

NEPAL CLIMATE UPDATE

Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST)

Nepal Climate Change Knowledge Management Center (NCCKMC)

Inside this Issue

- ◆ Bad weather hampers flights
- ◆ Struggling for Green stories
- ◆ Environment needs much attention
- ◆ Cloud soon to be clear
- ◆ Bring the issues at fore
- ◆ Role of youth for a change
- ◆ Climate change vista
- ◆ Brace for climate change hit
- ◆ Hailstones raze crops at Kaski and Khotang

Editors' Summary

Emphasis on the regional approach to cope with the impact of climate change is good news. However, strong regional coordination and cooperation is imperative. The implementation of the climate resilience programs for impoverished communities will be helpful to some extent. Publication of climate change guide book for journalist will obviously be a convenient and helpful source in bringing the climate change news for general public. Bad weather and untimely rain create havoc to the tourists and farmers. It necessitates a relevant and timely weather forecast system in the country.

Editors

Ramila Raut

Pawan K. Neupane

Aruna Thapa



©Nepal Climate Change Knowledge Management Center (NCCKMC)/NAST

Visit our website: www.nast.org.np

E-mail: climate@nast.org.np



Bad weather hampers flights

An estimated 2,000 tourists stranded in Lukla and Surke, the gateway to Mt Everest, due to adverse weather conditions that halted flights from Kathmandu. The popular trekking region witnessed inclement weather since Oct 31 with no signs of improvement due to which hotels were running out of food due to the pressure, while many of the visitors were compelled to put up in tents. Similarly, bad weather halted flights from various parts of Nepal.

November 5, 6

Republica, Kantipur, Rising Nepal

Struggling for Green stories

Journalists and information handlers were gathered in the workshop by International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) in Kathmandu to share ideas on green economy and climate change issues. The workshop bestowed the participants with different green issues that are worth reporting in their field.

November 6

The Rising Nepal

Environment needs much attention

Human Development Report 2011 addressed that the development work will stop within 40 years from now if environmental activities were not given due attention. The report further said the developmental work of poor countries will terminate if there would be continual environmental degradation, climate change effect and inequity between countries. Therefore, the report is seeking for equity in the context of Development Act and its activities. Nepal stood at 157th position according to the report.

November 4

Gorkhapatra

Cloud soon to be clear

The meteorologists at Meteorological Forecasting Division (MFD) said overcast conditions prevailing in the hilly and mountainous areas of the country, including the Valley, will soon give way to sunny days. They mentioned cloudy conditions prevailed for almost a week due to the formation of low pressure area above the hills due to which the cloud cover has restricted the temperature from falling and as a result the minimum temperature is higher than it would have been at normal.

November 6

The Himalayan Times

Bring the issues at fore

Addressing the 17th meeting of the heads of states or governments of SAARC at Addu City, the Maldives, PM Baburam Bhattarai emphasized on the need to turn South Asia into a powerhouse of growth and development, greater integration of the region and building robust regional institutions and transfer of resources, technology, and capacity building for adaptation and mitigation in regard of climate change and environmental degradation.

November 11

The Kathmandu Post

Role of youth for a change

The Minister for Science and Technology, Kalpana Dhamal urged youth to play critical role in minimizing the impacts of climate change in an awareness program run by Action Aid Worldwide Youth Network- Activista. In the program, she mentioned about urgency of coping mechanism for climate change impacts and environmental degradation.

November 13

Gorkhapatra

Climate change vista

The Ministry of Environment and The Nepal Forum of Environmental Journalists (NEFEJ) launched a booklet titled “Climate Change: Understanding and Communicating” covering details about the science of climate change, politics behind the issue at global and national level and guidelines for journalists.

November 9

The Himalayan Times

Brace for climate change hit

A five year programme “Hariyo Ban” has been launched by different conservation sector organizations namely WWF, Co-operative for Assistance and Belief Everywhere, Federation of Community Forestry Users in Nepal and the National Trust for Nature Conservation to mitigate adverse impacts of climate change and threats to biodiversity. The program will help build resilience to climate change in communities and ecosystems by restoring and conserving forests and improving the livelihoods of most impoverished communities.

November 9

The Himalayan Times

Hailstones raze crops at Kaski and Khotang

Rainfall coupled with hailstones and storm heavily destroyed crops (Paddy and Millet) and vegetables farming at various VDCs of Khotang and Kaski district.

November 7, 15

Kantipur, Gorkhapatra, Nepal Samachar Patra

Santosh Jain Endowed Memorial Scholarship for International Students, USA

Study Subject(s): Any

Course Level: Masters, PhD

Scholarship Provider: IU

Scholarship can be taken at: USA

How to Apply: Electronically / Online

Scholarship Application Deadline: Friday, March 2, 2012.

Further Information: <http://scholarship-positions.com>

2011-2012 Erasmus Mundus Europe Asia Scholarship Program, Europe

Scholarship for Undergraduate, Master, Doctoral and Postdoctoral students from Bangladesh, China, India, Nepal and Pakistan who want to study or work at one of the European partner universities

Study Subject (s): Any

Course Level: Undergraduate, Master, Doctoral and Postdoctoral

Scholarship Provider: European Commission, Erasmus Mundus Europe

Scholarship can be taken at: The European partner universities

How to Apply: Electronically / Online

Scholarship Application Deadline: The on-line application is open between October 15 – December 1, 2011

Further Information: <http://scholarship-positions.com>

2013 Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) for Bhutan, India and Nepal Applicants, USA

The Tibet Fund announce Tibetan Scholarship for Master's students from Bhutan, India and Nepal funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, USA

Study Subject(s): Any

Course Level: Master's

Scholarship Provider: The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Scholarship can be taken at: USA

How to Apply: By post

Scholarship Application Deadline: Before March 31, 2012

Further Information: <http://scholarship-positions.com>