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Women Power Needs to be Exercised in Real Life, not Just in Indicators

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The World Bank's recent report titled [Women, Business and the Law 2022](#) states that Nepal has made the fastest progress among South Asian countries when it comes to combating gender-based gaps. In the report that analyzed the laws of the countries on eight indicators; mobility, workplace, pay, marriage, parenthood, entrepreneurship, assets, and pension, Nepal scored 80.6 points out of 100. The neighboring country, India scored 74.4, Bhutan scored 71.9, and Bangladesh 49.4.

Nepal received 100 points on three indicators; workplace, pay, marriage, 75 points on the other 3 indicators; mobility, entrepreneurship, pension, 80 points on assets, and 40 points on parenthood. But while the numbers look astounding, there still is a long way for Nepal to go. Yes, the subsidies on registration fees and taxes have increased the number of women run-businesses and women-owned properties on paper, but it is worth noting if the women really have control over those assets. Also, it is important to rethink if the indicators where Nepal received full points based on the laws would also receive full points on implementation.

Read more: [The Kathmandu Post](#)

Governance Issues of the Week

1. The impeachment motion against Chief Justice, Cholendra Shumsher JB Rana has received no attention. There is a provision that the proposal has to be informed to the parliament within 7 days, but the matter hasn't been even discussed in the Business Advisory Committee of the House of Representatives for 18 days now.
Read more: [Kantipur](#)
2. Nepal has administered full COVID-19 vaccine doses to 79.4% of the population, securing fourth among the South Asian countries. But within Nepal, there is still a huge shortfall in the vaccination campaign when observing the data as per geography. Bagmati and Gandaki Province have 96% and 100% vaccinated ratio, while the provinces bordering India such as Madhesh has 61%, Province 1 has 68%, Lumbini has 80%, Karnali has 61%, and Sudurpaschim has 66% ratio.
Read more: [Nagarik Dainik](#)
3. The task force formed to study visit visas in the Gulf countries, Malaysia, and at-risk countries has submitted a report suggesting the government allow people who earn at least NRs. 1 million annually and have savings of NRs. 5 hundred thousand to be eligible to obtain visit visas.
Read more: [Himal Sanchar](#)
4. The Jayanagar-Janakpur railway, which is conducting a dry run since 13 February 2022, hasn't been able to legally operate as the Railway Ordinance - 2078 had been deactivated due to the failure of submitting the ordinance to the House within 60 days.
Read more: [The Rising Nepal](#)
5. Out of 111 registered political parties, 80 parties have applied in the Election Commission to participate in the local level elections. Among them, 29 are newly registered parties.
Read more: [Rato Pati](#), [Kantipur](#)
6. The operation of BPKIHS Hospital in Dharan has been affected due to the government's delay in reimbursing NRs. 260 million to the hospital, which was spent to cover the health insurance of the poor patients coming from most of the remote districts within Province 1 and Madhesh province.
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