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Editorial

In this year 2083 BS, Indreshwor Campus - the first institution in the Panauti region established through local community participation and financial contributions - entered its 25th year (Silver Jubilee).

It is with immense pleasure that I present the fourth volume of Panauti Journal, a multidisciplinary academic publication of Indreshwor Campus, Panauti-7, Kavrepalanchok, Nepal. The Journal continues to promote high quality academic discourse, knowledge creation across disciplines and the forward thinking development practices and policy perspectives of today's Nepal. This issue compiles fourteen diverse and insightful articles. Together, they reflect not only the vibrancy of Nepal's academic community but also the pressing contemporary social, economic, cultural, educational, and policy debates shaping the nation.

First article by Dr. Ratna Mani Nepal, Dr. Rajan Binayek Pasa, Ramesh Prasad Bhatt, Shankar Tiwari, Chanda Parjuli, Bishal Gnyawali, Chakra Pani Joshi, Anupama Pyakurel and Numa Thamsuhang presents pilot study of mountain tourism research project by using travelogue-based approach to field work. The second article by Hari Bhakta Karmacharya and Surya Bhakta Karmacharya assesses the academic research writing and publication training workshop in the light of Kirkpatrick's four levels model and highlights the positive outcomes as well as identifies the gaps that need to be addressed with continued institutional commitment.

The third article is by Dr. Devendra Adhikari, Min Tamang, Joshan Neupane, and Larak Yakthumba looks at the impacts of AI governance and/or preparedness in the South Asian context for SDG 4, suggesting a conceptual framework for resource-poor nations. Fourth article by Dinesh Shrestha highlights Tourist safety and law enforcement in Thamel by showing how visible policing directly impacts business confidence and destination competitiveness.

Fifth article by Himal Gaire and Smriti Ghimire's utilizes Feminist Political Ecology to discuss gendered impacts of climate change that suggest a Transformative Ecological Justice approach. Sixth article by Bipana Devkota's focuses on the interplay between tourism infrastructure, governance and sustainability in the context of Pathivara Temple, prioritizing a balance between development and sustainability.

Seventh article by Chandra Parajuli and Shanta Banskota Koirala's focuses on climate change, gender, and adaptive capacity in rural communities in Nepal, and calls for a locally

rooted and gender-sensitive approach to adaptation. Eighth article by Anup Ghimire offers a structural review of the SDG progress in Nepal, highlighting the considerable financing shortfall and offers four pillars strategic roadmap.

Ninth article by Durga Raj Pandey's uses narrative inquiry to examine a book launch program in Kathmandu, uncovering competing narratives of prosperous nationhood. Tenth article by Pardeep Raj Kapadi & Jayaram Karmacharya, takes a historical view to the development of inclusive education in Nepal and its implementation in practice, contending that inclusive education is a social justice stance and is considered as a long-term vision.

Eleventh article by Him Kumari Kapri and Er. Pragnyan Ghimire discusses the changes in school education in Nepal from 2022 to 2026, noting that progress needs to be measured on the basis of the advancement of access, quality and equity. Twelfth article by Nanda Kumari Kathayat & Sonaliza Shrestha discusses farmers' perceptions of climate change adaptation in the Panchkhal Municipality, stressing the importance of improving farmers' training and institutional coordination.

Thirteenth article by Durga Prasad Dahal and Santosh Kumar Kafle appraises adaptive dimension of psychological adjustment in the context of learning Nepali language. The last and fourteenth article, by Parsuram Adhikari and Maya Adhikari, gives a descriptive assessment of the natural, socio-cultural, religious, economic and infrastructural conditions of Panauti Municipality-12, Kalanti Bhumidanda from tourism development perspective.

In overall, the fourteen articles are a dense thickness of inquiry that offers a range of reflections on Nepal's progress along a trail of tradition and modernity, policy and practice, local and global discourses. The key themes of the volume are: climate-resilient development in the context of tourism, agriculture and community livelihoods; transformative power and challenges of new technologies like AI for education; gender-based inequalities in vulnerability and capacity to adapt; critical role of inclusive education and language policies for marginalized communities; need for evidence-based policy making and governance transformations; and the importance of the conservation of cultural heritage and religious tourism for sustainable development. Therefore, on behalf of the editorial board, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the authors for their academic contributions. I am equally grateful to the reviewers and editorial team members for their dedicated efforts. The views expressed in these articles belong solely responsible to the authors and do not necessarily represent the official stance of Indreshwor Campus and editorial board. With this fourth volume, Panauti Journal reaffirms its pledge to be a committed platform for scholarly exchange, dedicated to nurturing academic excellence and informing the policy innovations necessary for inclusive and sustainable future of Nepalese people.

At the last, to mark this joyous occasion (25th year, Silver Jubilee), a higher education conference will be held to celebrate progress, inspire tomorrow and Panauti toward becoming a center of academic excellence.

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