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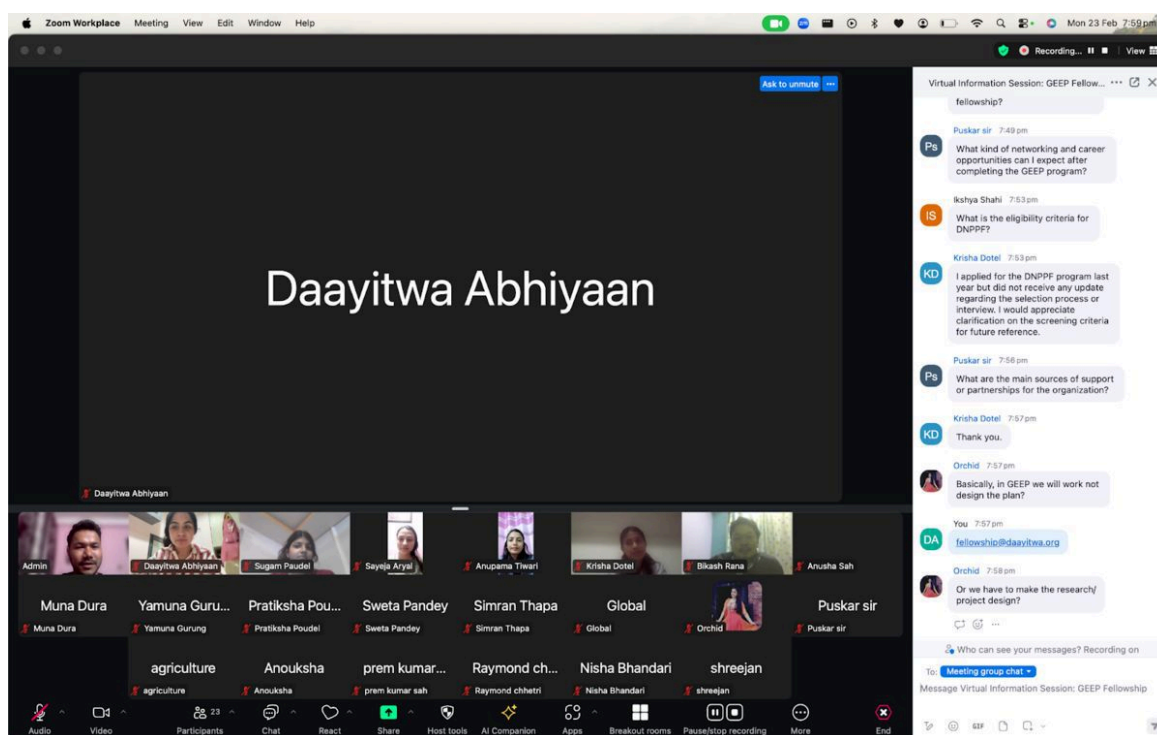
GEEP



The GEEP program brought together 55 outstanding entrepreneurs from five municipalities: Badigad, Siranchowk, Myagde, Hupsekot, and Jaljala for a three-day residential Leadership and Management Workshop for Innovative Entrepreneurship in Pokhara (February 16-20). The comprehensive program featured enterprise exploration visits where participants gained practical insights from successful local businesses, followed by intensive training on Adaptive Leadership, Innovation Cycle, Managing Losses, Intentional Relationship Building, and SMART Goal setting. A highlight was the networking day, where representatives from ministries, banks, and business associations engaged participants through panel discussions, mentorship sessions, and investment guidance. The workshop significantly enhanced participants' leadership skills, business management capabilities, and professional networks, equipping them to accelerate their enterprises and drive employment creation in rural Gandaki.

In Lumbini, the GEEP program has received 247 applications from entrepreneurs seeking to participate in the program. Following the initial screening in Resunga and Tansen municipalities, 40 entrepreneurs from each municipality—80 in total—have been selected to advance to the next stage of the program.

GEEP Fellowship application and selection



177 applications were received for the GEEP Fellowship Program, which are currently in the reviewing phase for final selection. Each candidate is critically evaluated and placed in respective GEEP program municipalities.

Outreach activities were conducted, including a Virtual Information Session and in-person college/university visit. These sessions aimed to better inform eligible candidates about the fellowship structure, placement locations, roles, and overall benefits, ensuring wider and more meaningful participation.

The Fellowship, implemented under the GEEP Program, spans 14 local governments across Lumbini, Gandaki, and Koshi Provinces, offering young professionals hands-on experience in advancing entrepreneurship and employment at the local level through public policy research.

Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship (DNPPF)

The **Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship (DNPPF) 2026** is now accepting applications! This three-month fellowship (June–September 2026) gives Nepali youths an opportunity to work inside government institutions, tackle real policy challenges, and contribute to evidence-based decision-making in Nepal.

The regular deadline is coming up soon on 15 March 2026.

Apply now: bit.ly/DNPPF2026



The poster features the DAAYITWA logo at the top left, with the tagline 'a shared journey for progress'. The main title 'DAAYITWA NEPAL PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP 2026' is centered in white text on a dark blue background. Below this, a yellow banner contains the text 'YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN NEPAL'S PUBLIC POLICY IS NOT MERELY AN ACADEMIC EXERCISE; IT IS NOW A DEMOCRATIC NECESSITY.' Another yellow banner below that features the quote '"MY GOVERNMENT, MY RESPONSIBILITY"' in white. The central part of the poster is dominated by the large, bold, yellow-outlined text 'CALL FOR APPLICATIONS'. Below this text is a group of six diverse young adults (three women and three men) standing together, each with a yellow outline around them. At the bottom, a yellow button contains the text 'Apply here: bit.ly/DNPPF2026'.

The Kurākāni Kollektive #7 Beyond Just A CV Credential: A Kurakani On 'Fellowships'

On 26 February 2026, during the 7th episode of *Kuraakani Collective*, Aditi Upadhyaya (Daayitwa Fellow 2024 and current Fellowship Lead at Daayitwa) shared her fellowship journey. She reflected on how fellowships go beyond certificates, offering access, responsibility, and the habits that shape professional growth.

From navigating setbacks to landing a life-changing fellowship opportunity, Aditi showed how these experiences bridge the gap between academia and the real world. Since 2013, Daayitwa's fellows have grown from 7 to impacting 30 parliamentary areas, proving the power of fellowships to transform careers and communities.





BEYOND JUST A CV CREDENTIAL: A KURAKANI ON 'FELLOWSHIPS'



SPEAKER:

ADITI UPADHAYA

THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 2026
6:00PM



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Women's Network Second Pilot "नेतृ म" in Parbat

IEN held the third Women's Network pilot meeting in Parbat on February 1, 2026, in Kushma, with 27 women leaders and political aspirants in attendance. Participants included women from the original pilot sample, returnees from the previous Parbat meetings, 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

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