

Editorial Notes

It is a matter of pleasure to make the announcement of the publication of Issue 16 of Language and Literature Special Journal of JODEM, Department of English Mahendra Multiple Campus, Dharan, Sunsari, Kosi Province, Nepal.

This Issue of the Journal of the Department of English Mahendra Multiple Campus JODEM in short comprises 10 Research Articles reflecting six diverse subject realms. Of the ten articles, three articles are concerned with feminine notions; three articles deal with ecological literature; and the rest four articles contain ethnicity, diaspora, literary pedagogy, and family issues respectively.

The first three articles by Bista, Rai, and Thapa are related to the female's matters. The authors highlight the role of females in society and their outlook towards them from the patriarchic mindset. Similarly, the next three articles by Gurung, Pokharel, and Wagle have focused on ecological aspects. They hint at the deteriorating environment which has been discussed in many different texts. What they are tacitly conveying is that we humans' activities are responsible for environmental degradation. Unlike these articles which have dealt with women's issues and environmental concerns, the other four articles are distinctly different from each other in terms of the matter they carry out. The diaspora-related writing by Timalsina refers to how the Nepali immigrants in the alien land are striving hard for identity and appealing status. The next article related to pedagogy by Tumbahang brings forth how linguistic concept of 'dichotomy' could be used to understand the literary mutually exclusive terms such as 'monologue' and 'soliloquy' or 'fable' and 'parable'. The article depicting ethnicity by Rai conveys the message that the indigenous group is marginalized from the mainstream mechanisms i.e. administration, nation's policy, economic distribution and the like. Likewise, the last article of this diverse writing affairs' group by Regmi analyzes a family which undergoes countless ups and downs on the way to the family life journey.

Most articles in this volume are based on the analytical reading of Nepali literary texts. To be exact, six out of ten articles are concerned with Nepali texts focusing on culture, religion, lifestyle, the hardship of life, struggle for identity, the pervasive chauvinistic outlook in Nepali society, or center versus marginal case in or across communities.

The editorial team fairly anticipates that the JODEM can be of certain help in its related subjects and fields. Last but not least; the team cordially expresses its thankfulness to all the individuals and institutions - too many unfortunately mention by names - for their inspiration and cooperation.

Thank you!