



Association of
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Seminar on internet and fake information in Nepal: challenges to democracy and freedom of the press

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Overview

The Association of Political Science Studies (APSS), the Federation of Nepali Journalists (FNJ), and the Nepal Telecommunications Authority co-organized a seminar on internet, fake information, democracy and freedom of the press. The program brought together public officials, media leaders, rights institutions, diplomats and APSS leadership to discuss how false and misleading information affects democratic public communication in Nepal.

Key themes

The discussion focused on constitutional protection of press freedom, responsible use of digital platforms, the democratic environment needed for internet expansion, and the risks posed by false, incorrect and confusing information. Speakers emphasized that press freedom, freedom of expression and democratic accountability must be protected while making the internet safer, more orderly and more useful for public life.

Participants and institutional significance

The seminar included high-level participation including Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Purna Bahadur Khadka, National Human Rights Commission Chairperson Top Bahadur Magar, US Ambassador to Nepal Dean R. Thompson, FNJ President Bipul Pokhrel, and APSS President Rajendra Prasain. The event strengthened APSS work on democracy, media freedom, responsible information flow and the digital public sphere.

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