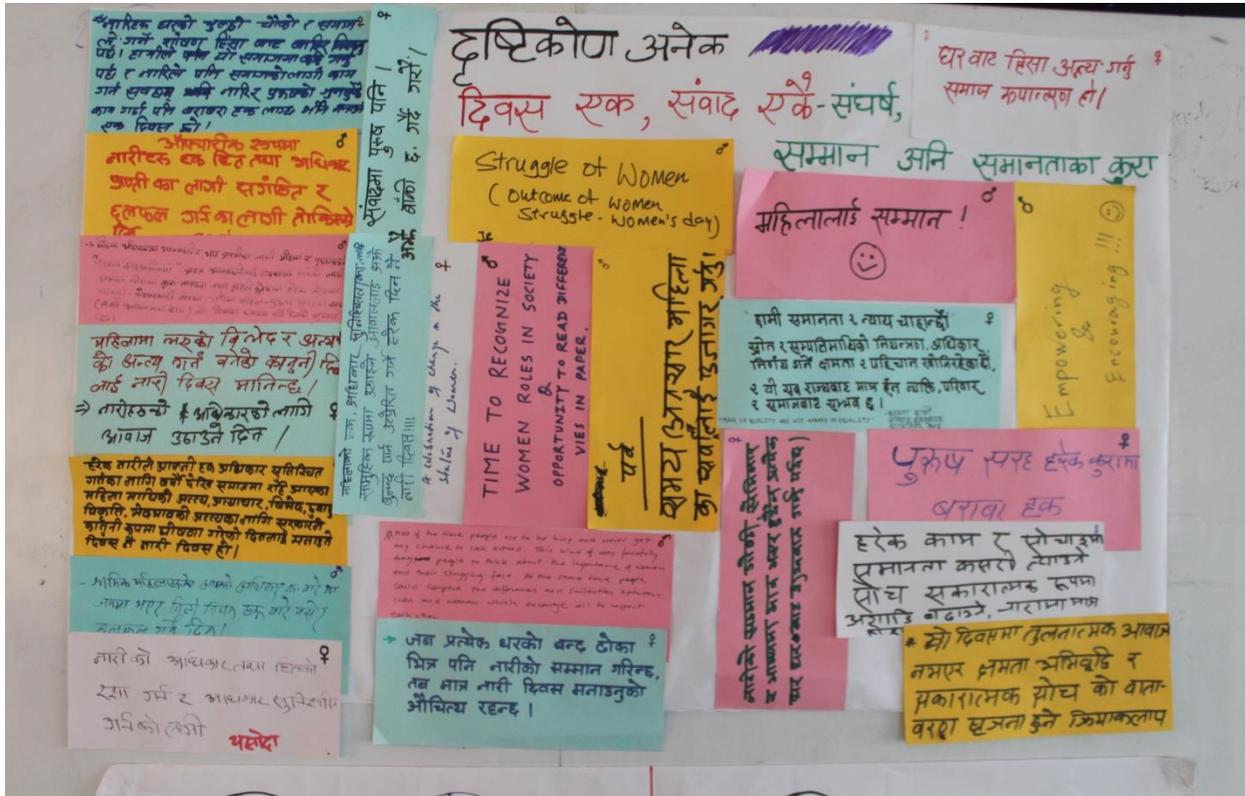


On the occasion of 107<sup>th</sup> International Women's Day, Community Self-reliance Centre (CSRC) Kathmandu organized a Documentary Show on Joint Land Ownership (JLO) on March 8, Wednesday. The Program itself was entitled *The JLO Show*. Apart from the CSRC staff and board members, there were participants from Radio Nepal, Oxfam, Women's Rights Forum, World Jewish Relief and Reiyukai Nepal. There were altogether 21 participants of which six were men.



A unique of its kind, the objectives of this program were to remember struggles of women farmers for the policy level gains on JLO, discuss gender equality along the lines of women's rights to land and share reminiscence from the past, by those who were the participants of the historic movement.

Altogether five small video clips which were shown included the historic Women's foot march of the West, mass mobilization at Khullamanch of Kathmandu, the policy success and views from couples who have made JLO certificates and feel a change in their way of lives.

A short session on sharing of views concluded the program (briefs on the next page).

Speaker	Opinion
<p><b>Chanda Bista,</b> Radio Nepal</p>	<p><i>"Working in the media for over 20 years now, I realize that it is important to disseminate empowering stories of change."</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media is turning profit oriented; they are interested in covering and broadcasting news which can be molded as attractive. This shifts the focus from stories of marginalized and the unheard voices remain unrecognized, the stories remain hidden.</li> <li>• When a woman raises her voices, it contributes to her self confidence, changes her life and also her family, society and a country as a whole.</li> <li>• CSRC has given voice to the voiceless, landless to rise against atrocities and fight for land where they have toiled since generations. Once people recognize their right they will eventually fight for it. As an educated member of this society, our job is to help them understand their rights.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reiyukai Nepal</b></p>	<p><i>"The show was enlightening for me, I never knew of such movements in Nepal. I am overwhelmed."</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At Reiyukai, we have seen a changing pattern in women and men's participations at programs in the past 20 years. Women are definitely coming forward.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rasna Dhakal,</b> Oxfam</p>	<p><i>"The Constitution has ensured certain rights to women but how it's profiling in our law and policy should be discussed."</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring the ownership of women in land can be linked with economic empowerment of women and vice-versa. We have not succeeded in making this a mainstream debate. Campaigning for JLO is slowly coming as major in bringing forward the debates and equality discourses.</li> <li>• JLO is still considered to be voluntary and not mandatory. Our next step should be towards institutionalizing the initiative.</li> <li>• The documentaries show that CSRC and NLRf have been doing a</li> </ul>

	momentous job in land rights and the movement.
<b>Gopal Thapa Magar, CSRC Board Member</b>	<i>"Debunk the ill practices in name of religion and culture, we can continue with the good things."</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Today's main challenge of today is to break the cemented attitude of people (both men and women) towards women, stereotypical expectations which still exist.</li> <li>• Biased mentalities should transform from within houses, especially of treating daughters and daughter-in-laws differently. To ensure the right of women everyone should participate from their own positions.</li> </ul>
<b>Anita Kharel, CSRC Staff</b>	<i>"A woman should get respect within boundaries of four walls, only then will she be respected elsewhere."</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Until we understand domestic chores as a womanly and not appreciate her for doing, we cannot ensure empowerment or self-respect.</li> <li>• To ensure her right a woman should be able to speak up for her.</li> </ul>
<b>Prapti Adhikari</b>	<i>"Gender is not only 'her', it is 'him too' and we should not segregate 'him' from the discourse."</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For me, to understand any issue better first know the history: how it all started, how was the need recognized? So this event has helped me better, in knowing the Movement from the start of it.</li> <li>• To ensure Gender Equality, it is important to promote the schooling of "He for She".</li> </ul>
<b>Ramita Shrestha, CSRC</b>	<i>"In a society where I live they don't understand things like empowerment at once. And I feel it is equally important to be sensitive while working."</i>
<b>Maya Shahi, CSRC</b>	<i>"Men should be a part of such campaigns as equally as women are."</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informative events like these should be conducted in villages to bring about extensive changes.</li> </ul>
<b>Jagat Basnet, CSRC</b>	<i>"I recognize this day as Outcome of Women's Struggles."</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social movements should be able to include local voices, only then will they be credible. Use of local resources makes the movement self</li> </ul>

	<p>reliant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movements are often taken as manipulative but they bring about change. They are necessary to maintain independent governance.</li> <li>• The change that a project can't bring can be brought through movement as it generates power at the local level.</li> </ul>
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