lama of FWLD extended a welcome and



emphasized the event's goals, while Mr. Binod Chandra Devkota moderated the proceedings. The event saw the participation of over 60 attendees, including representatives from civil society organizations, media, and other concerned stakeholders.

Discussion Program on "Full Citizen, Full Rights: Equal Citizenship Rights"



To commemorate the 44th Anniversary of CEDAW, FWLD organized a Discussion Program in Kathmandu on December 19, 2023, engaging esteemed members of the National Assembly of the Federal Parliament. The program focused on the theme of Equal Citizenship Rights, titled "Full Citizen, Full Rights: Equal Rights in Citizenship (Purna Nagarik, Purna Adhikar: Nagarikatama Saman Adhikar)." The event was honored by the presence of the

Chief Guest, Right Honorable Ganesh Prasad Timilsina, Chairperson of the National Assembly, and chaired by Senior Advocate Geeta Aryal, President of FWLD. Special guests included State Minister of Physical Infrastructure and Transport Honorable Nanda Chapai and State Minister of Education, Science, and Technology Honorable Pramila Kumari.

The program witnessed the

participation of honorable members of the National Assembly and media professionals from both mainstream and online platforms. Advocate Sabin Shrestha from FWLD delivered a presentation on the subject, while advocate Binu Lama welcomed attendees and highlighted the program's objectives. The event was moderated by Mr. Binod Chandra Devkota.

On December 21, 2023, FWLD organized a Discussion Program titled "Full Citizen, Full Rights: Equal Citizenship Rights" with esteemed members of the House of Representatives of the Federal Parliament. The program aimed to enlighten policymakers about discriminatory provisions in the country's Citizenship Laws, existing gaps, and challenging aspects related to law implementation. Additionally, it sought to foster discussions and propose actions to ensure equal citizenship rights. The event drew the participation of over 40 honorable members of the House of Representatives, including the Chair of the Women and Social Affairs Committee, Honorable Kiran Kumar Shah, and the Chair of the Education, Health, and Information Technology Committee, Honorable Bhanu Bhakta Joshi, along with former ministers and other members. Mainstream media representatives were also



present. Advocate Sabin Shrestha delivered a presentation on the topic, while advocate Binu Lama welcomed the participants and highlighted the program's objectives. Mr. Binod Chandra Devkota moderated the event.

Online Dialogue Program Regarding Citizenship/Legal Identity



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Take away on Human Trafficking

Consultation meeting with Provincial Parliamentarian and Provincial Government

FWLD organized a Consultation meeting with Provincial Parliamentarian and Provincial Government on 11 October 2023 on the necessity of formulation of provincial laws on rehabilitation center and fund for TIP survivors. The meeting had presence of provincial parliamentarians, government officers from Ministry of Social Development, Chief Attorney from Chief Attorney Office, Ministry of Internal Affairs along with civil society organizations working on the sector. The chief of the Department of Social Development of the Ministry of Social Development spoke on the activities of the Ministry and committed to work for the formation of the law. Similarly provincial parliamentarians also committed to work for the formulation of the law as mandated by HTTCA.



Meeting on the role of local level in controlling human trafficking and transportation



FWLD organized a Consultation meeting with Godawari Municipality on 12 October 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 local level representatives from Godawari Municipality. Ms. Godawari Khatri Dhami, Women, Children and Senior Citizen Department Head of the municipality presented on the activities of the Municipality to control human trafficking and transportation. Similarly, the Deputy Mayor of the Municipality committee to work on the formulation of local level laws as mandated by the act.

Consultation meeting on the formulation of local level law on rehabilitation center and fund for TIP survivors



FWLD organized a Follow up consultation meeting with Bhadrapur Municipality on 7 December 2023 on the formulation of local level law on rehabilitation center and fund for TIP survivors. The meeting was graced by Her Excellency Felicity Volk, Ambassador of Australia for Nepal as Special Guest, Mayor Ganesh Pokhrel of Bhadrapur Municipality as Chief Guest and Deputy Mayor Radha Karki who chaired the event and ex deputy Mayor Chandra Shrestha. The event also had Chief Administrative Officer of the municipality, local level representatives from Bhadrapur Municipality along with civil society

organizations, police, executive member of the municipality along with other representatives from Australian Embassy and The Asia Foundation. Ms. Chandra Shrestha presented on the need for the formulation of the local level law and Ms. Jiwankala Raut, Head of Department of Social Development shared the work of the municipality on the same. The representatives of the municipality committed to formulate a local level law as mandated by the act and work for its effective implementation. They also emphasized that technical support of FWLD is necessary for the same.

Meeting with Provincial Parliamentarian and Provincial Government

FWLD organized a Consultation meeting with Provincial Parliamentarian and Provincial Government on 8 December 2023 on the necessity of formulation of provincial laws on rehabilitation centers and funds for TIP survivors. The meeting had the presence of provincial parliamentarians, government officers from Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law, representatives from District Police Office, District Bar Association, civil society organizations working on the sector and Media Person.

The government officer of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law presented the role of the province in controlling human trafficking and trafficking, the status of cases registered in Koshi province, the provincial legal system related to human trafficking and trafficking control and the policies and programs of the provincial government, the status and needs of rehabilitation centers and funds, and future strategies. Similarly Former Honorable Ministers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law and Honorable Members of Parliament expressed their commitment to take necessary initiatives for the creation of necessary laws as mandated by HTTCA. The participants representing the organizations and the media person expressed their commitment to keep working hard on the relevant ministries for the creation of the necessary laws. Similarly, the program was presented and facilitated by Advocate Satish Kumar Sharma and Advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha.





Take away on CHILD'S RIGHTS

Discussion Program on CRVS in the context of Gender, Disability and Social Inclusion

A discussion program on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics with focus on Birth Registration in the context of gender, disability and social inclusion was organized by Agnisaayer Krishnasavarán Rural Municipality in support of UN, EU and GON, and FWLD on 10th December, 2023 with local representatives of local government from all the wards of Agnisaayer Krishnasavarán Rural Municipality including the ward chairperson, ward secretaries and civil registration department. The objective of the program was to aware the wards of municipality on the importance of CRVS in the context of gender, disability and social inclusion. Advocate Deepesh Shrestha presented on the introduction of CRVS and focused on legal aspects of birth registration along with the roles of local government in course of registering the births.



On the Occasion of 16 Days Activism against Gender Based Violence
Unite! Invest to Prevent Violence against Women & Girls


CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE : Present Context and Legal Aspects



Ram Bahadur Chand
Officer
National Child Rights Council



Sharada Thapa
Inspector
Women, Children and Senior Citizens
Directorate, Nepal Police



Advocate Deepesh Shrestha
Facilitator
FWLD

Date : December 5, 2023, Tuesday
Time : 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

The event will be LIVE on
<https://www.facebook.com/fwld.org>







बाल यौन दुर्व्यवहार: स्थिति र कानूनी पक्षहरू
(सम्वाद कार्यक्रम - ३)

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Major Outcomes: A sharing of innovative approaches and new efforts undertaken by the directorate to address the problem of child sexual abuse; Discussion on the NCRC's engagement and strategies for future child protection efforts.

Radio Program on Child Rights



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Take away on


DISASTER AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2023




On the occasion of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2023 a dialogue program with SRHR stakeholders regarding inclusion of SRHR during disaster preparedness and recovery plans was conducted on 13th October, 2023 in Godawari Municipality, Kailali. The program was chaired by Ms. Sharada Rokaya, Deputy Mayor of Godawari Municipality. The dialogue program saw the participation of local representatives of municipality, representatives from health centers, nurses, medical personnel, media personnel, advocates, representatives from CRR, Care Nepal and Needs Nepal. The program was moderated by Advocate Renu Pradhan Shrestha.

**International Day
for
Disaster Risk Reduction**
October 13, 2023



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FREE LEGAL HELPLINE SERVICE

for individuals affected by earthquake

November 9 - December 20 2023

Number of cases reported



Sex wise data of Service Seekers



Age of service seekers



Education wise data of Service seekers



Ethnicity of Service seekers

Dalit	8
Chettri	7
Brahmins	4
Indigenous	4
Madhesi	0
Muslim	0
Other	0

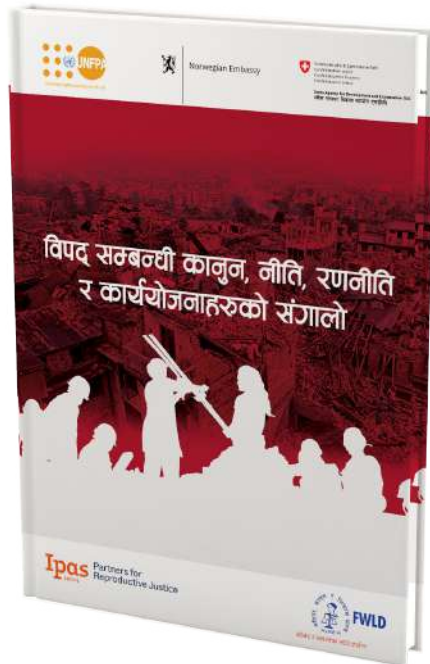
Nature of cases



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- + चौकिक तथा लैङ्गिक हिंसाका मुद्दाहरु
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 - + लेदमाव, इवकार र बर्चिपीकरण सम्बन्धी घटनाहरु
 - + भूकम्पबाट क्षति पुगेका वा हराएका नागरिकता प्रमाणपत्र, जन्म दर्ता प्रमाणपत्र र अन्य कानुनी कागजातहरुको पुनर्प्राप्ति



Radio Program on Disaster and Climate Justice



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Take away on Supplementary Activities

Social Audit of FWLD Activities for FY 2079/80



A 'Social Audit' of FWLD activities for the fiscal year 2079/80 was conducted on October 2, 2023, in Kathmandu. The event was presided over by Senior Advocate Geeta Aryal, the President of FWLD, and the respected Chief Guest, Hon'ble Kiran Kumar Shah from the House of Representatives - Women and Social Committee. We were honored to have representatives from various government institutions, including Mr. Phanindra Gautam, Secretary from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Nepal; Mr. Dipak Jangdhaj Karki, Joint Secretary from the National Human Rights; Mr. Hiralal Tandukar, Chairperson of Kathmandu

Metropolitan Ward-11; Mr. Ram Raj Bhattarai, Deputy Director from the Social Welfare Council; Ms. Sita Niraula from the National Women Commission; the Secretary from (House of Representatives) - Women and Social Committee; and DSP from the Anti-Trafficking Bureau of Nepal Police. Our gratitude extends to representatives from different international and national organizations, networks, dedicated media professionals, and the beneficiaries who joined us for this remarkable occasion. Independent Social Auditor Mr. Bishnu Khatri and his team presented the preliminary report on the Social Audit of FWLD's activities.

11th Nepal Human Right International Film Festival



FWLD's short movie "Matribhoomi" (Motherland) was selected for 11th Nepal Human Right International Film Festival. 'Matribhoomi', was featured on 3rd day of the 11th Nepal Human Rights International Film Festival i.e. on December 12, 2023. Grateful for the recognition and a letter of appreciation from the Human Rights Film Center.



MEDIA COVERAGE

Women still discriminated in citizenship law

Himalayan News Service
Kathmandu, December 21

Lawmakers representing different parties in the House of Representatives said that the current citizenship law still discriminates against women and efforts should be made to end such discrimination in matters of citizenship.

Speaking at an interaction organized by Forum for Women Law and Development (FWLD) here today, lawmaker Ishwari Gharti said ruling and opposition parties' lawmakers needed to jointly move a structure in the Parliament to bring the much-needed reform in citizenship law.

Chair of Women and Social Affairs Committee of the HoR Kiran Kumar Sah said that a defendant accused in the gold smuggling case was a foreigner, but he fraudulently obtained Nepali citizenship without the recommendation letter from concerned Ward Office. He said partisan politics had complicated citizenship issues.

HoR member Ranju Thakur spoke on the current citizenship provisions related to matrimonial naturalisation. She said the current provision whereby a mother submitting affidavit about the untraced father of her child could face a jail term of three years if any details were proven wrong was also discriminatory against women.

Lawmaker Amrita Agrahari said that in matters of citizenship, the biggest evidence was the mother of a child. Hence, a child should be granted citizenship if his/her mother signs the child's application. She said if any foreigner had obtained Nepali citizenship, then those government authorities that issued their citizenship were culprits and not those who obtained it.

Chair of Education, Health and Information Technology of the House of Representatives Bhanu Bhakta Joshi said that citizenship laws should be reformed keeping in mind the open border with Nepal's southern neighbour.

Executive Director of FWLD Sabin Shrestha made a presentation describing how citizenship laws changed in Nepal mainly after 1950 and where the citizenship laws discriminated against women. He said the new constitution were progressive, but women continue to face discrimination in matters of citizenship.

He said Article 9 of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination (CEDAW) abolished all kinds of gender discrimination against women and Nepal had ratified the convention without any reservation. Yet, in matters of citizenship, women continued to face discrimination. He said Nepali men marrying foreign women could easily grant citizenship by descent to children, but Nepali women marrying foreigners could not grant citizenship by descent to their children. A naturalised father can grant children citizenship by descent but a Nepali woman who is citizen by descent cannot grant citizenship of descent to her children, he argued.

Shrestha said Nepali authorities have always pledged equality in matters of nationality at international fora, including CEDAW committee and UPR review meetings, but in practice women continue to face discrimination. Shrestha said lawmakers need to register a structure in the parliament to secure equality in citizenship laws.

Shrestha said if any chief district officer or district administration office deprives anybody of citizenship then he/she should be held accountable for his/her omission. Shrestha said married women were required to produce their husbands' citizenship in order for her to obtain Nepali citizenship which again discriminated against women. Shrestha said children of Nepali mothers have problem obtaining Nepali citizenship. The mother of a Nepali child whose father is untraced has to submit affidavit and if the details are proved to be incorrect, the mother can face a jail term of three years, but that was against the constitution because the constitution only said the citizenship of such children shall be converted into naturalised citizenship. Jailing a mother for any incorrect details of affidavit is against the constitutional provision, he argued.

Advocate Binu Lama said that in recent times some reforms had been introduced in citizenship laws but those laws must be ensured to end discrimination against women in nationality laws. She said lawmakers needed to think seriously about the changes that need to be made in citizenship laws.

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महिला, कानून र विकास मञ्च (FWLD)

काठमाडौं । जाडसकेको भूकम्प पीडित सुकेरी महिला र नवजात शिशु र बालबालिकाको स्वास्थ्यमा ध्यान दिन महिला कानून र विकास मञ्च (एफडब्लुएलडी) र राष्ट्रिय महिला आयोगले संयुक्ततया गृह मन्त्रालय लगायत सम्बन्धित निकायहरुको ध्यानाकर्षण गराएका छन् । विपद्को समयमा गर्भवती तथा सुकेरी महिला, नवजात शिशु र बालबालिकाहरुले पाउनुपर्ने स्वास्थ्य सेवा सुनिश्चित गर्न गृहमन्त्रालयसहित सम्बन्धित निकायहरुको ध्यानाकर्षण गराइएको एफडब्लुएलडी सचिवालयको तर्फबाट नवीनकुमार श्रेष्ठ र आयोगका तर्फबाट अणुष्ण कर्मना पराजुलीले बसाक्षर गरेको विज्ञापित्ता उल्लेख छ ।

'अदालतले दियो न्याय, प्रशासनले दिये नागरिकता'

काठमाडौं — पारसपुरी २४ को नैराश्रित शत्रुको अनुहार घाट छैन । उभै उभै हुने यिन सुलाको रङ्गिरेनदेखि जन्मदर्तामा सहेसो पारसम बाबुको नाम लेखे पछि, अन्तै लेखिन्छ । राजेन्द्र थापा । उनी १९९०को दशकमा आफ्नो नाम छोडेर वेलात भनेका राजेन्द्र श्रेष्ठले पनि सम्झनुपर्ने छैन । अन्तैमाथि हुँदैछोको योले अन्तमा आगालामा बाबुको नाम उल्लेख गरेरै खारो नागरिकता पाएको छैन ।

लैंगिक हिंसाविरुद्ध अभियान- 'राजनीतिक संरक्षण हिंसा अन्त्यको बाधक'

काठमाडौं — सरोकाररालाले नेपालमा लैंगिक हिंसाका घटनाहरुमा पीडकलाई राजनीतिक दल र नेताहरुले संरक्षण गरी दिँदा समस्या हुने गरेको बताएका छन् । पीडकलाई राजनीतिक संरक्षण दिएर दलहरु हिंसा अन्त्यको बाधक बन्न थालेको उनीहरुको निराश छ ।

लैंगिक हिंसा विरुद्धको २६ दिने अभियानअन्तर्गत काठमाडौंमा भएको कार्यक्रममा प्रतिनिधिसभाको महिला तथा समाजिक मामिला समितिका सचिव पद्म थापाको लैंगिक हिंसा पीडितले उन्नीसै गरेर न्यायको प्रक्रियामा लागेपछि पनि न्याय पाउने सुनिश्चता हुन नसकेको बताइन् । पीडितले उन्नीसै मालिगान छन् । तर न्यायको प्रक्रिया गति कठिन बनेको छ कि उनीहरुले न्याय पाउने वा नपाउने दुवै हुँदैन, उनले पनि, लससपछि पीडकहरु हुने आक्रान्त भएर जानै कठिन छ ।



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२ शर्क



काठमाडौं। यौन हिंसा पीडितका समाचार सङ्कलन गर्दा गोपनीयता कायम राख्ने विषयमा एक दिने मिडिया अभिमुखीकरण कार्यक्रम समाप्त सम्पन्न भयो। तैपिक हिंसाविरुद्धको १६ दिने अभियान अन्तर्गत महिला, कानून र विकास मन्त्र (एफडब्लुएलडी) र इन्सुलिटो न ओले संस्कारकर्मीहरूलाई अभिमुखीकरण कार्यक्रम राखेको हो।

तौन दर्जनभन्दा बढी संस्कारकर्मीलाई प्रथमपञ्चन्यायधीन कल्याणकुमार श्रेष्ठ र वरिष्ठ संस्कारकर्मी बबिता बस्नेतले प्रशिक्षण दिएका थिए।

पूर्वपञ्चन्यायपीठ श्रेष्ठले गोपनीयताको हक र प्रकाशन स्वतन्त्रताबिचको फरक बुझेर यौन हिंसा पीडितको समाचार सङ्कलन एवं प्रकाशन गरिनुपर्नेमा जोड दिए।

उन्ले गोपनीयता व्यक्तिका स्वायत्ता र सम्मानको विषय भएकाते परको सम्मान गरिनुपर्ने बताए। महिलाको गोपनीयता अरुभन्दा बनेदनासित हुने भएकाले यक विवादाय ध्यान दिनु पूर्व प्रथमपञ्चन्यायपीठ श्रेष्ठले संस्कारकर्मीलाई सुझाव दिए।

“योी प्रभावित नभई आरोपितको नाम साँजतिक गर्न पाइद, आरोपितहरूका विषयमा अपराध गरे जसरी नै समाचार आउने र पछि अपराधबाट प्रमाथिग नहुने विषयमा सजको जवाबदेहिता नभएको हो भन्नेमा ध्यान दिनुपर्छ। जवाबदेहिता नबनेसम्म हामी प्रजातन्त्रिक हुँदैनौं, प्रजातन्त्रमा सबैको हक, अधिकारको ममान गरिनुपर्छ। सबै जनाकडेरी बसुपर्छ”-उन्ले भने।

वैज्ञिक हिंसाका कारण विश्वमा कुल गार्हस्थ्य उत्पादनको दुई प्रतिशत नोकसान हुने गरेकोले यसको अन्त्यका लागि नबैले योगदान गर्नुपर्ने पूर्व प्रधानन्यायाधीन श्रेष्ठको भनाइ थियो। हिंसाका पर्यन्ति १० प्रतिशतको मात्र न्यायमा पहुँच भएकोले धेरैले पीडित भन्ने जीवन गुजारेको जनाकारी पनि उन्ले गमाए। परको अन्त्यका लागि न्यायमा पहुँच नुद्धिका लागि उने संरोकार भएका सबैले सहकार्य गर्नुपर्नेमा पूर्व प्रधानन्यायाधीन श्रेष्ठको जोड थियो।



नागरिकता ऐन संशोधनमा संकल्प प्रस्ताव लैजाने कांग्रेस-एमाले महिला सांसदको तयारी

काठमाडौं। नेपाली कांग्रेस र एमाले सांसदको संयुक्त प्रस्तावमा संशोधित नागरिकता ऐन लै जाँदा मिडियाले सुझाव दिए।



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काठमाडौं, अक्टोबर १३। नागरिकता ऐनमा संशोधन प्रस्तावमा संशोधित नागरिकता ऐन लै जाँदा मिडियाले सुझाव दिए।

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‘End GBV to empower women in real sense’

Himalayan News Service
Kathmandu, November 27

Former Chief Justice Kalyan Shrestha said abolishing gender-based violence was crucial to ensuring real empowerment of women.

Addressing an orientation organised by Forum for Women, Law and Development here today, Shrestha said women were being made victims of gender-based violence mainly because they were not treated as equals in society and they were not empowered.

Stakeholders in Nepal are marking 16 days of activism against gender-based violence (GBV) commencing from November 25.

Protecting our mothers and daughters is like protecting ourselves, former CJ Shrestha added.

“The group that is not empowered is more vulnerable and such a group lags behind in all fields. As women are not empowered, they are hard hit during disasters and wars,” he said.

He said it was the duty of media to protect the identity of victims of GBV as they had the right to privacy. If victims’ identity is not protected, they cannot come forward to report crimes committed against them and seek justice against the perpetrators.

Shrestha said the Australian justice system offered a good example of support system where government agencies offer inter-continental settlement for government witnesses for depositing against their perpetrators and helping the justice process.

Shrestha said that if the existing policies and laws were implemented honestly, that could help the country achieve the goals of women employment, but implementation of laws and policies was a real challenge.

Former CJ Shrestha said the cost of violence against women could amount to around 2 per cent of the global gross domestic product, equivalent to \$1.5 trillion and that showed how serious the problem was.

Executive Director of Media Advocacy Group Bahita Basnet said protecting the identity of gender-based violence victims was important. She said no indicators that could identify GBV victims should be used by media outlets to protect their identity. Basnet also said media should not give a fictitious name to

Women are victimised mainly because they are neither treated as equals nor empowered

people whose real name matches such fictitious names felt embarrassed.

Stating that one is innocent until proven guilty, a principle of criminal justice, she also said that a debate should start as to whether media should also protect the names of alleged perpetrators until they were convicted by the court.

Executive Director of FWLD Sabin Shrestha told *THE* that the 16 days of activism against GBV had a positive impact in the country as the issue had now become a priority for all tiers of government.

He said Nepal Police had recently launched a policy expressing commitment to zero tolerance against GBV, which was commendable.

He however, said more needed to be done to address GBV.

This year the issue of rooting out gender-based violence required the government to allocate adequate resources to address GBV and to provide support systems to victims of GBV. Shrestha said new data showed there had been a spike in cybercrime against women.

Nepal Police data shows that between 17 July 2022 and 16 July 2023, 51 per cent victims of cyber crime were women, 1.4 per cent were children and 5.7 per cent were members of gender and sexual minority. In the same period, 2,387 cases of rape and 518 cases of attempted rape were reported.

Domestic violence tops the list of GBV with 16,519 cases reported in the fiscal year that ended on July 16. A total of 124 cases of human trafficking, 52 cases of child marriage, 723 cases of bigamy, 10 cases of human trafficking and rape, 59 cases of kidnapping and rape and 27 cases of caste discrimination were reported in this period.

According to Nepal Police data, in the fiscal year 2022-23, a total of 2,387 cases of rape were reported. In the fiscal year 2022 alone 2,388 cases of rape were reported. The number of rape cases was 2,532 in the fiscal year 2020-21, 2,143 in 2019-20 and 2,230 in 2018-19.

Similarly, in fiscal year 2022-23, 16,519 cases of domestic violence were reported. The number of domestic violence cases was 17,000 in the fiscal year 2021-22, 14,232 in 2020-21, 11,738 in 2019-20 and 14,774 in the fiscal year of 2018-19.





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भूकम्पबाट बढी प्रभावित जाजरकोटमा बरेकोट र कुशे गाउँपालिका, नलागाड र भेरी नगरपालिकामा ५ वर्ष मुनिका १० हजार

