

# NEPAL CLIMATE UPDATE

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## 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.

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### **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 157<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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>