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Nepal

SEMINAR ON THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE AND NEPAL CHINA RELATIONS - CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND FEDERALISM (CESIF)

CESIF organized a seminar on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Nepal China relations on March 24 2022. Post-Covid-19, there have been noticeable changes that CESIF has been monitoring through its research to understand Nepal-China cross-border relations, recent developments, and their geopolitical implications. The seminar consisted of three-panel discussions: BRI and Geopolitics, Nepal-China Cross-Border Relations, Nepal-China Trade, Transit, and Transport. The panelists comprised of Nepal-China experts, political analysts, researchers, and trade policy specialists. Furthermore, the event came at an opportune moment, a couple of days ahead of China's State Councilor and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Wang Yi's official visit to Nepal on March 26 2022.



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Bhutan

ROLLOUT TRAINING WORKSHOP ON CONSENSUS BUILDING INITIATIVE - RESPECT, EDUCATE, NURTURE, EMPOWER WOMEN (RENEW)

RENEW successfully conducted a five-day training workshop virtually on Consensus Building Initiatives for 36 participants from Trashiyangtse Dzongkhag Administration. Participants consisted of local leaders, a representative from Royal Bhutan Police, and Multi Sectoral Task Force (MSTF) – Community Based Support System (CBSS) volunteers from March 25th -29th 2022. The core objective of the training was to equip community leaders & volunteers to enable them to play a constructive role in facilitating peaceful resolutions of conflicts related to Domestic Violence and Gender-Based Violence (DV/GBV) issues.



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Bangladesh

COLLOQUIUM FOR ECONOMIC REPORTERS ON EMERGING PUBLIC FINANCE ISSUES – SAFETY AND RIGHTS SOCIETY (SRS)

Safety and Rights Society (SRS), working on citizen engagement for the democratic budget movement (DBM), organized a colloquium with selected economic reporters on emerging public finance issues, including inclusive budget and progressive taxation. This event discussed a wide range of topics, including the context of DBM, transparency and participation in budget formulation, budget monitoring and the role of media in ensuring a participatory budget, and the challenges. The colloquium also developed specific district-level and national-level action plans for journalists working on budgetary matters through discussion and group activities.



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SOUTH ASIAN JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY - CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (CEJ)

CEJ launched the South Asian Journal of Environmental Law and Policy (SA-JELP) on 24 March 2022. SA-JELP is a collaboration between the Centre for Environmental Law and Policy (CELP) of the University of Colombo and CEJ in Sri Lanka. SA-JELP acts as a platform for academic collaboration and sharing of knowledge within the region. Additionally the Awards Ceremony for the School of Sustainability was also held. The School of Sustainability was organized by CEJ to provide in depth knowledge and training to 140 students on how to address environmental problems and defend the environment.



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LAUNCH OF MOBILE APP 'E-SABHA' - HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINK PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATION (HELP-O)

HELP-O launched 'E-Sabha', a mobile application that allows citizens to make a complaint on local government issues within the Galle District to any Municipal, Urban or Pradeshiya Sabha Council. The mobile application was launched on 21 March 2022.



LAUNCH OF TRAINING MANUAL AND CONDUCTING A TRAINING PROGRAM ON COMMUNITY JOURNALISM - PRATHIBA MEDIA NETWORK (PMN)

Prathiba Media Network (PMN) launched the training manual 'Approach to community journalism through smart phone applications' in Matara. Additionally, 20 staff members representing 10 Civil Society Organizations (CSO) in Matara participated in a 4-day training program on community journalism. The purpose of the program was to provide guidance and encouragement on the use of the media in promoting the role of their organizations.

If you have any questions, comments, or feedback, do reach out to us at sasgp.sl@asiafoundation.org