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Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal is a distinguished economist and development planner with two decades of professional experience, including teaching at the university and engaging in policy formulation and planning in government. From April 2018 to December 2022, Dr. Phuyal served as a Member of the National Planning Commission (NPC), where he made substantial contributions to the drafting and formulation of the 15th periodic plan of the Government of Nepal, as well as to the formulation of national and provincial plans. At NPC, Dr. Phuyal led many studies, reports, and policy research initiatives which included key research on "The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Foreign Employment and its Impact on the Economy of Nepal", "The Integrated National Social Protection Framework", "The Integrated National Employment Framework", "Foreign Investment in Nepal - Commitment, Problems Encountered and Arrangements Needed to Attract Investment" and "Fifth Rebasement of National Account Statistics and GDP". His rich and varied experience in economics, development and social sectors was invaluable in the NPC's endeavors. Prior to his appointment at the NPC, Dr. Phuyal was an Associate Professor of Economics at the Centre for Economic Development and Administration (CEDA) in Tribuvan University and also served as a visiting scholar/professor at prestigious international universities. He earned a Ph.D. in Economics from Chonnam National University, South Korea, in 2011, where he was the recipient of outstanding Ph.D. fellowship awards in 2006 and 2007. Dr. Phuyal has authored several books/chapters and published over four dozen scholarly articles in peer-reviewed international journals.