

# NEPAL CLIMATE UPDATE

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## Editors' Summary

Initiatives whether it's on environment protection or water sources conservation, it has inspired many. Nepal has all the troubles it could handle from environmental concerns and thus seek Environmental Mainstreaming for sustainable development goals. Experts opine that Imja glacier posed greater risk of burst leading to catastrophic flooding - A full picture of devastation. To top it all, westerly wind spells chilly days around central and eastern parts of the country hitting people undoubtedly. Along with that, rain with hailstone made farmers reeling to loss count of their crops.

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### **In the path of conservation**

The training program was bestowed upon for the Buddhist monks on environment protection, climate change impacts and its mitigation by Nepal Buddha Federation in collaboration with WWF. In addition the training facilitated them with waste management skill and how it should be managed effectively in monasteries to protect environment.

*October 16*

*Kantipur*

### **Initiatives- A job well done**

The District Soil Conservation office of Salyan initiated conservation of drinking water sources in different VDCs of the district. Seeing water sources being dried up due to climate change, they started the conservation program for the community benefit. Last year the office succeeded in conservation of 10 different water sources and this year they hoped to conserve 7 sources.

*October 20*

*Kantipur*

### **Heed environment warnings**

Addressing the three-day workshop on “Environmental Mainstreaming” expert said that environmental concerns must be brought to the mainstream of development efforts in the country.

*October 21*

*The Kathmandu Post*

## **Call for Proposal**

NCCCKMC strengthening project supported by CDKN calls research proposal in climate change and its impacts from interested young researchers (Master's second year students).

Priority areas of the research are: (i) Agriculture & food security (ii) Wetlands & water resources (iii) Human health & population (iv) Biodiversity & ecosystem and (v) Livelihood & economics of vulnerable groups.

Apply before: **11 November 2011**

Submit your proposal (hardcopy and digital copy): NAST/NCCCKMC, Khumaltar, Lalitpur

For details of ToR and proposal format, visit: [www.nast.org.np](http://www.nast.org.np) or write to: [climate@nast.org.np](mailto:climate@nast.org.np)

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## Rain, hailstones destroy paddies

Rain coupled with hailstone caused a huge loss for farmers by destroying their ripe crops in various VDCs of Kaski district and Parbat district.

October 23

*The Kathmandu Post*

## Imja Glacier at risk

A study on Glacier Lake conducted by researchers from 13 different countries found that Imja glacier grew at an accelerated rate than other glaciers. The impact of climate change had been profoundly seen in Imja glacier and thus poses risk of bursting. The researchers said the burst of glaciers will affect upto 60 miles. Thus, senior scientists alleged for immediate action to be taken and if electricity is produced or new engineering applied then it would help to impede its bursting to some extent.

October 26

*Annapurna Post*

## Chilly days as mercury falls

According to Meteorological Forecasting Division (MFD), Kathmandu Valley along with other Central and Eastern districts are likely to experience chilly days ahead with the fall in maximum day temperature to around two to three degree Celsius due to the active movement of westerly wind.

October 30

*The Kathmandu Post*

### Photo Competition: ADAP- TATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

In an effort to raise awareness on the importance of adapting to the adverse effects of climate change, the Adaptation Fund invites you to demonstrate what adaptation means to you. The best three images will be selected by a jury and winners will be announced at the 17th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in Durban, South Africa

All entries must be received by November 22, 2011 to [secretariat@adaptation-fund.org](mailto:secretariat@adaptation-fund.org).

### Call for Application

#### *Grants to support Global South youth participants*

The Youth Constituency at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (YOUNGO) received funding from the Norwegian government to enable the participation of fifteen (15) youth from Global South at the 17th Conference Of Parties at the UNFCCC (COP17) in Durban from 28 November to 9 December 2011, including the 7th Conference Of Youth (COY7) that will held from 25-27 November 2011 in Durban as well. YOUNGO announces the call for applications and invite all young people in the Global South involved with climate change activities, projects, campaigns and who are active members of organizations to consider this call.

The **deadline** for application is **9 November 2011 at midnight GMT**. Please send the application form, commitment form, supportive letter and electronic copy of your passport to: [info@youthclimate.org](mailto:info@youthclimate.org).

**For any further information contact the Facilitating Committee of this grant at: [info@youthclimate.org](mailto:info@youthclimate.org)**

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## Obituary

It was shocking and saddening news to inform all about the sudden demise of Dr. Pralad Yonzon (21 May 1951 - 31 October 2011) one of the most influential wildlife conservationists the world has ever known. He has made immense contributions to wildlife conservation. A conservation guru and great academic, he was an inspiring figure for many young researchers in conservation biology. This is colossal loss to us, to the nation and to the global conservation society. We have lost a real force for good in the world. He was the founder of Resources Himalaya Foundation.

Condolence to the bereaved family!

**RIP Dr. Pralad Yonzon.....**