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Editors' Summary

Nepal is hosting mountain countries' meeting to discuss on various issues of climate change. Hope it will end up with some pragmatic decisions. The UK's Department for International Development and the European Union aid for vulnerable communities of Nepal is another good news.

Enjoy reading!

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Assistance to vulnerable communities

The UK's Department for International Development and the European Union had agreed to provide a grant assistance of Rs 1.8 billion to Nepal to implement the Nepal Climate Change Support Programme. The goal of the program is to enable Nepal's poorest and most vulnerable communities of the mid and far western regions to adapt to the effects of climate change.

January 11

The Himalayan Times, Annapurna Post

Mountain countries' meeting

Nepal is going to host gathering of mountain countries on April to discuss ways to raise the issue of climate change globally. Since 2009, Nepal has been taken initiative in conducting meetings of mountains countries.

January 3, 9

The Himalayan Times, Kantipur, Annapurna Post

Intense cold, rain and snowfall

Central and Far-western regions of the country received light rain and the mountainous region witnessed snowfall due to the westerly wind moving from Afghanistan and Jammu and Kashmir of India, said senior weather man at Meteorological Forecasting Division. Biting cold and heavy fog disrupted life and agricultural products across the country. Along with that a sudden avalanche with heavy storm destroyed houses at Langtang area in Rasuwa district. In contrast to it, farmers of Far western region seemed happy to have winter rain as the rain is nurturing the food grains and help in its development. As per the experts in District Agriculture Division, the region has not experienced rainfall for the last six years and that might be due to climate change.

January 2, 3,4

Rajdhani, The Himalayan Times, The Rising Nepal, Naya Patrika

NCKMC Highlight

Nepal Climate Change Knowledge Management Center (NCKMC) successfully organized the Policy Dialogue and Consultation on Climate Change on January 4 in Kathmandu. Minister for Science and Technology Ms Kalpana Dhamala declared the opening of the program amidst a special gathering witnessed by over 130 participants who represented 33 institutions working with climate change issues. Presented in the program were members of Constituent Assembly, members of Climate Change Council, academic heads of university departments, high officials of various ministries, National Planning Commission, media personnel, practitioners and representatives of national and international organizations including DFID. NCKMC is planning to organize two more policy dialogues outside Kathmandu involving local bodies, community representatives, and opinion makers. The program is being supported by CDKN as a part of NCKMC strengthening activities .

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