

Kathmandu School of Law
Clinical Law Department

Report on First Seminar on 'Use of RTI and Open Data'

The first webinar was conducted on the issue of 'Use of RTI and Open Data' for Public Advocacy' through the Zoom platform. The program intended to provide essential knowledge regarding RTI and Open Data which has been one of the general topics reserved for the Clinical Advocacy program under the compulsory syllabus of BALLB Fourth Year.



SEMINAR ON
"USE OF RTI & OPEN DATA FOR PUBLIC ADVOCACY"

Wednesday
29 chaitra, 2079

ZOOM VIDEO SEMINAR

TIME:6:00PM-8:00PM

Participant: B.A.LL.B 4th Year student

All 4th-year Students are requested to participate compulsorily

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ADVOCATE SAROJ BISTA
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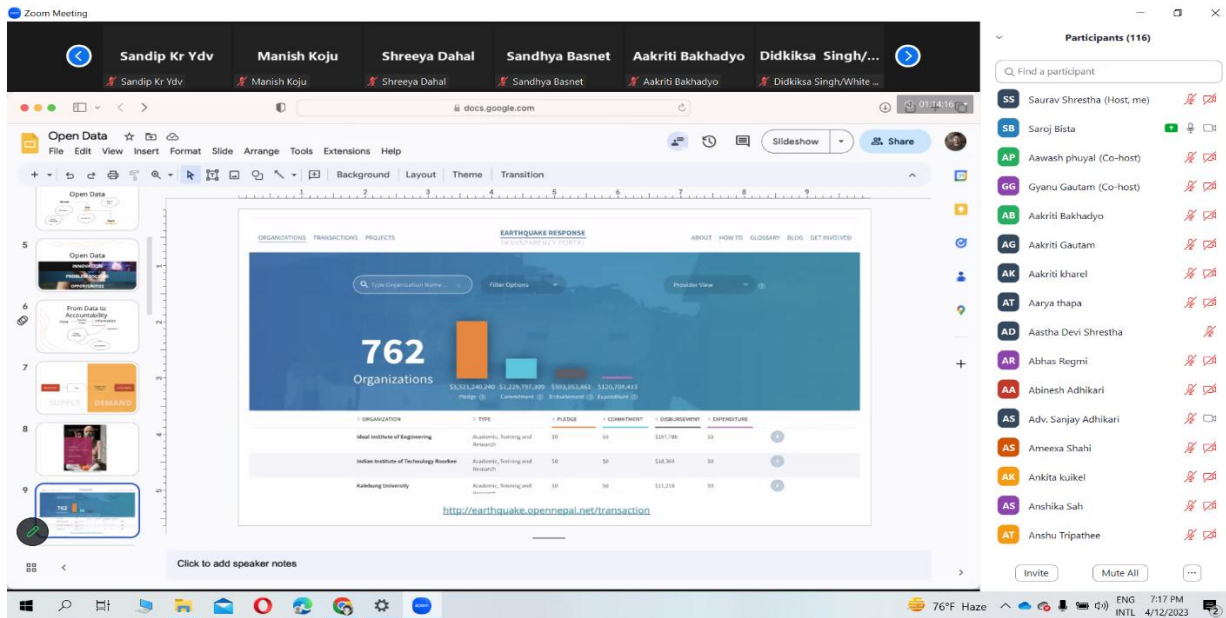


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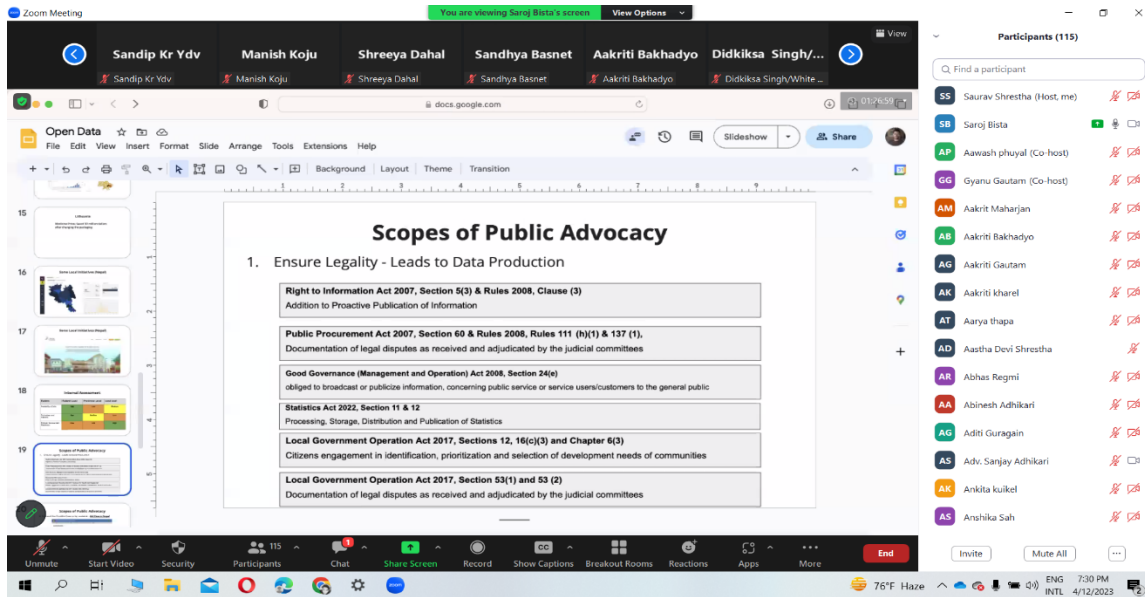
MR. AAVASH PHUYAL
B.A.LL.B 5th Year student

The program was facilitated by Associate Professor Mr. Gyanu Gautam, the coordinator of the Clinical Law Department. The speakers of the seminar were Advocate Saroj Bista, Assistant Professor Sanjay Adhikari, and Mr. Aabhash Phuyal (BALLB 5th Year).



The modality of the seminar was divided into two sections. Firstly, the speakers presented the sub-themes assigned to them. Secondly, there was an intensive question/answer session based on the presentations delivered,

Advocate Saroj Bista presented the enhanced importance of online mediums for legal advocacy in the current era of highly advanced information and technology. He referred to several methods by which technology can be used for the 'better cause' of ensuring transparency, accountability, and good governance, chiefly at local level governments. He contended that internet applications can be used to know the status of the distribution of budget at the local levels which may enhance the politico-legal literacy level of the citizens ultimately.



Assistant Professor Sanjay Adhikari made a marvelous presentation on the historical antecedents of RTI from ancient times to the modern era in the Nepalese context. Mr. Adhikari pointed out the nation of ‘ Shilalekh ‘ as an open disclosure of information in ancient Nepal, which is what we call RTI and open data today. Besides that, he provided insights into the procedures and requirements for seeking RTI. He also discussed the potential challenges that may come in the course of exercising RTI rights and suggested ways to tackle such situations.

Mr. Aabhas Phuyal spoke on the conceptual idea of RTI. He stressed legal and constitutional provisions regarding RTI. He also shared his experience in doing advocacy in the areas of cyber security last year.

Concluding, the seminar proved to be very fruitful in imparting to students with essentialities for legal advocacy in the subject of cyber security. There were active participation and interaction from the side students that enhanced the value of the seminar.