

Voice for Science Called in Nepal



Marking the ninth National Science Day Aswin 1st, a public campaign “Voice for Science” was launched. The objectives of the campaign is to appreciate the role of science and technology in the service of humanity and bring the attention of policymakers and the public, in general, to realize its importance in social transformation and economic development while maintaining the natural balance of our biosphere.

The campaign launched on the virtual meeting was attended by over 1,400 enthusiastic participants, mostly science teachers and university students from Nepal and some Nepali diaspora. Renowned fish scientist Prof. Ms. Jiwan Shrestha chaired the session. Architect Jagatbir Shilpakar, a people’s engineer who led the renovation of Nyatapola was the chief guest. The speakers were: Ms Rojina Gauchan (Mustang), Mr. Manoj Acharya (Kathmandu), Mr. Nashir Mulla (Janakpur), Ms Anju Malla, and Dr. Sojen Pradhan representing young scientists, teachers, research enterprises, women scientists, and diaspora respectively. Er. Ganesh Shah, science promoter and the former minister gave away prizes to winners of science videos. On behalf of the organizing team, Prof. Rameshwar Adhikari announced the establishment of Science Teachers Award.

The science faculties of Nepal’s universities Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu University, Agriculture and Forestry University, Pokhara University, Lumbini Buddhist University, Gandaki University, Mid-West University, and Far-western University. Similarly, non-state institutions at province level Environmental Conservation Forum (Jhapa), Microbiome Nepal (Janakpur), Machhapuchhre Development Organization (Pokhara), Pratiman-Neema Memorial Foundation (Butwal), Sarbodaya Nepal (Jumla), and Social Awareness & Development Association (Baitadi), and STEM Foundation (Kathmandu) supported in raising the voice.

RHF GS Dr. Dinesh Bhuju coordinated the program.

YSN Nepal is a nationwide network of graduate and graduate students of Nepali universities formed by Resources Himalaya Foundation in 2020 to create scientific understanding in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic.

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