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We received 26 research papers and accepted only 9 research papers (34.62%) for publication after a blind peer review of each research paper by two peer reviewers. We also checked the similarity index and use of AI in the submitted research papers. As per the plagiarism policy of the Journal, we reject the AI used and 15% above similarity index research papers. In this issue, 18 authors contributed the papers as a collaborative and single authorship. The authors were from Pokhara University, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu University, Far Western University and Indian universities including Sanskriti University, University of Allahabad, and Indira Gandhi National Tribal University.

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