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Thank you for collaborating with us, learning with us and growing such an incredible community that exists as Daayitwa Abhiyaan.

2025 taught us the value of supporting each other in this journey toward development. Here's to another year of मिलेर केहि गर्नु छ, गर्दै छौ, गर्ने छौ।

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Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Promotion (GEEP) Program

The Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Promotion (GEEP) Program conducted two focused learning modules for 20 outstanding entrepreneurs from five local governments (palikas) of Gandaki Province: Product-Market Fit & Market-Based Commodity Plan and Access on Digital Technologies for Entrepreneurs.

The sessions were designed to strengthen entrepreneurs' understanding of market dynamics, including identifying market opportunities, customer segments, and factors influencing business decisions such as pricing and distribution. In parallel, participants were introduced to digital advisory services through the Geo Krishi App, focusing on accessing location-based crop advisory, real-time weather information, daily market prices, and online expert consultation.

Together, these modules aimed to promote market-oriented thinking and digital access to support informed enterprise planning and value chain strengthening.



Empowering entrepreneurs in Gandaki Province with market insight and digital tools for informed enterprise growth.

[For the more details](#)

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Gandaki Province Policy and Planning Commission (PPPC)

Dec 14, 2025 Daayitwa signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Gandaki Province Policy and Planning Commission (PPPC) to advance the Chief Minister Public Governance Fellowship (CMPGF). The MoU formalizes a long-term partnership to jointly implement the CMPGF and other agreed collaborative initiatives. The collaboration focuses on strengthening policy research, enhancing governance capacity, fostering innovation, promoting knowledge exchange, and advancing good governance practices.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Dhurva Giri, Provincial Secretary of PPPC, and Dr. Pukar Malla, Chairperson of Daayitwa, in the presence of the Honorable Chief Minister Mr. Surendra Raj Pandey, along with senior officials and representatives from both institutions.



Province Secretary of PPPC, Gandaki Mr. Dhurva Giri and Daayitwa Chairperson Dr. Pukar Malla exchanging signed copies of the MoU following its formal signing by both parties.

Mission Aasha 2025

In the month of December, we were glad to welcome three of our Impact Pioneers to the Daayitwa Abhiyaan Office. Niraj Shrestha, Mission Aasha's organiser in Florida, USA shared valuable insights on the impact of our work. Binod KC and Nisha Dhaubhadel from Calgary, Canada spoke on their experience hosting the Mission Aasha event in their home. Such chances to interact with our Impact Pioneers in person remind us of the strength of connections that Daayitwa fosters, and leave us feeling further encouraged to keep working towards our collective goal of contributing to the development of Nepal.



Mission Aasha Organizers' visit to the office : Niraj Shrestha (Florida, US) and Binod KC & Nisha Dhaubhadel (Calgary, Canada)

Governance Lab

National Governance Symposium (NGS) 2025



NGS '25 convened diverse voices across government, private sector, youth, and academia to reimagine Nepal's development pathway mobilizing People, Money, Data and Tech for inclusive, enterprising growth.

NGS'25, organized by Governance Lab, in collaboration with Daayitwa was successfully convened on Friday, 12 December 2025, bringing together government officials, private sector leaders, youth, alumni, civil society, and academia to reimagine Nepal's development pathway.

Held in partnership with Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC), Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers (OPMCM), Ministry of Finance (MoF), and the National Planning Commission (NPC), the symposium provided a neutral, apolitical platform for honest, evidence-based dialogue. A strong emphasis was placed on Gen-Z youth leaders and Daayitwa alumni, whose lived experiences grounded discussions in current governance realities.

Focus of NGS '25

Under the theme "Doing Development Differently," the symposium explored how Nepal can better mobilize People, Money, and Data as core resources for institutional strengthening and inclusive, enterprising growth.

Key Thematic Pillars

- People: Leadership development, institutional culture, and youth integration in governance
- Money: Public finance innovation, resource mobilization, and private sector engagement
- Data: Digital governance, data-driven policymaking, and accountability systems

The one-day program featured opening and closing plenaries, interactive breakout sessions, and practical skill-building discussions.

Key Outcomes

- Actionable insights and policy-oriented recommendations on resource mobilization
- Strengthened collaboration among government, youth leaders, alumni, and private sector actors
- Clear pathways for leveraging human, financial, and data resources to advance Nepal's development ecosystem

NGS '25 reinforced the value of inclusive dialogue and innovative thinking in shaping Nepal's future demonstrating that development can, and must, be done differently.

Stakeholder Meeting: Action Research for Nepal's Tourism Solutions

A stakeholder meeting on GovLab's newly launched Action Research for Nepal's Tourism Solutions was held on 26 December 2025 in Thamel with 19 participants from across the tourism ecosystem. The meeting reviewed GovLab's tourism landscape mapping and discussed priority governance gaps and actionable reforms.

Key issues highlighted included fragmented permit systems, safety risks in restricted areas, weak institutional coordination, and the absence of integrated tourism data. Participants reached strong consensus on the need for a one-door policy for permits and licensing, technical reform of the Ministry of Tourism, and the development of open, Nepal-centric tourism data systems.

The group agreed to move forward with an industry-funded, action-oriented research initiative, with GovLab as the technical partner. Immediate next steps include launching a pilot in the Everest region, finalizing a short-term research roadmap, and coordinating structured engagement with government stakeholders.

The Kurākāni Kollektive #4

The poster for 'The Kurākāni Kollektive #5' features a circular portrait of speaker Aakriti Ghimire on the left. The central text reads: 'SPEAKER: AAKRITI GHIMIRE', 'THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 2025 5:30PM', and 'WATERING HOLE GASTRO PUB JHAMSIKHEL'. It also includes a circular logo for 'WATERING HOLE GASTRO PUB', a contribution note of 'Rs. 200', and the hashtag '#kurakani'. On the right, the event is branded as 'the KURĀKĀNI KOLLEKTIVE'. At the bottom, it is noted as 'A CO-PRODUCTION OF:' featuring logos for 'GOVERNANCE LAB' (Research • Policy • Network) and 'Impact447' (Empathy in Design. Results in Action.). A blue banner at the bottom of the poster contains the text: 'The Kurākāni Kollektive #5: Why policies fail before implementation—and how accountability can move from occasional to consistent.'

In our fifth conversation, we unpacked the myth of “lack of implementation” and why policies fail long before execution.

We were joined by Aakriti Ghimire, initiator of *howtodeshbikas*, who shared real-world lessons from journalism, lawmaking, and government on moving from policy to practice.

The discussion revealed that implementation gaps are rarely technical. They stem from weak incentives, poor coordination, inaccessible information, and lack of follow-through.

The key question that remains: how do we make government accountability consistent, not occasional?

Organized by Impact447 and Governance Lab, this marks the final episode of The Kurakani Kollektive for 2025.

Inclusion Economics Nepal

Women's Network Second Pilot “नेतृ म” in Parbat



IEN's Women's Network pilot in Kushma, Parbat brought together women leaders to connect, share experiences, and strengthen local political leadership.

IEN held the second Women's Network pilot meeting in Parbat on December 20, 2025, in Kushma, with 32 women leaders and political aspirants in attendance. Participants included women from the original pilot sample, returnees from the first Parbat meeting, and new participants who joined through peer referrals and recommendations.

The session focused on peer interaction, experience-sharing, and facilitated group discussions around women's political journeys, challenges, and leadership experiences. Current representatives, including deputy mayors and ward members, played an active role in discussions and contributed practical insights, while aspirants participated in group exercises and plenary conversations. Participants engaged across party lines and municipalities, reinforcing the network's role as a cross-party platform.

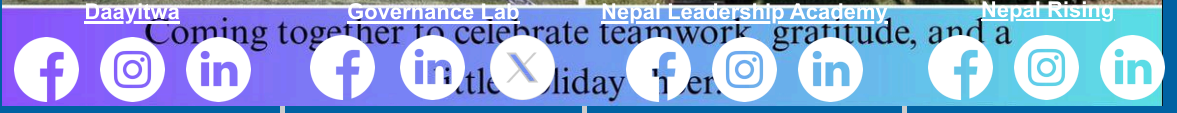
Overall, the meeting reinforced the relevance of the Women's Network as a space for women to connect, share lived political experiences, and build relationships that support continued political participation. The sustained attendance and growing participation through referrals align with the project's objective of fostering durable, peer-based networks among women leaders ahead of upcoming local elections.

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