

# MEDIA MONITORING REPORT

# APRIL 2021

This infographic report represents GMC Nepal's attempt to evaluate and understand initiatives taken by the government in each of our three key areas of research: **Health, Education, and Migration**, through vigilant media monitoring mechanisms. In order to analyze the changing dynamics of the government's attention across various sectors, the media plays a crucial role in reflecting where latest developments and public discourse issues are focused.

### Media Outlets Monitored:

Kantipur Daily / The Kathmandu Post / The Himalayan Times / Nayapatrika / Republica /



Total number of stories/articles included: **58**

- 45%: Health **26**
- 22%: Education **13**
- 33%: Migration **19**



## Key Area: Health

The consistent trend of news regarding Health Governance topping the relative coverage between our three areas continued on to the first month of the second quarter of 2021. As was the case in the previous months monitored, stories associated with the Covid-19 pandemic dominated Health Governance coverage, with air pollution coming in second. To reflect this, case & mortality stories are reported separately.

### Highlights:

- Nothing is Being Done to Curb Kathmandu Air Pollution, Environmentalists Say (April 1st, Kathmandu Post)
- Health Ministry Says Next Two Months Critical, Calls for Caution (April 21st, Naya Patrika)
- Doctors Worries as Cases Surge in Hospitals; Prohibitive Orders Announced (April 28th, Kathmandu Post)

### Thematic Breakdown

Policy	3
Institutions	5
Implementation	4
People and Leadership	2
Covid-19 Status Reports	10
Others	2
<b>Total Coverage</b>	<b>26</b>

### Thematic Breakdown

Policy	5
Institutions	7
Implementation	1
People and Leadership	0
Others	0
<b>Total Coverage</b>	<b>13</b>

## Key Area:

## Education



News coverage within the themes of Policy and Institutions made up a majority of the total 13 notable Education Governance stories in April. For the first time in 2021, Migration Governance saw more notable stories than Education - a reflection of the pandemic's continued disruptions in both sectors.

### Highlights:

- Health Ministry Advises Shutting Schools in 14 Pandemic-Vulnerable Districts (April 15th, Kathmandu Post)
- Students at Risk as Government Struggles to Decide Regarding School Closures (April 19th, Nayapatrika)



## Key Area: Migration

News coverage of stories regarding Migration Governance saw a significant increase in April 2021, rising to claim 33% of the monitored proportion, up from last month's 16%, emphatically overtaking Education Governance to become the second most covered key area. Articles related to institutional efforts in border seals and issues in labor migration were key highlights.

### Highlights:

- Migrant Workers Start Returning Home as India Reports Rise in Covid-19 Cases (April 2nd, Kathmandu Post)
- Several Dead Bodies of Nepali Migrants Stuck Abroad Due to Travel Restrictions (April 20th, Kathmandu Post)

### Thematic Breakdown

Policy	3
Institutions	3
Implementation	7
People and Leadership	3
Others	3
<b>Total Coverage</b>	<b>19</b>