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Take away on
Sexual and Gender Based Violence

3-Day District-Level Multi-Stakeholder Training on Addressing SGBV through a Victim-Centric Approach and SRHR

✦ April 3-5, 2026, Doti ✦

FWLD successfully organized a 3-day Training for DistrictLevel Multi-Stakeholders on Addressing Sexual and GenderBased Violence (SGBV) through a Victim-Centric Approach and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR). The training brought together representatives from key district-level institutions, including the Doti District Court, One-Stop Crisis Management Center (OCMC), District Government Attorney's Office, District Police Office, Legal Aid Committee, as well as law practitioners, mediators, and judicial committee members. Medical jurisprudence and protection of evidence a highlight of the training was a Mock Trial, in which participants role-played a hypothetical domestic violence case, representing their respective institutions. The exercise enabled participants to view issues through a survivor's lens and identify areas for improvement in delivering victim centric services. Mr. Binod Chandra Devkota welcomed the participants and outlined the program's objectives. The sessions were moderated by Advocate Bal Bahadur Kunwar, with coordination support from Ms. Kiran Kunwar.

✦ May 20-22, 2026, Nawalparasi (East) ✦

Experts from the judiciary, prosecution, police, health sector, and legal profession led sessions in their respective fields of expertise. A key highlight of the training was a mock trial on a hypothetical domestic violence case, enabling participants to apply a victim-centric approach and strengthen inter-agency coordination. The three-day program was inaugurated by Honorable Kamal Prasad Gyawali, Judge of the District Court, and concluded by Ms. Phul Kumari Thanet, Deputy Mayor of Kawasoti Municipality. Advocate Bhupendra Khanal welcomed participants and outlined the program objectives, while Advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha moderated the sessions with coordination support from Ms. Sunita KC.

✦ May 25-27, 2026, Salyan ✦

The sessions were facilitated by:

- Hon. Judge Prahalad Kumar Yogi, Salyan District Court
- Mr. Purna Bahadur Thapa Magar, District Attorney, Salyan
- Mr. Devraj Bhattarai, Police Inspector, Salyan
- Dr. Jagatkiran Oli, Representative, Salyan Hospital (OCMC)
- Senior Advocate Meera Dhungana
- Advocate Binu Lama

The training covered a range of important issues, including:

- Conceptual understanding of sex, gender, and sexuality
- Forms of SGBV and related legal provisions
- Rights of survivors of SGBV
- Gender-responsive and victim-centric investigation approaches
- Judicial perspectives on SGBV cases
- Interim relief and compensation mechanisms
- Medical jurisprudence and preservation of evidence

One of the major highlights of the training was the Mock Trial exercise, where participants represented their respective institutions in a simulated domestic violence case. The practical exercise encouraged participants to better understand survivors' experiences and reflect on improving coordinated, victim-centric responses.

✦ June 15-17, 2026, Palpa ✦

The training sessions were facilitated by:

- Honorable Judge Hari Prasad Sharma Upadhaya, Palpa District Court
- Mr. Churamani Parajuli, District Attorney, Palpa
- Mr. Bhim Lal Bhattarai, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Palpa
- Dr. Bipin Paudel, In-charge, Palpa District Hospital (OCMC)
- Advocate Sabin Shrestha
- Advocate Binu Lama

Throughout the three days, participants engaged in interactive discussions on a wide range of topics, including:

- Understanding sex, gender, sexuality, and gender diversity
- Forms of SGBV and applicable legal frameworks
- Rights and entitlements of survivors of violence
- Gender-responsive and victim-centric investigation and response mechanisms
- Judicial approaches to SGBV cases
- Interim relief, protection, and compensation provisions
- Medical jurisprudence, forensic evidence, and evidence preservation procedures

A key feature of the training was the Mock Trial Exercise, in which participants assumed the roles of various institutions involved in handling a domestic violence case. The simulation provided a practical learning opportunity to examine survivors' experiences, strengthen institutional coordination, and promote a more effective victim-centric response system.

Showcasing a Theatre performance 'PRIMA FACIE'

✦ April 19, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

कान्तिपुर | न्यायार

यौन हिंसाको कानुनबारे संवेदनशील बन्न आग्रह

कानुनहरूमा देखिएका अवरोध पहिचान गर्न बनेको अध्ययन कार्यदलका सदस्य एवम् वरिष्ठ अधिवक्ता मीरा ढुंगानाले ध्यानल हिंसकसनमा यौन हिंसाको मुद्दामा जिल्लादेखि सर्वोच्च अदालतसम्मका आफ्ना अनुभवहरु सुनाएकी थिइन् । आफू पीडित भएको महसुस गरेर कानुनमा सुधार गर्नुपर्ने उनको धनाई थियो ।

प्रकृति एकाल

FWLD, in presentation of Katha Ghera, showcased a theatre performance, "PRIMA FACIE," at Kausi Theatre, Teku. FWLD is grateful to the entire team of Katha Ghera, especially Pashupati Rai, who was the solo performer on stage, and Akanchha Karki, the director of the show. The performance presented the perspective of rape victims, revolving around laws, practices, the judicial system, and existing gaps.

The performance was followed by a panel discussion where Mr. Parashwor Dhungana (Secretary, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs), Ms. Bina Dahal (Assistant Government Attorney, Office of the Attorney General), and Senior Advocate Meera Dhungana were guests. They shared insights based on their experience, expertise, and roles as members of the "Study Committee" formed by the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs to study about the necessary reforms in laws against sexual violence, including rape. At the end, Advocate Padma Acharya, Advocate Karuna Parajuli, Advocate Bishnu Bashyal (Dr.), Advocate Sagar Pathak, Advocate Luma Singh Bishowkarma, and Ms. Aruna Joshi including others shared their reflections and comments on the subject matter. The panel was facilitated by Advocate Rojina Shrestha whereas the program ended with Advocate Sabin Shrestha extending vote of thanks to the team, panelists, and participants.

Endorsement of Local laws and Mechanisms against SGBV

Different Municipalities around the country adopted laws and Policies against Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV). FWLD, collaborated and supported the local organizations such as IHRC, HuRENDEC Nepal, SAADA Nepal, KIRDARC, PACE Nepal, CAD Nepal and several Municipalities in drafting and adoption of the local laws and mechanisms against (SGBV). Through a series of coordinated advocacy efforts, Municipalities adopted the laws and policies against SGBV, tailored to their needs and context. Following the adoption, the Municipalities in collaboration with FWLD and respective local organizations, disseminated the endorsed laws and policies publicly and also felicitated FWLD for the overall support.

- Khajura Rural Municipality adopted and publicly disseminated the Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention) Code of Conduct on April 16, 2026.

- Discussion and handed over the Draft Policy "An Act for the Establishment and Operation of a Fund and a Center for the Protection of Victims of Gender Based Violence, Human Trafficking, and Domestic Violence, 2083," including the Referral Guideline addressing VAWG, 2083 and the Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention) Code of Conduct, was held at Raskot Municipality on May 2 and 3, 2026 respectively.

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सान्नीत्रिवेणी गाउँपालिका
कर्णाली प्रदेश, कालिकोट

प्रशंसा-पत्र

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- Discussion and handed over Draft Policy "An Act for the Establishment and Operation of a Fund and a Center for the Protection of Victims of Gender Based Violence, Human Trafficking, and Domestic Violence, 2083," was held at Naraharinath Rural Municipality on 6 and 7 May 2026 in Naraharinath Rural Municipality, Kalikot respectively.

नरहरिनाथ गाउँपालिका
कर्णाली प्रदेश, कालिकोट

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- Discussion and handed over Draft Policy "An Act for the Establishment and Operation of a Fund and a Center for the Protection of Victims of Gender Based Violence, Human Trafficking, and Domestic Violence, 2083," was held at Hima Rural Municipality on May 10 and 11, 2026, in Hima Rural Municipality, Jumla respectively.

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- Discussion and handed over draft policy "An Act for the Establishment and Operation of a Fund and a Center for the Protection of Victims of Gender Based Violence, Human Trafficking, and Domestic Violence, 2083" was held at Kanakasundari Rural Municipality, Jumla on May 14 and 15, 2026 respectively.

Mapping the Existing Service and Mechanism, Priority of Local Government and Gaps to Work on the GBV

✦ May 12, 2026, Jumla ✦

FWLD in collaboration with Sinja Rural Municipality, Plan International and PACE Nepal conducted a "Mapping and Orientation Program of policies against Violence against Women and girls". The program was chaired by Ms. Sitali Rokaya (Vice-chairperson, Sinja Rural Municipality). The program saw the participation of ward-chairperson, members of executive committee, members of judicial committee, girls club members and representatives of CBOs. The participants shared the existing VaWG and the policies against it the Rural Municipality. Advocate Rojina Shrestha delivered the presentation and identified the gaps in existing laws. Mr. Santosh Chaudhary welcomed and highlighted the objectives of the program whereas the program was moderated by Ms. Basana Budha.

Sharing and Consultation with the local government on identified gaps and planning for the next step

✦ May 13, 2026, Jumla ✦

FWLD, in collaboration with Sinja Rural Municipality, Plan International, and PACE Nepal, conducted a "Sharing of Identified Gaps, Consultation, and Planning Meeting". Advocate Rojina Shrestha shared the gaps identified after mapping existing laws and policies related to Violence against Women and Girls (VaWG) with the participants.

Ward chairpersons, members of the Executive Committee, members of the Judicial Committee, and the Vice-Chairperson of the Rural Municipality committed to enacting an Act related to the operation and management of the GBV Elimination Fund, as well as the Rehabilitation and Service Centre and Fund. The meeting asked FWLD to provide technical support in this process. The Vice-Chairperson of the Municipality delivered the closing speech, highlighting the importance of local laws and policies to address VaWG.

Policy Handover to Sinja Rural Municipality

- Discussion and handed over Draft Policy "An Act for the Establishment and Operation of a Fund and a Center for the Protection of Victims of Gender Based Violence, Human Trafficking, and Domestic Violence, 2083," including the Referral Guideline addressing VAWG, 2083 and the Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention) Code of Conduct, was held at Sinja Rural Municipality, Jumla on May 18 and 19, 2026 respectively.

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Local-Level Consultation on the Formulation of an Act for the Establishment and Operation of a Fund and Rehabilitation Center for Survivors of GBV, TIP and DV

In collaboration with various rural municipalities and with support from Australian Aid, FWLD organized local-level consultations on a draft Act to establish and operate a Fund and Rehabilitation Center for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), trafficking in persons (TIP), and domestic violence.

The consultation aimed to strengthen the local government's legal and institutional mechanisms for the protection, support, and rehabilitation of survivors of gender-based violence, trafficking in persons, and domestic violence by facilitating discussions on the proposed local legislation.

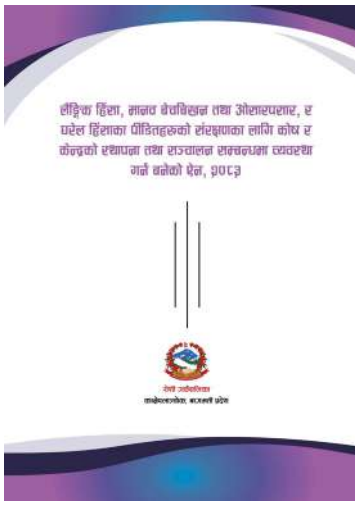
During the program, FWLD formally handed over a draft Act on the Establishment and Operation of a Fund and Rehabilitation Center for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence, Trafficking in Persons (TIP), and Domestic Violence to municipalities for consideration and further legislative process.

In recognition of FWLD's initiation and facilitation, various rural municipalities presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a token of love to the organization.

✦ June 18, 2026, Baganaskali Rural Municipality, Palpa ✦

✦ June 19, 2026, Ribdikot Rural Municipality, Palpa ✦

✦ June 22, 2026, Roshi Rural Municipality, Kavrepalanchok ✦



Discussion with Members of the National Assembly

✦ June 23, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

FWLD organized a discussion program with Members of the National Assembly on the critical issue of Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TF-GBV) in Kathmandu. The program was honored by the presence of two distinguished special guests:

- Hon. Krishna Bahadur Rokaya, Chairperson, Legislation Management Committee
- Hon. Puja Chaudhary, Chairperson, Public Policy and Delegated Legislation Committee

25 Members of the National Assembly actively participated in the discussion, reflecting strong legislative interest in addressing TF-GBV. Advocate Indu Tuladhar delivered a comprehensive presentation on the context and current situation of TF-GBV, covering the international legal framework as well as the existing domestic legal landscape of Nepal. The special guests emphasized the urgent need for dedicated legislation to effectively address TF-GBV. The program was moderated by Advocate Smriti Moktan and concluded with a vote of thanks by Advocate Sabin Shrestha. FWLD remains committed to advocating for laws and policies that protect women and girls from all forms of gender-based violence, including those perpetuated through technology.

Take away on
Election Observation of HoR 2026 from GEDSI Perspective

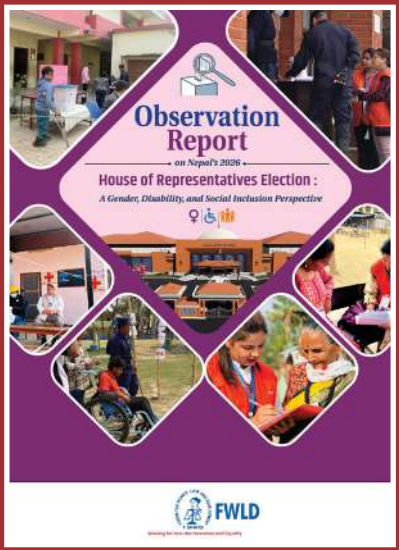
Discussion Program on the Draft Report of Election Observation

✦ April 1, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

FWLD organized a discussion program in Kathmandu on the draft report of the observation of the House of Representatives Election 2026 from a GEDSI perspective. The session brought together members of the Election Coordination Center, a coalition of 15 organizations working for the rights of women through an intersectional approach. The election observation was jointly conducted by 14 organizations under the leadership of FWLD. Advocate Seema Dhami presented the draft report, followed by an engaging discussion where participants shared valuable inputs, insights, and field experiences to strengthen the report. The program was facilitated by Advocate Smriti Moktan.

Launching of Election Observation Report

✦ June 8, 2026, Kathmandu ✦



FWLD organized a program to launch the "Observation Report on Nepal's 2026 House of Representatives Election: A Gender, Disability and Social Inclusion Perspective". The program was chaired by Sr. Advocate Meera Dhungana, and the Chief Guest was Hon'ble Dr. Janaki Kumari Tuladhar, Commissioner, Election Commission of Nepal. FWLD, in collaboration with 14 CSOs, observed the election from a GEDSI perspective, deploying 160 observers across 23 different districts covering all 7 provinces. Advocate Sagar Pathak presented the key findings of the observation report, highlighting the need to reevaluate election centers to make them friendly to elderly citizens, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, sick people, and others who require special assistance. Additionally, he stressed the need for a law mandating political parties to allocate seats for female candidates in first-past-the-post elections. Hon'ble Dr Janaki Tuladhar stated that the Election Commission is looking forward to strengthening the voting process through gender-responsive, disability-friendly, and socially inclusive measures. She noted that many existing shortcomings would be addressed once the Election Bill, currently under discussion, is enacted. The program was facilitated by Advocate Rojina Shrestha.

Take away on
Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights

Landmark Decision on Harmonization of Maternity Leave Provions

FWLD is pleased to share that the Supreme Court of Nepal has issued a landmark decision mandating the harmonization of maternity leave provisions across all sectors to a minimum of 98 days, addressing long-standing legal inconsistencies that have disproportionately affected working women.

Nepal's legal framework has generally recognized 98 days as the standard maternity leave entitlement. However, several sector-specific laws have provided significantly lower benefits, creating disparities in women's access to maternity protection. For instance, the Labour Act, 2017 provides 60 days of leave, while other provisions – including the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Rules, 2006 (90 days), Nepal Health Service Regulation, 1999 (60 days), National Vigilance Police Regulation, 2014 (60 days), Additional Postal Service Rules, 1998 (30 days), Working Journalist Rules, 1993 (60 days), and Armed Police Force Regulations, 2016 (60 days) – fall below the recognized standard.

Challenging these discrepancies, the Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD) filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking uniform implementation of at least 98 days of maternity leave across all sectors. The petition argued that the existing variations were discriminatory and inconsistent with constitutional guarantees, as well as Nepal's international commitments under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and ILO Convention No. 183.

The case was argued during the final hearing on 20 April 2026 by Senior Advocate Meera Dhungana, along with Advocates Sabin Shrestha, Sushama Gautam, Nabin Kumar Shrestha, Binu Lama, and Sajani K.C.

A Constitutional Bench led by Acting Chief Justice Sapana Pradhan Malla, and Justices Kumar Regmi, Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma, Til Prasad Shrestha, and Binod Sharma, issued the writ, affirming the need to align all maternity leave provisions with 98 days standards.

The ruling is expected to have significant implications for gender equality in the workplace, requiring the government to amend or harmonize conflicting legal provisions to ensure equal maternity protection for women across all sectors.

Discussion Program with Multi-stakeholder Service Providers on Addressing GBV and Violence in Reproductive Health

✦ April 10, 2026, Birendranagar, Surkhet ✦

FWLD and Ipas Neapl organized a discussion program in Birendranagar, Surkhet, based on the training manual prepared for an interactive training program with multi-stakeholder service providers on addressing gender-based violence and violence in reproductive health from a victim-centered perspective.

The discussion program brought together the Deputy Mayors and Chairperson of the local judicial committees as well as their members, representatives from the High Court, District court, District Government Attorney's Offices, Stipend Lawyers, One-stop Crisis Management Centers (OCMC), District Police Offices, Legal Aid Committees, as well as Senior Lawyer and Legal Practitioners, Mediators, and District-level Organizations.

The session was facilitated by Dr. Deeb Dangol Shrestha from Ipas Neapl, Advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha and Advocate Smriti Moktan from FWLD, and coordinated by Advocate Geeta Koirala.

Virtual Discussion Program on the Need of SRHR Local Law

✦ April 17, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

A virtual discussion program with Ghodaghodi Municipality, Kailali on the need of local safe motherhood and reproductive health rights law was conducted. Ms. Shristi Singh, an SRHR fellow for FWLD, presented the legal frameworks regarding SRHR and the importance of local law to further implement the safe motherhood and reproductive health rights of women. The municipality committed to initiate the local law to address safe motherhood and reproductive health of women where FWLD will provide technical support in drafting and operationalizing these legal frameworks.

Reproductive Health Rights Working Group (RHRWG) Meeting

Date : April 24, 2026

Venue : Kathmndu

Agenda

- Discuss and finalize the appeal letter on why the Government of Nepal should accept the recommendations made in the report submitted by the Government of Nepal to the UPR under the fourth cycle.

Date : May 26, 2026

Venue : Kathmndu

Agenda

- Discussion on the future strategy to coordinate and discuss with the concern stakeholders regarding the amendments to be made to the Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health Rights Act, 2075 BS.

F FOR FEMINISM

✦ April 21, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

Marking the 116th International Women's Day, an event "F for Feminism" with focus on Respectful Maternity Care and Protection from Obstetric Violence was conducted on April 21, 2026 at Nepal Tourism Board Hall, Kathmandu. The program was chaired by Senior Advocate Ms. Geeta Devi Aryal, Chairperson of FWLD where Honorable Jayanti Devi Rai, Chair of Committee on Federalism Enablement and National Concerns, National Assembly was the special guest for the program. The program was participated by law professors, law and nursing students, SRHR Youth Fellows, media personnel, right activists, representatives of various CSOs and RH experts. The program was filled with drama and discussion along with an info-graphic video regarding the issue. Advocate Sabin Shrestha highlighted the program's purpose, sharing the lived realities of survivors by presenting case studies of obstetric violence in Nepal whereas Advocate Deepesh Shrestha presented on the outcomes of FWLD's fact-finding study regarding safe maternity care and obstetric violence. The SRHR Youth Fellows for FWLD were also felicitated in the program. The program was moderated by Advocate Rojina Shrestha.

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के हो प्रसूति हिंसा, कसरी न्यूनिकरण गर्ने ?

काठमाडौं, वैशाख ९ : राष्ट्रियसभा अन्तर्गतको संघीयता सबलीकरण तथा राष्ट्रिय सरोकार समितिकी सभापति जयन्तीदेवी राईले प्रसूति हिंसासम्बन्धी विषयमा सम्बन्धित मन्त्रालयका पदाधिकारीलाई बोलाएर छलफल गर्ने बताएकी छन्।

१२६ औं अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय महिला दिवसको अवसरमा महिला, कानुन र विकास मञ्च (एफडब्लुएलडी) ले मंगलबार आयोजना गरेको मबाट महिलावाट कार्यक्रममा सम्मानजनक मातृत्व सेवा तथा प्रसूति हिंसाबाट स्वस्थ विषयमा मन्त्रण राख्दै सभापति राईले यस्तो बताएकी हुन्। उनले भनिन्, 'निजीको तुलनामा सरकारी अस्पतालमा प्रसूति सेवा लिँदा हिंसा हुने गरेको पाइएको छ। सुन्दै अनौठो लाग्ने यस्ता विषयमा गृह र स्वास्थ्य मन्त्रालयका पदाधिकारीहरूँ यो विषयमा छलफल गर्नुपु।'

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सम्मानजनक प्रसूति सेवाको वर्तमान अवस्था र कार्यक्रमको उद्देश्यबारे एफडब्लुएलडीका कार्यकारी निर्देशक अधिवक्ता सविन श्रेष्ठले प्रकाश पार्नेका थिए। प्रसूति सेवा लिँदा हिंसा धयो धने मजाकका लागि कानुनको अधार रहेको र संयुक्त राष्ट्रसङ्घको महिलाविरुद्ध हुने सबै प्रकारका भेदभाव उन्मूलन गर्ने महासन्धिसम्बन्धी (सिडा) कमिटीको शर्ती आवधिक प्रतिवेदनमा समेत कानुन निर्माण गर्न नेपाल सरकारलाई सुझाव दिएको निर्देशक श्रेष्ठले बताए।

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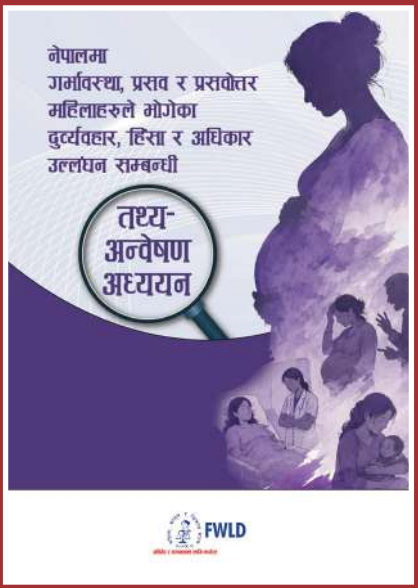
प्रसूति हिंसाबारे राष्ट्रियसभामा छलफल गर्ने तयारी

Ankita Niraula | Apr 21, 2026

Fact Finding Study Launching Program

✦ April 22, 2026, Kathmandu ✦



A program was held to launch the Fact-finding Study on Abuse, Violence, and Violations of Rights Experienced by Women during Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Postpartum Period in Nepal, a research conducted by FWLD. The event was attended by representatives from various online, print, and broadcast media outlets. Advocate Deepesh Shrestha presented the research results and recommendations, while Advocate Sabin Shrestha discussed case studies on obstetric violence and the necessity of stronger legal frameworks for respectful maternity care, and to address such violences. The program was moderated by Advocate Rojina Shrestha.

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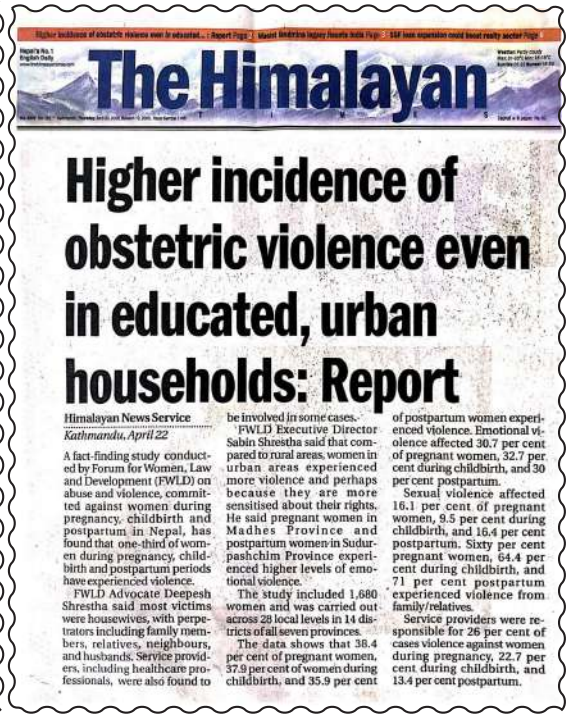
गर्भावस्था र प्रसूतिकै क्रममा हिंसा !

अशिक्षा, लैंगिक विभेद, सामाजिक तथा आडम्बरयुक्त सांस्कृतिक मान्यता जस्ता कारणले नेपालमा अहिले पनि सुरक्षित तथा सम्मानजनक प्रसूति सेवामा चुनौती कायम रहेको महिला अधिकार तथा कानुन मञ्चको अध्ययनले औंल्याएको छ ।



The Himalayan

Higher incidence of obstetric violence even in educated, urban households: Report

Himalayan News Service
Kathmandu, April 22

A fact-finding study conducted by Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD) on abuse and violence, committed against women during pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum in Nepal, has found that one-third of women during pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum periods have experienced violence.

FWLD Advocate Deepesh Shrestha said most victims were housewives, with perpetrators including family members, relatives, neighbours, and husbands. Service providers, including healthcare professionals, were also found to be involved in some cases.

FWLD Executive Director Sabin Shrestha said that compared to rural areas, women in urban areas experienced more violence and perhaps because they are more sensitised about their rights. He said pregnant women in Madhes Province and postpartum women in Sudurpashchim Province experienced higher levels of emotional violence.

The study included 1,680 women and was carried out across 28 local levels in 14 districts of all seven provinces.

The data shows that 38.4 per cent of pregnant women, 37.9 per cent of women during childbirth, and 35.9 per cent of postpartum women experienced violence. Emotional violence affected 30.7 per cent of pregnant women, 32.7 per cent during childbirth, and 30 per cent postpartum.

Sexual violence affected 16.1 per cent of pregnant women, 9.5 per cent during childbirth, and 16.4 per cent postpartum. Sixty per cent pregnant women, 64.4 per cent during childbirth, and 71 per cent postpartum experienced violence from family/relatives.

Service providers were responsible for 26 per cent of cases violence against women during pregnancy, 22.7 per cent during childbirth, and 13.4 per cent postpartum.

Orientation Program for SRHR Provincial Champions

✦ April 25-26, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

An orientation program was conducted to empower provincial champions of SRHR. The program provided a comprehensive dive into various SRHR components led by legal and reproductive health experts. Advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha, Ms. Madhabi Bajracharya and Advocate Deepesh Shrestha led sessions on intersection of SRHR and human rights, safe abortion and the prevention of obstetric violence. The program was moderated by Ms. Didkiksa Singh.

Consultation Meeting on Draft Policy Brief Paper

✦ April 28, 2026, Lalitpur ✦

A consultation meeting was conducted to discuss a draft policy brief. This policy brief highlights the need of a respectful maternity care and protection from obstetric violence. Advocate Deepesh Shrestha presented the policy paper, followed by an open discussion where the participants offered their insights. The attendees included lawyers, RH experts, researchers, representatives from civil societies and media personnel. The program was moderated by Advocate Smriti Moktan.

Dissemination of Advocacy Paper and Discussion on Strategic Pathways

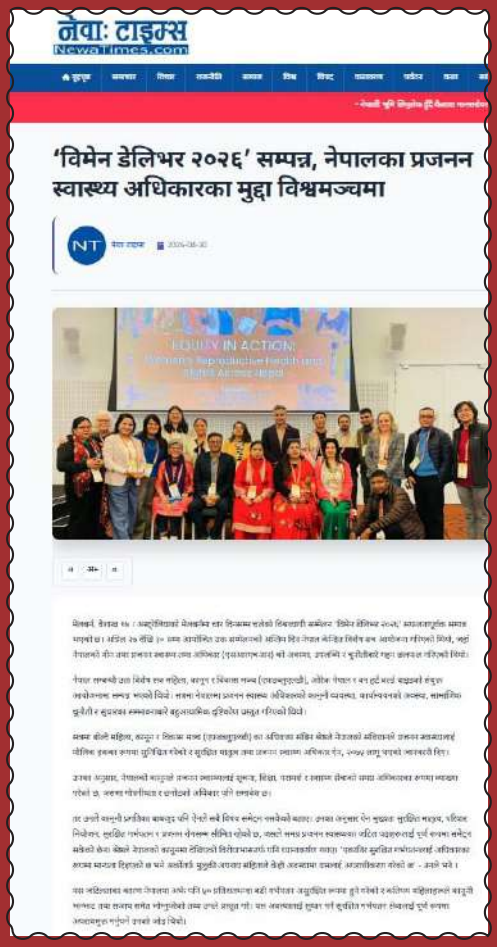
✦ April 29, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

A dissemination program for an advocacy paper on family planning and a discussion on strategic pathways was conducted. The paper advocates for strengthening family planning initiatives as a core component of sexual and reproductive health rights, emphasizing the urgent need for increased policy focus to ensure access to services across Nepal. Advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha presented the paper, followed by an open discussion where participants highlighted ongoing challenges in accessing family planning. Ms. Sharmila Dahal, Chief of the Family Planning and Reproductive Health Section of the Family Welfare Division (FWD), discussed existing issues in Nepal and shared the FWD's initiatives to address them. Attendees included media personnel, lawyers, reproductive health experts, activists, and civil society representatives.

Hosted Side Event in Women Deliver 2026 Conference

FWLD jointly with Worec and One Heart Worldwide organized a side event on "Reproductive Health and Rights across Nepal" in Women Deliver 2026 Conference at Melbourne, Australia on 30 April, 2026.

Advocate Sabin Shrestha (FWLD), Dr. Renu Adhikary (Worec) and Mr. Surya Bhatta (One Heart Worldwide) are key speakers of the event. The session was moderated by Ms. Alexandra Johns (Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights). Advocate Sabin Shrestha and Advocate Binu Lama participated in Women Deliver 2026 Conference from FWLD.



Community Outreach Program on SRHR

A community outreach program on sexual and reproductive health rights was conducted in six provinces. The purpose of the program was to educate community members about sexual and reproductive health and their rights, along with the legal support available in the event of rights violations. The event saw participation of community members, ward members, police personnel, and representative from OCMC, health institutions and the media.

Date : May 1, 2026
Venue : Rupandehi, Lumbini Province

Date : May 3, 2026
Venue : Dailekh, Karnali Province

Date : May 21, 2026
Venue : Kailali, Sudurpaschhim Province

Date : May 26, 2026
Venue : Jhapa, Koshi Province

Date : May 31, 2026
Venue : Ilam, Koshi Province

Date : June 6, 2026
Venue : Rajbiraj, Madhesh Province

Date : June 11, 2026
Venue : Pokhara, Gandaki Province

Quality, Affordable, Accessible, and Safe: The Right to Abortion Services

✦ May 13, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

FWLD, in partnership with CRR, organized an event themed "Quality, Affordable, Accessible, and Safe: The Right to Abortion Services" to commemorate the International Women's Health Day. This event drew a wide array of participants, including parliamentarians, legal professionals, representative of government and non-government office, media person, law students, representatives of civil society, and reproductive health experts.

The program was chaired by Senior Advocate Ms. Geeta Devi Aryal, Chairperson of FWLD, where Honorable Puja Chaudhary, Chairperson of Committee on Public Policy and Delegated Legislation Committee, National Assembly was the Chief guest for the program.

The event featured several segments. A key part of the event was a documentary video showcasing Nepal's journey towards abortion rights and delivered a theatrical performance emphasizing the necessity of decriminalizing abortion in Nepal, leading to an open discussion among participants.

Advocate Prabina Bajracharya, Regional Director of CRR, highlighted the content of the program and the legal provisions related to safe abortion services and the issues that need to be amended. The program was moderated by Advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha.

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गर्भपतनलाई अपराध संहितामा नराख्न माग : कसरी सुरक्षित बनाउने?

Residential Constructive Dialogue on "Situation of Obstetric Violence in Nepal and the Necessity of Laws Addressing the Violence" with Honorable Members of the National Assembly

✦ May 15-16, 2026, Nagarkot ✦

FWLD organized a two-day residential dialogue with Honorable Members of the National Assembly to discuss the widespread yet overlooked issue of obstetric violence – abuse, neglect, and violation of women's rights during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period.

The program aimed to share findings of FWLD's Fact-Finding Study on obstetric violence, review existing legal provisions and gaps in Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights, and build parliamentary commitment towards dedicated legislation addressing obstetric violence in Nepal, in line with recommendations from the CEDAW Committee and UPR.

The program opened with remarks and objectives by Sr. Advocate Meera Dhungana, followed by a powerful Forum Theatre performance on obstetric violence by Vajrapani Arts Pvt. Ltd. (directed by Mr. Robin Dong Tamang) to set the context, followed by interactive discussions.

Advocate Binu Lama presented key findings from FWLD's study and highlighted the necessity of laws addressing obstetric violence and ensuring respectful and dignified maternity care, which sparked in-depth discussion among the members. Advocate Binod Chandra Devkota successfully moderated the sessions.

Total of 28 Honorable Members of the National Assembly participated in the program. They acknowledged that obstetric violence, though common and even personally experienced by some members, has long been overlooked and normalized.

The members committed to raise and champion this issue within the National Assembly and its committees

Abortion Right: Reproductive Health Right

✦ May 28, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

FWLD, in partnership with Ipas Nepal, organized an event themed "Abortion Right: Reproductive Health Right" to commemorate the International Women's Health Day. This event drew a wide array of participants, including Honorable Federal Parliamentarians, legal professionals, representative of Ministry of Health and Food Safety and concern Ministry, government and non-government health sector representatives, representative of National human Right Commission and National Dalit Commission, civil society representatives, and reproductive health experts.

The event featured several segments. A key part of the event was a Forum Theatre. Theater team of Bajrapani Arts delivered a theatrical performance emphasizing the necessity of decriminalizing abortion in Nepal, leading to an open discussion among participants.

Senior Advocate Gita Devi Aryal presided over the event where as Advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha highlighted the content of the program and the legal provisions related to safe abortion services and the issues that need to be amended. The program was moderated by Advocate Rojina Shrestha.

During the event, the team of YoSHAN, collaborated with SMNF contributed maintaining a health desk where participants could receive a normal health check-up.

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Need for full decriminalisation of abortion stressed

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By A Staff Reporter, Kathmandu, June 2: Rights activists and lawmakers have stressed the need for the full decriminalisation of abortion, arguing that women and girls across the country continue to suffer due to legal restrictions and gaps in implementation.

Speaking at an interaction programme jointly organised by the Family Welfare Division, Ipas, and the Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD) participants highlighted the challenges faced by women seeking abortion services beyond the legally permitted gestational limit.

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सुरक्षित मातृत्व तथा प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य अधिकार रोन र मुलुकी अपराध संहितामा गर्भपानलाई आंशिक रूपमा अपराधीकरण गरिएको अवस्थालाई सुधार गर्नुपर्ने विषयमा महिला कानुन तथा विकास महले काठमाडौंमा गरेको कार्यक्रममा सो बारे थालो व्याख भएको हो।

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Handover and Discussion Program on Draft Local SMRHR Act

A discussion program on the draft of the Local Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health Rights Act for various municipalities was conducted. Mayors, Deputy Mayors of respective municipalities, chief administrative officer, municipal executive committee members alongside representatives from various sections, including the Women and Children, Disaster Management, Law, and Health participated the program. Advocate Deepesh Shrestha led the discussion by presenting the draft law, which was formally handed over to the municipalitues at the conclusion of the event.

Date : June 8, 2026
Municipality : Ghodaghodi Municipality, Kailali

Date : June 10, 2026
Municipality : Dipayal Silgadhi Municipality, Doti

Date : June 11, 2026
Municipality : Sanfebagar Municipality, Accham

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Discussion Program with Honorable Members of the National Assembly

✦ May 26, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

FWLD organized a discussion program with Honorable Members of the National Assembly on the National Roadmap 2082 prepared for the Implementation of the Concluding Observations provided by the CEDAW Committee. The program brought together 20 Members of the National Assembly, including Hon'ble Puja Chaudhary, Chairperson of the Public Policy and Delegated Legislation Committee. The discussion focused on the importance, preparation, and implementation process of the National Roadmap 2082, as well as key recommendations for legal reform.

- Hon'ble Puja Chaudhary delivered remarks on the role of the CEDAW Convention in shaping women's rights.
- Ms. Indira Acharya from the Ministry of Women, Children, Gender and Sexual Minorities and Social Security presented on the preparation process of the roadmap and its implementation.
- Advocate Sabin Shrestha presented on the legal reformation that should be carried out while implementing the CEDAW Roadmap.
- Ms. Rachana Bhattarai from UN Women welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of implementing the concluding observations.

Discussion Program with Parliamentarians

✦ June 15, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

FWLD organized a discussion program with Honorable Members of the House of Representatives on the National Roadmap 2082 prepared by the Government for the Implementation of the Concluding Observations provided by the CEDAW Committee. The program brought together 18 parliamentarians.
The discussion focused on the CEDAW and the importance, preparation, and implementation process of the National Roadmap 2082, as well as key recommendations for legal reform. Prof. Dr. Sashi Adhikari presented on the CEDAW and its principles, along with special rights protected by CEDAW. Advocate Sagar Pathak presented on the legal reformation that should be carried out while implementing the CEDAW Roadmap. Advocate Smriti Moktan moderated the program.

Take away on
Citizenship/Legal Identity

Interaction on Legal Identity (Citizenship & Birth Registration)

FWLD, in collaboration with various municipalities, organized an interaction program on legal identity focusing on citizenship certificates and birth registration. The program aimed to promote meaningful dialogue on legal provisions, judicial interpretations, and practical challenges related to acquiring citizenship and registering births.

Date : April 6, 2026
Municipality : Dipayal Silgadhi Municipality, Doti
Participant: 26 participants, including ward chairs and secretaries from all 9 wards, government officials, and representatives from the Civil Registration Department.

Date : May 6, 2026
Municipality : Parsagadhi Municipality, Parsa
Participant: 31 participants, including ward chairs and ward secretaries from all nine wards, government officials, and representatives from the Civil Registration Department.

Date : May 8, 2026
Municipality : Marin Rural Municipality, Sindhuli

Date : May 22, 2026
Municipality : Sharada Municipality, Salyan

Date : June 12, 2026
Municipality : Tansen Municipality, Palpa

Take away on
Women's Economic Rights

Community Awareness Program on Women's Economic Rights

FWLD successfully organized Community Awareness Programs on Women's Economic Rights in various districts.

Women's economic rights are essential for achieving meaningful empowerment and gender equality. Despite existing legal protections and entitlements, many women remain unaware of their rights, limiting their ability to access and benefit from economic opportunities and resources. The programs were therefore designed to enhance awareness of women's economic rights and strengthen women's capacity to exercise, claim, and protect those rights with confidence.

Date : April 2, 2026
Municipality : Silgadhi, Ward No. 6 – Dipayal Silgadhi Municipality, Doti, Sudurpaschhim Province

Date : April 6, 2026
Municipality : Silgadhi, Ward No. 7 – Dipayal Silgadhi Municipality, Doti, Sudurpaschhim Province

Date : May 5, 2026
Municipality : Jirabhawani Rural Municipality and Pokhariya Municipality, Parsa, Madhesh Province

Date : May 7-8, 2026
Municipality : Kamalamai Municipality-4 and 14, Sindhuli District, Bagmati Province

Date : May 23-24, 2026
Municipality : Sharada Municipality-12 and Chhatreshwori Rural Municipality-6, Salyan District, Karnali Province

Date : June 13-14, 2026
Municipality : Tansen Municipality-9 and Bagnaskali Rural Municipality, Palpa District, Lumbini Province

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Take away on
Supplementary Activities

31st Anniversary of FWLD

✦ May 29, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

FWLD celebrated its 31st Anniversary with great enthusiasm, marking another year of commitment to advancing justice, equality, and human rights. The program commenced with heartfelt remarks from FWLD Chairperson Advocate Geeta Devi Aryal and Sr. Advocate Meera Kumari Dhungana, who reflected on the organization's journey, achievements, and continued dedication to promoting gender equality and social justice.

On this special occasion, FWLD recognized and honored its dedicated team members, Advocate Rojina Shrestha and Mr. Santosh Chaudhary, for their outstanding contributions, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to the organization's mission. The celebration also provided an opportunity to reflect on FWLD's achievements over the years and its continued efforts toward empowering women and marginalized communities.

Colleagues, partners, and well-wishers joined the celebration, reaffirming their shared commitment to creating a more just and equitable society. The anniversary served as a meaningful occasion for appreciation, reflection, and renewed dedication to FWLD's vision and values. The event was moderated by Advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha.

Observation visit

✦ May 4, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

First Year Master's Degree Nursing of Women Health Students of National Academy of Medical Sciences, Bir Hospital Nursing Campus visited Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD). During the observation visit, this organization gave the informed about the activities and advocacy in the field of women's human rights, and discussed with the student on the issue of sexual and reproductive health rights, legal identity, gender-based violence, children's rights, human trafficking and safe migration, economic and social rights, access to justice and legal aid, and others.

Orientation program on safeguarding and PSEAH policy

✦ April 18, 2026, Kathmandu ✦

FWLD conducted an orientation program on safeguarding and PSEAH policy on 18 April 2026 at Chhaimale Resort, Dakshinkali. Board members, general members and staffs of FWLD participated in the orientation program. Advocate Sabin Shrestha gave a presentation on the safeguarding and PSEAH policy of FWLD and the Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention) Act, 2014. The presentation was followed by discussion. Other organizational policies were also discussed during the orientation.

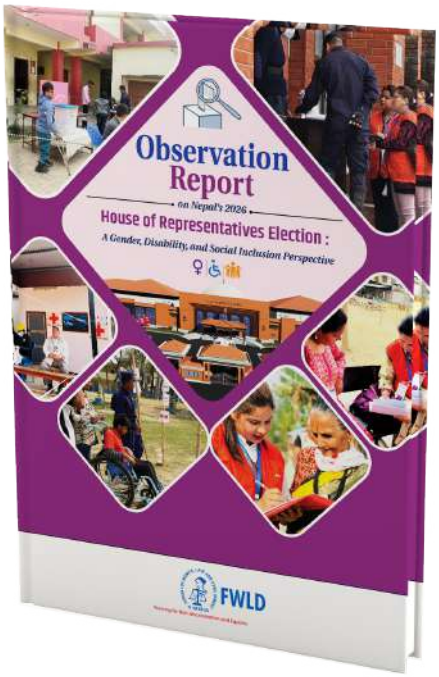
Take away on
Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

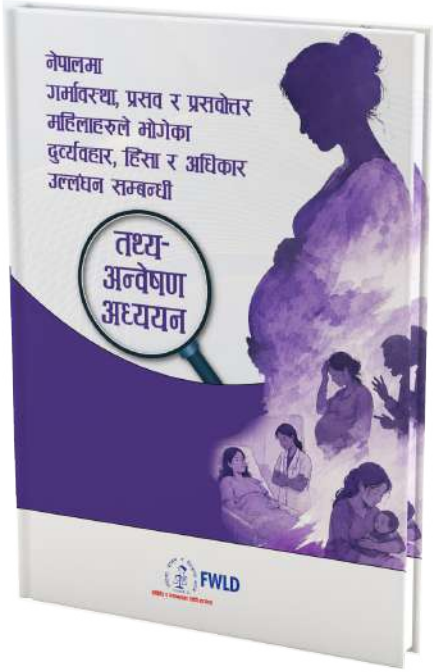
FWLD raised voice in 62nd session of the UN Human Rights Council

✦ June 30, 2026 ✦

On 30 June 2026, Nepal's report under the fourth cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was formally adopted during the 62nd Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva. Out of 284 total recommendations received, Nepal has formally accepted 225, noted 57, and commented on two. Representing civil society, Advocate Sabin Shrestha, on behalf of the Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD) and Equality Now, delivered a joint oral statement highlighting three major legal concerns in Nepal: expanding the legal definition of rape to include all forms of non-consensual sexual penetration, removing the statute of limitations for filing rape complaints, and providing legal protection for women in the informal sector.

• Publications •





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The Himalayan TIMES

Biased law against widows overturned

Himalayan News Service
Kathmandu, May 4

The Supreme Court has declared Section 214(2) of the Civil Code Act, 2017 ultra vires.

This provision required a widow getting married again to return her partition of property to her son or daughter and if she did not have any children then she could keep the property.

This order was passed by a five-member constitutional bench presided by Acting Chief Justice Sapana Pradhan Malla in a public interest litigation filed by Senior Advocate Meera Dhungana on her own behalf and on behalf of Forum for Women, Law and Development. Other Justices of the bench included Kumar Regmi, Hari Prasad Phuyal, Manoj Kumar Sharma and Nahakul Subedi.

Section 214(2) of the act that has been declared ultra vires had stated that 'if a widow remarries, the property she received as her share shall be taken by the children from her previous husband, if any; and if there are no such children, she herself shall be entitled to it.'

The bench quashed Section 214(2) deeming it in contravention of equality clause of the constitution. Partition of property is exclusive right of a widow and requiring her to return the property after getting remarried is violation of her property rights.

Dhungana and FWLD had filed the PIL on May 26, 2020 arguing that Section 214(2) of the code should be declared ultra vires as it was violative of Article 16 (right to live with dignity), Article 18 (right to equality) and Article 25 (right to property) of the constitution. The petitioner also said that in the case of widower, there was no provision similar to the case of a widow as provisioned under Section 214 (2) of the Civil Code.

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समाचार

नेपालमा ५ प्रतिशत मातृमृत्युको कारण असुरक्षित गर्भपतन

काठमाडौं । आधुनिक गर्भनिरोधक साधनहरूको प्रयोग दर बढ्दो सहरीकरणसँगै हुँदै गएको एक तथ्याङ्कले देखाएको छ । महिला, कानून र विकास मञ्च (एफडब्लुएलडी)ले बुधबार काठमाडौंमा आयोजना गरेको 'परिवार योजना र रणनीतिक मार्ग कार्यक्रममा प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य अधिकार समूह (आरएचआरएजी) का संयोजक तथा अधिवक्ता बबिनकुमार श्रेष्ठले सर्वसुलभ तथा निःशुल्क साधनको उपलब्ध नहुँदा बढ्दो प्रयोगमा कमी आएको बताए ।

उनका अनुसार पिछडिएका र सिमान्तकृत जस्तै अपाङ्गता, यौनिक तथा लैङ्गिक अल्पसंख्यक वर्गमा यसको पहुँच ज्यादै न्यून रहेको छ । त्यसैगरी, दुर्गम र बस्ती गरेर शहरी क्षेत्रमा आएकालहरूमा पनि प्रयोग नगर्दाको घोराको अभाव छ । गैरसरकारी तथा निजी संस्थाले प्रदान गरेको सेवामा कटौती हुँदा पनि यसको प्रयोगमा कमी आएको छ । गलत धारणा, आर्थिक तथा लगानीमा कमी र सेवाको न्यून गुणस्तरले पनि प्रभाव पारेको छ ।

गर्भनिरोधक साधनको ज्ञानको अभावमा सरकारको परिवार योजना कार्यक्रमलाई असर गर्ने श्रेष्ठको भनाइ छ । त्यसैगरी उनले नेपालमा अझै ५ प्रतिशत मातृमृत्युदर असुरक्षित गर्भपातका कारणले हुने गरेको तथ्याङ्क सार्वजनिक गरे ।

परिवार योजना महिला तथा पुरुष दुवैको मौलिक हक भएका कारणले यसलाई सम्बन्धमा साकारले दिएको सेवा उपलब्ध कम भएको उनको तर्क छ । विगतमा गर्भ निरोध साधनको प्रयोग र प्रजनन् दरमा सुधार देखिएपनि हाल विभिन्न चुनौती रहिएका छन् ।

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FWLD DEMANDS REFORM OF ABORTION RELATED LAWS

BY A STAFF REPORTER
Kathmandu, May 14

Chairperson of the Public Policy and Delegated Legislation Committee, Pooja Chaudhary, stated that abortion services are still not quality, universal, accessible, and safe across the country.

Speaking at a discussion programme organised on Wednesday by the Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD) and the Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR), on the eve of International Women's Health Day, Chairperson Chaudhary noted that due to a lack of education and awareness, women in remote areas are compelled to live in fear and anxiety.

Chaudhary remarked that while incidents of suffering encountered by women in society concerning reproductive health issues have decreased, they have not been entirely eradicated. Expressing a commitment to ensuring that services are safe, reliable, and accessible, she further stated: FWLD

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काठमाडौं । सर्वोच्च अदालतले मुलुकी देवानी संहिता, २०७४ को दफा २४४(२) लाई बदर गरेको छ । उक्त व्यवस्था संविधानमा उल्लेखित समानताको हकमा प्रतिकूल रहेको भन्दै बयर दिए निवेदनमाथि सुनुवाइ गर्दै अदालतले विवादित कानूनी व्यवस्था खारेज गरेको हो ।

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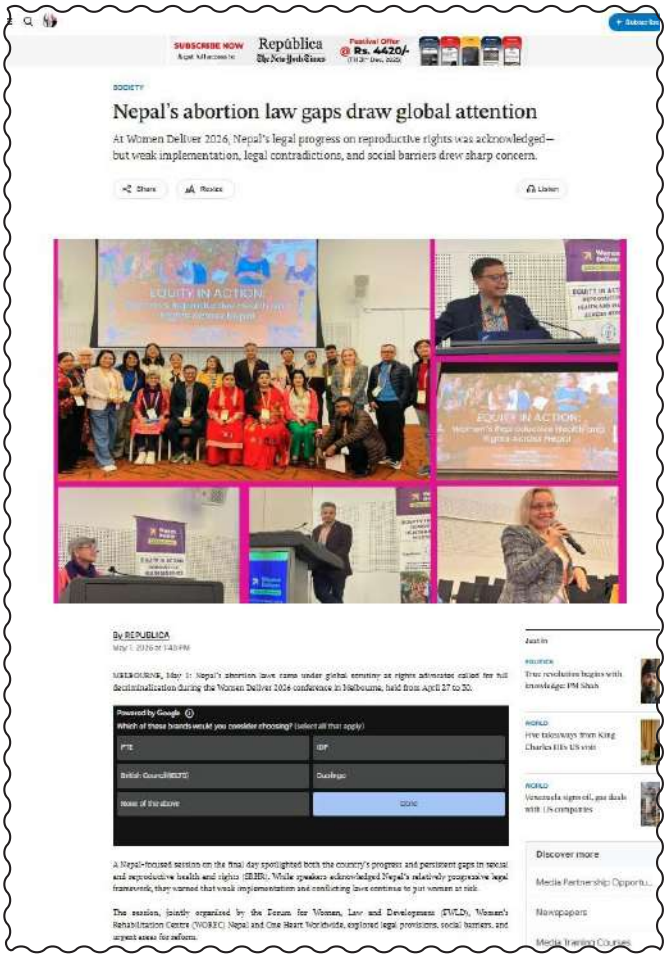
काठमाडौं। सुरक्षित मातृत्व तथा प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य अधिकार रेन्लो सम्मानजक प्रसूति सेवाको व्यवस्था गरेको भए पनि गर्भावस्थाका महिलाहरु दुर्व्यवहार र हिंसाको शिकार बनु परेको एक अध्ययनले देखाएको छ।

महिला, कानून र विकास मञ्च (एफडब्लुएलडी) ले गरेको 'नेपालमा गर्भावस्था, प्रसव र प्रसवोत्तर महिलाहरुले भोग्नेका दुर्व्यवहार, हिंसा र अधिकार उल्लंघनसम्बन्धी तथ्य अन्वेषण अध्ययन'मा यस्तो देखिएको हो।

एफडब्लुएलडीका अधिवक्ता विपेश श्रेष्ठले प्रस्तुत गरेको तथ्य अन्वेषण अध्ययनमा गर्भवती, प्रसव र प्रसवोत्तर अवस्थाका एकतिहाइ भन्दा बढी महिलाहरुले हिंसा भोग्नुपरेको बताइएको छ। मौखिक गृहणी हिंसाको शिकार हुनेको, परिवारका सदस्य, नातेदार, छिमेकी र औपचारिक भएको, उल्लेखनीयमा सेवा प्रदायकले पनि हिंसा गरेको पाइएको छ।

यसैगरी भावनात्मक हिंसा, शारीरिक हिंसा र यौन हिंसाहरुमध्ये भावनात्मक हिंसा एकतिहाइभन्दा बढी हुने गरेको पाइएको छ भने ग्रामीण क्षेत्रको तुलनामा सहरी क्षेत्रका महिलामा बढी हिंसा भएको, मधेशका गर्भवती महिला र सुत्केरीमा प्रसव र प्रसवोत्तरका महिलाहरुले बढी भावनात्मक हिंसा भोग्नुपरेको तथ्य अन्वेषणले देखाउँछ।

नेपालमा गर्भावस्था, प्रसव र सुत्केरी अवस्थामा महिलाहरुले थोरै पनि विभिन्न प्रकारका दुर्व्यवहार, हिंसा र अधिकार उल्लंघनहरुको प्रकृति पहिचान र विस्तृत तथ्य दस्तावेजीकरण गर्न र गर्भधारण, प्रसव र सुत्केरी अवस्थामा आत्मसम्मानपूर्वक उपभोग गर्न पाउने अवस्थाको निर्जना गर्न कानून तथा नीति, योजना र कार्यक्रमलाई सुधार र परिमार्जन गर्न सहयोग पुर्याउने उद्देश्यले तथ्य अन्वेषण गरेरको एफडब्लुएलडीका कार्यकारी निर्देशक अभिलाषा अधिकारी श्रेष्ठले भनेका छन्।



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Nepal's abortion law gaps draw global attention

At Women Deliver 2026, Nepal's legal progress on reproductive rights was acknowledged—but weak implementation, legal contradictions, and social barriers drew sharp concern.

By REPUBLICA

MELBOURNE, May 1: Nepal's abortion laws remain under global scrutiny as rights advocates called for full decriminalization during the Women Deliver 2026 conference in Melbourne, held from April 27 to 29.

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A Nepal-focused session on the final day spotlighted both the country's progress and persistent gaps in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). While speakers acknowledged Nepal's relatively progressive legal framework, they warned that weak implementation and conflicting laws continue to put women at risk.

The session, jointly organized by the Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD), Women's Rehabilitation Centre (WOREC) Nepal and One Heart Worldwide, explored legal provisions, social barriers, and urgent areas for reform.

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Need for full legalisation of abortion stressed

Himalayan News Service
Kathmandu, May 28

Rights activists and lawmakers emphasised the need for full decriminalisation of abortion.

At present, a pregnant woman or girl can seek abortion only till 28 weeks of pregnancy with the consent of the concerned party.

Advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha made a presentation at an interaction organised by Ipas Nepal and Forum for Women, Law and Development saying that even in cases where the pregnancy has resulted from rape or incest involving a minor girl or even when it is known that the mother's health is in danger or the fetus has genetic abnormalities, women may still be forced to continue the pregnancy and give birth, even at the risk of their own lives.

Shrestha cited a 2022 study conducted in Nepal by the Family Welfare Division and Ipas which states that around 52 per cent of abortions in Nepal are unsafe.

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Call for decriminalisation of abortion in Nepal

BY A STAFF REPORTER
Kathmandu, May 1

The four-day global conference Women Deliver 2026, held in Melbourne from April 27 to 30, concluded successfully. On its final day, a special session focused on Nepal explored the country's status, achievements, and challenges in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

The Nepal-focused session was jointly organised by Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD), Orek Nepal, and One Heart Worldwide. It brought forward a multidimensional discussion on Nepal's legal framework, implementation gaps, social barriers, and opportunities for reform in reproductive health rights.

Speaking at the session, FWLD advocate Sabin Shrestha highlighted that Nepal's Constitution guarantees reproductive health as a fundamental right and that the Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health Rights Act, 2018 is in force.

According to him, Nepal's legal framework defines reproductive health as a comprehensive right encompassing access to information, education, counselling, and health services, including privacy and the right to choose.

However, he noted that despite legal progress, the law does not cover all aspects comprehensively. It remains largely limited to safe motherhood, family planning, safe abortion, and reproductive diseases, leaving out more complex dimensions of reproductive health.

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मतदान प्रकृयालाई लैंगिक तथा समावेशी सुदृढ बनाइने

काठमाडौं । निर्वाचन आयोगले आगामी दिनमा मतदान प्रकृयालाई लैंगिक, अपांगता तथा समावेशी दृष्टिकोणले अझ सुदृढ बनाउने आयुक्त डा. जानकी तुलाधरले प्रतिबद्धता जनाएकी छिन् । हाल प्रतिनिधि सभामा छलफलको रुपमा रहेको निर्वाचन विधेयकले कानुनी रुप लिएपछि धेरै कमजोरीहरुमा सुधार हुने उनले बताइन् ।

महिला, कानुन र विकास मञ्च (एफडब्लुएलडी) ले आयोजना गरेको प्रतिनिधिसभा सदस्य निर्वाचन २०८२ को लैंगिक, अपांगता तथा समावेशी दृष्टिकोणबाट निर्वाचन पर्यवेक्षण प्रतिवेदन अनावरण कार्यक्रममा डा. तुलाधरले भनिन्, 'निर्वाचन आयोगले मतदान प्रकृया लैंगिक, अपांगतामैत्री तथा समावेशी दृष्टिकोणले थप प्रभावकारी रुपमा मूलप्रवाहीकरण गर्ने, मतदान केन्द्र, मतदाता शिक्षा सामग्रीलाई क्रमशः सबैको पहुँचको मापदण्डअनुसार विकास गरिनेछ ।'

समयअनुसार प्रविधिको प्रयोग बढाउने, निर्वाचनमा खटिने कर्मचारी तथा स्वयमसेवकहरुका लागि लैंगिक, अपांगता तथा समावेशीकरणसम्बन्धी तालिमलाई संस्थागत गर्ने र लैंगिक, अपांगता तथा समावेशी सूचकका आधारमा वर्गीकृत निर्वाचन तथ्यांक संकलन, विश्लेषण तथा प्रकाशनलाई थप सुदृढ बनाइने उनले बताइन् । महिला, युवा, अपांगता भएका व्यक्ति, दुर्गम क्षेत्रका नागरिक तथा अन्य सीमान्तकृत समुदायलाई लक्षित विशेष मतदाता शिक्षा कार्यक्रम विस्तार गरिने उनको भनाइ थियो ।

नयाँ पोस्ट
२५ चैत २०८३, सोमबार

धेरै पढिएको

- मतदानप्रकृयालाई लैंगिक तथा समावेशी सुदृढ बनाइने
- भारतीय प्रधानमन्त्री मोदी र सत्यपा सभापति रवि लामिछानेबीच भेट
- फरोला–भापाबाट भिडियन ७७८ विद्युतीय गाडी सञ्चालनमा
- सामदताई ४ अर्ब ३२ करोड बजेट बोईई बागमती सरकार
- गर्गीले विद्यालय बन्द, विद्यार्थीले घर घरमै पुस्तक शिक्षण

अन्नपूर्ण

हिंसाको सिकारमा एकतिहाइ गर्भवती

अजवी पौडयाल | *काठमाडौं*

- ग्रामीण क्षेत्रको तुलनामा सहरी क्षेत्रका महिलामा बढी हिंसा
- मधेसका गर्भवती तथा सुदूरपश्चिमका प्रसव र प्रसवोत्तर महिलाहरुले भोग्दै भावनात्मक हिंसा

सुत्केरी तथा गर्भवती महिलाहरूमाथि घरभित्रै दुर्व्यवहार र हिंसा हुने गरेको एक प्रतिवेदनले औंल्याएको छ। कानुनले सम्मानजनक प्रसूति सेवाको अधिकार सुनिश्चित गरे पनि व्यवहारमा गर्भवती महिलाहरू विभिन्न प्रकारका दुर्व्यवहार र हिंसाको सिकार भइरहेको प्रतिवेदनमा उल्लेख छ।

महिला, कानुन र विकास मञ्च (एफडब्लुएलडी)ले बुधवार सार्वजनिक गरेको 'नेपालमा गर्भवती, प्रसव र प्रसवोत्तर महिलाहरूले भोगेका दुर्व्यवहार, हिंसा र अधिकार उल्लंघनसम्बन्धी तथ्य अन्वेषण अध्ययन' प्रतिवेदनमा गर्भवती, प्रसव र प्रसवोत्तर अवस्थाका एकतिहाइभन्दा बढी महिलाहरूले हिंसा भोग्नुपरेको उल्लेख छ। धेरैजसो गृहिणी हिंसाको सिकार बनेको र परिवारका सदस्य, नातेदार, छिमेकी तथा श्रीमान् पीडक भएको पाइएको छ। त्यसैगरी, उल्लेख्य मात्रामा सेवाप्रदायकबाट पनि हिंसा भएको देखिएको छ। भावनात्मक, शारीरिक र यौन हिंसाहरूमध्ये भावनात्मक हिंसा एकतिहाइभन्दा बढी हुने गरेको छ। ग्रामीण क्षेत्रको तुलनामा सहरी क्षेत्रका महिलामा बढी हिंसा भएको र मधेसका गर्भवती तथा सुदूरपश्चिमका प्रसव र प्रसवोत्तर महिलाहरूले बढी भावनात्मक हिंसा भोग्नुपरेको देखिएको छ।

अधिवक्ता सबिन श्रेष्ठाका अनुसार नेपालमा गर्भावस्था, प्रसव र सुत्केरी अवस्थामा महिलाहरूले ५६० प्रसवोत्तर गरी कुल १ हजार ६ सय ८० महिलासँग प्रश्नावली सोधिएको थियो। ७ वटा प्रदेशका १४ जिल्लाका २८ वटा पालिकामा यो अध्ययन गरिएको थियो। प्रत्येक पालिकाबाट ६० महिला (२० गर्भवती, ४२ दिनभित्रका २० सुत्केरी र ३ महिनाभित्रका २० सुत्केरी) लाई अध्ययनमा सहभागी गराइएको थियो।

प्रतिवेदन अनुसार ३८.४ प्रतिशत गर्भवती, ३७.९ प्रतिशत प्रसव र ३५.९ प्रतिशत सुत्केरी महिलाले हिंसा भोग्नुपरेको छ। यसैगरी, ३०.७ प्रतिशत गर्भवती, ३२.७ प्रतिशत प्रसव र ३० प्रतिशत प्रसवोत्तर महिलाले भावनात्मक हिंसा भोगेका छन्। यस्तै, ४.५ प्रतिशत गर्भवती, ३.२ प्रतिशत प्रसव र ४.५ प्रतिशत प्रसवोत्तर महिलाले शारीरिक हिंसा भोगेका छन् भने १६.१ प्रतिशत गर्भवती, ९.५ प्रतिशत प्रसव र

महिला खबर

गृहपृष्ठ समाचार विचार विदेश संचारिका लेखमाला गतिविधि पटकास्ट फोटो फिचर

परिवार योजना आवश्यक छैन भन्ने भ्रमले स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्रमा खतरा

महिला खबर
१४ बैशाख २०८३, बिहिबार

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काठमाडौं । नेपालमा जनसंख्यामा वृद्धि दर र प्रजनन् दरमा कमी भएकोले अब चाँडै जनसंख्या ऋणात्मक हुन्छ भनी गरिएको प्रचार मिथ्या भएको जानकारी गराइएको छ ।

महिला, कानुन र विकास मञ्च (एफडब्लुएलडी) र एम्नीफाइ चेञ्जले आयोजना गरेको परिवार योजना विषयक छलफल कार्यक्रममा गर्भ निरोधक साधनहरूको प्रयोगमा वृद्धि भएर नभई बसाई सराईको कारणले, थैरै दम्पतीहरू छुटिएर बस्न बाध्य भएर यस्तो अवस्था आएको जानकारी गराइएको हो । हाल ३४ प्रतिशत विवाहित महिलाका श्रीमान देश बाहिर रहेकाले पनि यस्तो अवस्था देखिनुमा भूमिका खेलेको जानकारी गराइएको थियो । ढिलो विवाह, पढाई र आर्थिक उपार्जनको लागि बच्चा पाउन ढिलो वा एउटा मात्र पाउने आदि कारणले समेत यस्तो भएको 'परिवार योजनाको आवश्यकता : अझ बढी प्राथमिकता'

ताजा समाचार

परिवार योजना आवश्यक छैन भन्ने भ्रमले स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्रमा खतरा

काठमाडौं । नेपालमा जनसंख्यामा वृद्धि दर र प्रजनन् दरमा कमी

बालविवाह अन्त्यका लागि रणनीति कार्यान्वयनमा जोड, सरकार सकारात्मक

काठमाडौं । बालविवाह अन्त्यका लागि सक्रिय राष्ट्रिय सञ्जाल 'बालिका दुलही

सुकुम्बासी बस्तीमा सरकारी डोजर: उठीबासपछिको राज्यको अलपत्र व्यवस्थापन

कम्ला पन्थी काठमाडौं । बाग्मतीको र सिनामङ्गलका सुकुम्बासी बस्तीमा सरकारी

बालेन्द्र सरकारको एक महिना पूरा

बालेन्द्र शाहको नेतृत्वमा नयाँ सरकार गठनले अहुतबार एक महिना पूरा

गैरीगाउँ र मनोहरा सुकुम्बासी बस्तीमा

The Himalayan

Findings on HoR election made public

Himalayan News Service
Kathmandu, June 8

Fifteen organisations, including Forum for Women, Law and Development, that had observed the House of Representatives election held in March, with a gender, disability, and social inclusion perspective, made public their findings, recommending a slew of measures to ensure a free, fair and inclusive electoral process.

Advocate Sagar Pathak, who is associated with FWLD, shared the details of the findings at an interaction organised by FWLD, saying that the monitoring report covered all the issues that need to be addressed to make the election free, fair and inclusive.

Pathak said the report recommended that the government needed to make all polling stations physically accessible through ramps, wheelchair-friendly entrances, accessible voting booths, and priority service arrangements for voters with disabilities.

Executive Director of FWLD Sabin Shrestha said that at present visually impaired voters were allowed to bring their own

cess next time. Senior Advocate Meera Dhungana said that if the recommendations of the report were incorporated, the next election would be fairer and more inclusive.

The monitoring report recommended the government to establish mandatory candidacy quotas, reserved seats, or other affirmative measures within the FPTP system to ensure the proportional election of women, Dalits, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, Madhesis, and other marginalised communities.

The observation report also stated that the government needed to provide specialised training to polling officials and volunteers on assisting voters with disabilities respectfully and effectively while protecting voter secrecy and dignity. The report calls for institutionalising GEDSI reporting and dedicated budget for GEDSI election infrastructure. It calls for ensuring overseas voting rights for Nepali migrant workers living abroad in accordance with the Supreme Court ruling.

The study found that in the Bagmati Province, 17.5 per cent polling centres were not easily

नयाँ पत्रिका

पुनर्विवाह गर्ने एकल महिलाको सम्पत्ति खोसिने कानुनी व्यवस्था खोज

गोठाली खबर

मूलभूत समाचार, डिजिटलको आधार

सोमवार २१ वैशाख, २०८३ | नेपाली समय ०६:४५:४८ | चुनिकोट 'A' रेडियो

समाचार अर्थतन्त्र राजनीति अपराध अन्तर्वार्ता शिक्षा रोजगारी खेलकूद ब्लग अन्य

गृहपृष्ठ / समाचार

नेपालका प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य अधिकारका मुद्दा विश्व मञ्चमा

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काठमाडौं, १८ वैशाख । अष्ट्रेलियाको मेलबर्नमा चार दिनसम्म चलेको विश्वव्यापी सम्मेलन 'विमेन डेलिभर २०२६' सम्पन्न भएको अप्रिल २७ देखि ३० सम्म आयोजित उक्त सम्मेलनको अन्तिम दिन नेपाल केन्द्रित विशेषसत्र आयोजना गरिएको थियो । नेपालको यौन तथा प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य तथा अधिकार (एसआरएचआर)को अवस्था, उपलब्धि र चुनौतीबारे छलफल गरिएको थियो । कानुन र विकास मञ्चले जनाएको छ ।

The Himalayan

Call to make reproductive health services universally available and accessible

Himalayan News Service
Kathmandu, May 13

Chairperson of the Public Policy and Delegated Legislation Committee of the National Assembly, Puja Chaudhary, has stated that abortion services are still not quality-assured, universally available, accessible, and safe. Speaking at a discussion programme organised by Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD) and Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR) on the eve of International Women's Health Day, Chairperson Chaudhary said although reproductive health was a fundamental right of women, the country had still not been able to make it quality-oriented, universally available, accessible, and safe.

She noted that while incidents of suffering faced by women in society regarding reproductive health have decreased, they have not been completely eradicated. Expressing commitment to making services safe, reliable, and accessible, she added: "Due to a lack of education and awareness, women in remote areas are forced to live in fear and anxiety. Risks can only be reduced through education and awareness. Since women are connected to reproductive health from birth, expanding education and awareness on this issue is a necessity today."

FWLD and CRR have been advocating and debating for quality, universal, accessible, and safe abortion services for a long time. During the programme, an audio-visual presentation sequentially highlighted the roles played by FWLD and CRR and other stakeholders transforming abortion from an illegal act to a quality, accessible, and safe service until the enactment of the Safe Motherhood Act 2018.

Regional Director of CRR, Prabina Bajracharya, said that despite the introduction of the Safe Motherhood Act, legal complexities still remain. She argued that although abortion has been legalised, it is still included in the criminal code, making it difficult to regard it as fully safe and trustworthy.

She said much more work remains to be done to separate abortion from the criminal offense code.

A drama was also presented showing what kinds of incidents related to reproductive health can occur in rural areas due to lack of law, awareness, and education. The play, performed by Foreign Theater, deeply moved most of the audience.

The programme, chaired by FWLD Chair Geeta Devi Aryal, was hosted by advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha.

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अर्थ संसद सुरक्षा English

नेपालमा ५ प्रतिशत मातृमृत्युको कारण असुरक्षित गर्भपतन

काठमाडौं । आधुनिक गर्भनिरोधक साधनहरूको प्रयोग बढ्नको सङ्गमा कमी हुँदै गएको एक तथ्याङ्कले देखाएको छ । महिला, कानुन र विकास मञ्च (एफडब्लुएलडी)ले बुधबार काठमाडौंमा आयोजना गरेको 'परिवार योजना र रणनीतिक मार्ग कार्यक्रममा प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य अधिकार समूह (आरएचआरडब्लुजी) का संयोजक तथा अधिवक्ता नविनकुमार थेबले सर्वसुलभ तथा निशुल्क साधनको उपलब्ध नहुनु गर्भपतनको प्रयोगमा कमी आएको बताए ।

उनका अनुसार पिछडिएका र सिमान्तकृत जस्ती अमाइता, यौनिक तथा लैङ्गिक अल्पसंख्यक वर्गमा यसको पहुँच झर्दै न्यून रहेको छ । लक्ष्मीगरी, दुर्गम र बस्ती क्षेत्रमा आरक्षणमा पनि प्रयोग गर्नुपर्ने सेवनाको अभाव छ । नैसर्गसरी तथा निजी संस्थाले प्रदान गरेको सेवामा कटौती हुँदा पनि यसको प्रयोगमा कमी आएको छ । गाउँ भाग्य, आर्थिक तथा लगानीमा कमी र सेवाको न्यून गुणस्तरले पनि प्रभाव पारेको छ ।

गर्भनिरोधक साधनको ज्ञानको अभावमा सरकारको परिवार योजना कार्यक्रमलाई असर गर्ने श्रेष्ठको भनाइ छ । लक्ष्मीगरी उनले नेपालमा अद्धै ५ प्रतिशत मातृमृत्युदर असुरक्षित गर्भपतनका कारणले हुने गरेको तथ्याङ्क सार्वजनिक गरे ।

परिवार योजना महिला तथा पुरुष दुवैबारे मौलिक हक भएमा कारणले व्यवसन्धन्धना सरुणतले दिएको सेवा अत्यन्त कम भएको उनको तर्क छ । त्रिगतमा गर्भ निरोध साधनको प्रयोग र प्रजनन् दरमा सुधार देखिएपनि हाल विभिन्न चुनौती क्षणिका छन् ।

उनले भने, 'सन् २०८६ सम्म गर्भनिरोधक साधनको प्रयोगदर ४४ र कुनै पनि साधनको प्रयोग ४८ प्रतिशत पुगेको थियो । त्यस अवधीमा कुल प्रजनन दर ६.९ बाट घटेर ३.९ मा झरेको थियो ।'

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काठमाडौं । राष्ट्रियस्तर अन्तर्राष्ट्रको सांगिकता सबलीकरण तथा राष्ट्रिय सरोकार समितिले सभापति जमुनादेवी राईले प्रसूति हिंसासम्बन्धी विषयमा सम्बन्धित मन्त्रालयका पदाधिकारीलाई बोलाएर छलफल गर्ने बताएकी छन् ।

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The Himalayan TIMES

Misconception that family planning is unnecessary poses risks to the health sector

Himalayan News Service
Kathmandu, April 29

Rights activists have said the claim that Nepal's population will soon become negative due to declining population growth and fertility rates is false.

At a discussion programme on family planning organised by the Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD) and Amplify Change, advocate Nabin Kumar Shrestha presented an advocacy paper titled 'Need for Family Planning: Greater Priority' saying that the situation of declining fertility rate had arisen not due to increased use of contraceptives, but mainly because of migration. He said currently, 34 per cent of married women have husbands living abroad, contributing to this trend. The advocacy paper was prepared by a network of 18 organisations led by FWLD.

Other factors include delayed marriage, prioritising education and income generation, and choosing to have children later or only one child.

According to the advocacy paper, it may still take 25 to 40 years for Nepal's population to become negative.

Stating that there have also been misleading claims that Nepal should now introduce incentives to increase population growth, Shrestha said the constitution recognises reproductive health and family planning as fundamental rights. Therefore, decisions about whether to have children, when, and how many are individual rights — something that is being overlooked in such narratives.

Family planning is not only about reducing population. It is a cost-effective and impactful means to improve the health of mothers, newborns, children, and adolescents; promote women's empowerment; prevent sexually transmitted infections; manage infertility; reduce poverty; and support women's education and career development.

At the event, Sharmila Dahal, chief of the Family Planning Division at the Ministry of Health and Population, stated that although UNFPA used to provide contraceptives worth $32 million in previous years, this support has now decreased.

She said from this year, the government procured contraceptives worth Rs 170 million, however, this is still insufficient, and in the absence of UNFPA support, the country now needs to procure contraceptives worth Rs 250 million annually.

Dr Mahesh Puri of CREHPA, said that as the fertility rate was currently at two per cent, proper management, rather than reduction, was necessary.

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काठमाडौं, वैशाख ३० गते । सार्वजनिक नीति तथा प्रत्यायोजित विधायन समितिका सभापति पूजा गौतमले गर्भपतन लेख्ने गुणस्तरीय, सर्वसुलभ, पहुँचयोग्य र सुरक्षित नभएको बताउनुभएको छ ।

जनसंख्या महिला स्वास्थ्य दिवसको पूर्वसन्ध्यामा महिला, कानून र विकास मञ्च (एफडब्लुएलडी) र सोनर रिप्रोडक्टिभ राइट (सिआरआर) ले बुधबार आयोजना गरेको छलफल कार्यक्रममा सभापति गौतमले भन्नुभयो, "प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य महिलाको आधारभूत अधिकार भए पनि गुणस्तरीय, सर्वसुलभ, पहुँचयोग्य र सुरक्षित अहिलेसम्म हासीले बनाउन सकेका छैनौं ।"

प्रजनन स्वास्थ्यका क्षेत्रमा महिलाले सामाजमा भोग्नु परेको पीडाका घटना न्यून भएका छन् तर निर्भूल हुनसकेको छैन ।

सुरक्षित, भरपर्दो र पहुँचयोग्य बनाउन सरकारी प्रयास गर्न प्रतिबद्धता जनाउँदै सभापति गौतमले भन्नुभयो, "शिक्षा र जनचेतनाको अभावमा दुरदराजका महिला तर बासमा बाँच्न बाध्य छन् । शिक्षा र जनचेतनाको माध्यमबाट पाठ नोलिप घटाउन सकिन्छ । नारी जन्मेदेखि नै प्रजनन स्वास्थ्यलगि जोडिने पाण्डाले गो विषयमा शिक्षा र जनचेतना लाभक बनाउनु आजकी आवश्यकता हो ।"

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THE RISING NEPAL

Call for decriminalisation of abortion in Nepal

BY A STAFF REPORTER
Kathmandu, May 1

The four-day global conference Women Deliver 2026, held in Melbourne from April 27 to 30, concluded successfully. On its final day, a special session focused on Nepal explored the country's status, achievements, and challenges in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

The Nepal focused session was jointly organised by Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD), Orek Nepal, and One Heart Worldwide. It brought forward a multidimensional discussion on Nepal's legal framework, implementation gaps, social barriers, and opportunities for

Speaking at the session, FWLD advocate Sabin Shrestha highlighted that Nepal's Constitution guarantees reproductive health as a fundamental right and that the Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health Rights Act, 2018 is in force.

According to him, Nepal's legal framework defines reproductive health as a comprehensive right encompassing access to information, education, counselling, and health services, including privacy and the right to choose.

However, he noted that despite legal progress, the law does not cover all aspects comprehensively. It remains largely limited to safe motherhood, family planning, safe abortion, and reproductive diseases, leaving out more complex dimensions of repro-

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