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Editorial Note

The December 2025 issue of The Journal of Nepalese Business Studies (JNBS) is proudly presented by the Editorial Board. This issue includes a wide range of research articles that address current issues and advancements in the field of management and business studies as part of our continued dedication to promoting scholarly discourse and offering a forum for national and international scholars. The 18th edition of the journal comprises nine articles covering diverse fields of business, finance, and contemporary issues.

Dr. Shiva Raj Poudel, Assistant Professor at Far Western University, examines the relationship between asset growth and common stock returns in the Nepal Stock Exchange, decomposing total asset growth into liquid assets, current assets, property, plant and equipment, and other assets to provide deeper insights into investment decision-making in the Nepali capital market. The research reveals that the higher the total assets growth, the greater the equity return in the Nepali capital market.

The relationship between empowerment-oriented leadership and work engagement in Nepali commercial banks is examined by Mr. Ganesh Prasad Niraula, a lecturer at Patan Multiple Campus, Tribhuvan University; Dr. Shreekrishna Kharel, an associate professor at Central Department of Management, Tribhuvan University; and Mr. Dipendra Dhungana, a lecturer at Patan Multiple Campus, Tribhuvan University. They examine the relationship between empowerment-oriented leadership and work engagement among banking professionals in Nepal. The results reveal that psychological empowerment affects work engagement.

Dr. Indira Shrestha, an assistant professor at Tribhuvan University's Nepal Commerce Campus, investigates how employee turnover in the hospitality industry is becoming more challenging in today's business arena. The results depict that normative commitment is a powerful factor in playing the role in leaving the organization.

Factors influencing employees' perception of the glass ceiling in Pokhara City were studied by Mr. Puspa Nidhi Amgain, an assistant professor of Prithvi Narayan Campus, Pokhara and a freelance researcher, Mrs. Muna K. C. The study found that social factors as a major contributor of glass ceiling barriers for career development in the governmental sector of Pokhara.

Mr. Bhupal Jaishi, an assistant professor of Prithvi Narayan Campus and Mr. Utpal Poudel, a freelance researcher, analyze the impact of macroeconomic factors on the financial performance of Nepali

insurance companies, examining how inflation, GDP growth, interest rates, exchange rates, and money supply affect return on assets and return on equity. Except for the exchange rate, all the macroeconomic factors significantly affect the performance of Nepali insurance companies.

Mr. Netra Prasad Subedi and Mr. Karna Bahadur Basnet, Assistant Professors at Janapriya Multiple Campus, Pokhara, study parental financial socialization and its impact on the financial behavior and future plans of university students in Nepal. The study reveals important insights into how family influence shapes young adults' financial decision-making.

Mr. Gokul Dhungana and Mr. Dhruba Kumar Budhathoki, Assistant Professor, Prithvi Narayan Campus, Tribhuvan University, assess job satisfaction among non-managerial level employees in commercial banks in Pokhara. The study revealed that both intrinsic and extrinsic factors influence employee satisfaction in the banking sector.

Dr. Rishikesh Panthi, affiliated with Kasthamandap College of Public Affairs Management, Purbhanchal University, examines the impact of management leadership on organizational performance of trading sector public enterprises in Nepal. The findings of the study show that the level of performance of the trading sector enterprises was found below the satisfactory level due to weak management leadership.

Ms. Shandhya Pokharel, a freelance researcher, investigates the factors influencing management students' willingness to use e-banking services in Pokhara, applying the Technology Acceptance Model to understand adoption behavior in the Nepalese context. The study confirms the relevance of the TAM framework in the Nepalese context and the students expressed positive perception across all measured dimensions of e-banking services in Pokhara.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the authors for their invaluable contributions and to our reviewers for their dedication in upholding the quality and integrity of the journal.

We sincerely appreciate the unwavering support of our readers and contributors and encourage your continued engagement with The Journal of Nepalese Business Studies. Your participation is instrumental in sustaining the journal's mission to disseminate high-quality scholarly work. Thank you for being an integral part of our academic community.

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