

# Agriculture Seminar Series-III

## From Shifting Cultivation to the Sustainable Farming in the Sloping Hills of Northwestern Makawanpur



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Mr. Khop Narayan Shrestha is an executive director in MDI-Nepal (Manahari Development Institute-) located its central office in Hetaunda. He is graduate in Agriculture (BSc. Agric. ) in 1982 from IAAS, Rampur and post-graduate (M. Sc. Fisheries/Aquaculture) in 2015 from AFU, Rampur. His career started as a volunteer teacher in Gorkha, then served in government services for 12 years and in NGO for 18 years. In 2001, he established MDI-Nepal in his leadership. The institution has worked in 16 districts in Nepal serving almost 100,000 families living in worst form of poverty. He has experience of crop improvement in hill slopes acquired from proven Sloping Agriculture Land Technology (SALT) and various innovative water acquisition and application technologies such as drip, water harvesting ponds, infiltration galleries, sprinkler etc. He has applied the knowledge and experience while partnering with variety of organization in Nepal particularly UNDP, IFAD, World Bank, ADB and others. Under his leadership MDI received number of award from national and international institutions. Some remarkable awards were "Ryutaro Hashimoto APFED Award" in 2008 (US \$ 20,000), UNEP-Eco Peace Leadership Center (EPLC) in 2010 (USD 1,500), 'Environment Conservation Award 2010' from Government of Nepal, and "UNEP-Sasakawa Prize 2010-2011" with a total cash prize of USD 100,000. He has visited various countries in Asia, Europe and Australia to attend trainings and seminars.

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**Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 pm**

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