

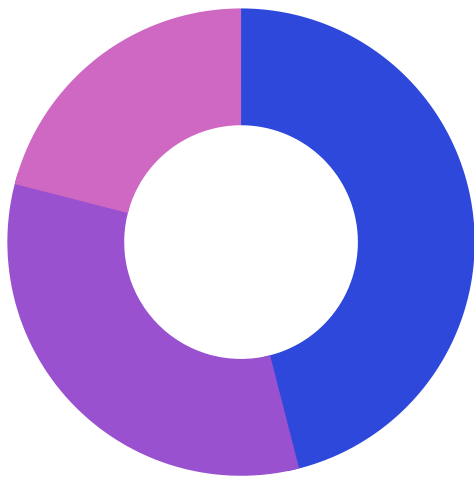
MEDIA MONITORING REPORT

FEBRUARY 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 / The Rising Nepal / Ratopati



Total number of stories/articles included: **39**

- 46%: Health **18**
- 33%: Education **13**
- 21%: Migration **8**



Key Area: Health

The month of February saw maximum coverage in Health Governance among our three key areas, with 46% of the total 39 articles revolving around issues pertaining to Health, including stories on the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Compared to the previous month, there was more coverage on health governance institutions in February.

Highlights:

- Government has not procured essential drugs for over 18 months (Feb 6th, Kathmandu Post)
- Karnali Province Hospital Begins Free Dialysis Service (Feb 23rd, Kantipur)
- PCR Machines Risk Being Rendered into Waste (Feb 26th, Ratopati)

Thematic Breakdown

Policy	3
Institutions	6
Implementation	4
People and Leadership	0
Others	1
Total Coverage	14

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Key Area: Education



In February, the focus in the sector of education shifted to coverage of new policies, which included the largest share of articles. Given that the Covid-19 pandemic educational disruptions have begun being lifted, much of the coverage outside policy issues highlighted reopenings.

Highlights:

- Court grants permission to implement new Curriculum of Grades 11 and 12. (Feb 5th, Ratopati)
- Cabinet decides to hold Secondary Education Examinations centrally. (Feb 10th, Kathmandu Post)



Key Area: Migration

Migration, as compared to our other key areas, had a decreased share in coverage in February, with only 21% of our monitored news articles referencing the sector. Although migration related processes are resuming after Covid-19 related disruptions, media attention was more focused on other policy highlights. Two primary policy stories in particular received major media attention, as shown below.

Highlights:

- Labour Migration to South Korea Remains Suspended for One Year (Feb 7th, Kathmandu Post)
- Delay in Verification of Demand Letters Creates Problem for Foreign Job Seekers (Feb 8th, Nayapatrika)

Thematic Breakdown

Policy	3
Institutions	0
Implementation	2
People and Leadership	0
Others	3
Total Coverage	8