

Dear readers/subscribers,

This is the third edition of our Nepal in Data (NiD) newsletter. It has been a busy period in which we have been working hard to further enhance www.nepalindata.com. New data has been added under the market, economy and finance section of the portal and we have expanded the available time series for various data. The portal itself has been optimized to load faster and has been expanded to include a data calendar. Stay tuned for more features in the coming months!

The Nepal in Data team



BIKAS UDHYAMI HANDS OVER AGRICULTURE STATISTICS IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

On September 25, 2017, Bikas Udhyami's CEO, Mr. Santosh Gartaula handed over an excel file with agricultural statistics to Mr. Ram Krishna Regmi, Senior Statistician at the Ministry of Agricultural Development. The file contains agricultural statistics from previously published, but now gone out of print rare books. Bikas Udhyami's Nepal in Data team entered and cleaned the data after the Ministry of Agricultural Development had initiated an effort a few months back to turn the old data and statistics books into an electronic format. The electronic file covers the available 12 major agricultural indicators like Cash Crops, Egg Production, Fishery, Food Crops, Food Security etc. since 1968. With this handover, the reuse and sharing of data will be easier for the Ministry. In addition, it will also help in the formulation and implementation of evidence based agricultural policies. Furthermore, it will also help researchers, who want to do a comparative study of Nepal's agricultural sector.



WHAT'S NEW?

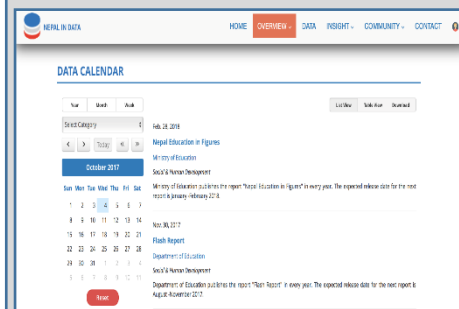
- On September 25, Bikas Udhyami handed over agricultural data to the Ministry of Agriculture
- On September 9, Bikas Udhyami participated in the 'Building a Community on Open Data in Nepal' workshop organized by the Data for Development Program of The Asia Foundation and Development Initiatives funded by DFID
- In August, Bikas Udhyami participated in the ICT awards 2017 and was selected as one of the top 10 finalists of the BEST INNOVATIVE PRODUCT ICT AWARD 2017
- In July, Bikas Udhyami developed a series of 20 municipal profiles for The Asia Foundation's Subnational Governance Program funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australian Government

CBS DIRECTOR GENERAL VISITS BIKAS UDHYAMI OFFICE

On August 25, Bikas Udhyami welcomed Mr. Suman Raj Aryal, Director General of the Central Bureau of Statistics to its office. Mr. Aryal shared his experiences and discussed with our Nepal in Data team about the important work that the Central Bureau of Statistics is undertaking in Nepal.



NEPAL IN DATA CALENDAR LAUNCHED



Do you struggle to keep track of when government data and statistical publications are released? Check out our data calendar at www.nepalindata.com/calendar/ and never miss a publication again!

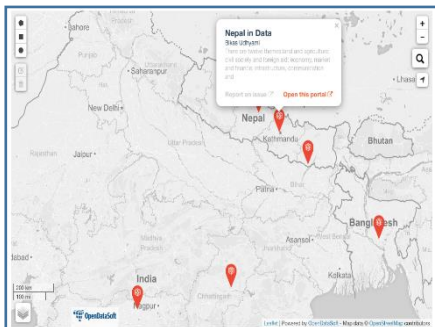


OPEN DATA PORTALS IN THE WORLD

Did you ever browse the internet for hours on end trying to find data portals? Ever stalked data geeks on Twitter hoping they'll tweet a worthy data repository? Ever maniacally clicked on a five-year-old thread asking for data resources only to be disappointed by the answer (or lack thereof).

If you answered "yes" to one of these questions, this article is for you! It tells the story of opendatainception.io — a list and a map of 2,700+ open data portals around the world. The list and map includes Bikas Udhya's www.nepalindata.com portal!

Read the full article at: <https://nepalindata.com/ne/1176/>



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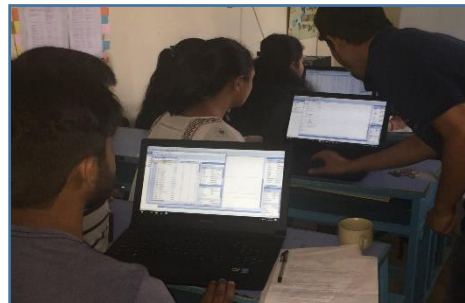
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OPEN GOVERNMENT DATA ACTION PLAN

On August 23, the National Information Commission handed over the draft National Open Government Data Action Plan to the Office of the Prime Minister. The Action Plan constitutes an important milestone in advancing the production and sharing of government data in open format. The plan was prepared in accordance with Right to Information Act 2064 Clause 19. On the occasion, NIC chief commissioner Krishna Hari Banskota stressed on formulating rules and regulations on behalf of the government side for the implementation of the plan. After receiving the report, PM Deuba gave assurances to forward the necessary process to implement report after studying it.

STATA TRAINING & ENGAGE COLLEGE TOUR



On July 29 and 30, the Nepal in Data team conducted a STATA training for selected teaching staff and students at National College.

As part of Bikas Udhya's "ENGAGE" college tour, the Nepal in Data team presented the Nepal in Data Initiative at Mega College on September 8.

NEPAL IN DATA "STUDENT OUTLOOK" SERIES

Rounik Raj Aryal, B.A.-LL.B student at the National Law College (NaLC), Tribhuvan University of Nepal



"My aim is to contribute to the legal sector in my own country, especially in those parts of the country where people are not acquainted with the notion of law and justice." Meet Rounik Aryal (Rounik Raj Aryal), a BA.A-LL.B student at National Law College (NaLC) affiliated to Tribhuvan University. An aspiring lawyer, he is also a social activist, Japanese language instructor, and translator and has been leading the social organization "All Nepal Welfare Foundation (ANWF)" as an Executive Director. Read this Nepal in Data Student Outlook: <https://nepalindata.com/pr/15/>

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