



Re/viewing Scholarly Publication of Panauti Journal and Punyawati Journal Published by Indreshwor Campus Panauti, Kavrepalanchok

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Abstract

This study re/viewed 36 articles which are published in three volumes of Panauti Journal and first volume of Punyawati Journal. The Journals are publication of Indreshwor Community Campus published between 2023 and 2025. The aim of the study was to assess academic contributions of Journals including scopes of research and overall quality and influence of the publications. The study used descriptive quantitative analysis along with inductive thematic analysis. The review finds that these publications cover multidisciplinary fields. The Journals getting better at being rigorous in methods and digging into multiple theories. Dependency theory, Marxist political economy, and Intersectional Feminism get applied from global ideas have been used for interpreting national issues of the country. The themes in the research unpack some evidence on contemporary issues such as the agrarian crisis, educational policies, labor migration patterns, and preserving cultural heritage. These issues help to develop evidence based policies to the federal government. The Journals strategically follow double-blind peer review and making everything open access through the NepJOL platform. On the global side, there are some good comparisons, especially about post-colonial development and changes in the Global South. Indreshwor Campuss publishing effort feels like a landmark example of local academic work that could matter more widely. It pushes multidisciplinary fields and builds credibility for both researchers and the readers in practice. Finally, for getting better in the future, the re/view suggests receiving well-structured manuscripts, bringing in international editors, publishing special thematic issue, and building up internal citations by the authors. That might help to enrich quality of Journal publication.

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1. Introduction

Nepalese higher education policy highlights improving quality, promoting research, and ensuring educational excellence (MoEST, 2019). Key directives include integration of technology in education, research and publication for global dissemination. However, implementation is often hindered by inconsistent funding, and a gap between policy directives and institutional capacity (UGC, 2024). The establishment of the Nepal Journal Online (NepJOL) platform, managed by the TU Central Library being webhosted by Ubiquity press. This platform aimed to increase the visibility, accessibility, and quality of scholarly publication culture in Nepalese higher educational institutions.

Thus, future of such academic contribution depends on this shift from a culture of compelled publication to committed peer-review communication and high quality scholarly publication. Walker (2010) argues that increasing the visibility of a Journal is the key to increasing quality which must be supported by strong editorial process. Besides, quality contents and outcomes are basic essentials of quality publication (Panthee, 2022). Osunsan et al. (2022) also analyzed "publish or perish" pressure in African institutions of higher education. However, scholarly publications of some of the institution are more than merely administrative decisions. They perform acts of important intellectual leadership.

In this background, recent successes of Indreshwor Campus must be taken into consideration. This community college makes a dedicated academic effort to publish two multidisciplinary peer-reviewed Journals. In between 2023 to 2025, Panauti Journal published 28 articles in three volumes and Punyawati Journal published 8 articles in its first volume. Publications of total 36 articles in four volumes have had a significant impact on the higher educational landscape in Nepalese context. Strategically, within a three years' time period, this community Campus successfully published four volumes of two scholarly Journals.

2. A Dual-Pronged Strategy for the Dissemination of Knowledge

Indreshwor Campus willing to disseminate knowledge through two Journals set up. Panauti Journal has had its own something unique view on multidisciplinary contributions. Likewise, Punyawati Journal, the newer one, and its first volume also hit the multidisciplinary research issues. This strategic publication platform offer online publication opportunities to all kinds of researchers including young novice researchers

as well as professionals and academicians. They can share research that thorough and fits the scope of Journals and context. Thus, a dual-pronged strategy under NepJOL aims to disseminate knowledge globally that benefitted to academicians and policymakers.

First: Panauti Journal

Panauti Journal has grown over its fourth volumes. First volume published in 2023 had the usual startup issues for a new publication. The articles published in the early volumes lacks theoretical lens. Later one, it set a starting point for interpreting research issues theoretically. Besides, Journal covered research from multiple areas such as virtual teaching (GC, 2023), free basic education (Khanal, 2023) teaching eastern body of knowledge (Sharma, 2023) and health (Dahal, 2023). One piece that stood out was this sociolinguistic study on local religious events written in Nepali by the faculty members associating in the Campus. There is also an article about why students miss school in Namobuddha Municipality (Dhakal et al., 2023). Moving to the second volume from 2024, it keeps that same tone sort of carrying over. It mixes in more theory like a post-colonial view on Kiran Desais novel. And then there are applied research on use of remittance (Pasa & Kharel, 2024) and motivational education (Rajbhandari, 2024). The Journal starts looking at itself in these volumes critiquing curriculum (Basnet, 2024), village tourism (Badal & Adhikari, 2024) and educational policies (Karki, 2024).

The third volume planned for 2025 pushes the research issues far ahead. It has a theme now around the political economy of changes in rural Nepal. Instead it highlights shifting gender norms (Pasa & Thapa, 2025), homestay tourism in Tharu village (Karmacharya et al., 2025), econometric of agriculture transformation (Garbuja, 2025), land reform (Parajuli & Deuja, 2025) and religious tourism in Kavre (Adhikari & Adhikari, 2025). The critiques build on each other drawing from dependency theory and some Marxian ideas to explain Nepalese context. Overall this makes the Journal seem reliable for studies on Nepal and it starts those wider conversations in academia.

Second: Punyawati Journal

The first volume of Punyawati Journal was published in 2025. Dedication of editorial teams of Panauti Journal and collective efforts of reviewers and authors helped to publish this second Journal. UGC Nepal also offer financial support to Campus for this additional publication. This second Journal also covers research issues from multidisciplinary fields. The Intersectionality of women empowerment published in this

Journal seems relevant (Magar & Shrestha, 2025). Other articles focus on job performance in health sector (Thapa & Shrestha, 2025), narratives of heritage tourism (Bishwakarma & Rajbhandari, 2025), religious tourism at Bhaleshwor (Adhikari & Adhikari, 2025) and , climate change effects on farmers' livelihoods (Shrestha, 2025). One paper used Fama-French model in Nepalese stock market context (Joshi, 2025). Overall, it seems broad, mixing important social research with financial analysis.

3. Objective and Methodology

The objectives of the study were to explore methodological, theoretical empirical contributions of articles published in Panauti Journal and Punyawati Journal; and to assess overall quality and influence of these scholarly publications. In doing so, the study used systematic literature review (Snyder, 2019). Census of total 36 research articles published in four volumes of two Journals were re/viewing manually. For each one, we reviewed the content details, such as the discipline, methodology and theoretical lens it followed. The thematic parts of the articles were analyzed step by step (Popay et al., 2006). During the analysis, descriptive quantitative matter on publication trends and inductive qualitative thematic analysis have been used (Braun & Clarke, 2006). It involved reading the articles over and over, coding them, and building up themes for mapping out methodological, theoretical and academic contributions.

4. Re/views Findings: Contributions to Methodology

Indreshwor Campus published four volumes of scholarly publications covering multidisciplinary research fields. We noticed in the first volume that the empirical stuff, like those surveys about student absenteeism, was mostly descriptive or just conceptual, not really diving deep into theoretical interpretations. Then the second volume seemed to shift a bit, with more research actually using data, which felt like a step up from before. It is kind of interesting how that proportion mounting annually. Volume three, though, that one really matters as the best publication overall. It balanced everything so well, or at least it seemed pretty outstanding to the academia. It presents sophisticated economic analysis mixed in alongside qualitative case studies and even historical issues on religious tourism. Earlier on, the literary analysis drew from theoretical frameworks and systematic literature reviews. It also pulled in quantitative studies from education and economics fields. It seems like the groundwork of publication. Likewise, first volume of Punyawati Journal also demonstrated methodological diversity by incorporating studies from public health, social science, and advanced financial modeling (Fama-French analysis) into a single topic.

5. Contributions to Theory

Theoretical frameworks used by the authors have advanced from utilizing traditional frameworks to participating in theoretical debate. It is critical and contextually appropriate to the readers. The theories that were already present in sociology and education were applied in first volumes of Panauti Journal and Punyawati Journal. Dependency Theory and Marxian political economics are the primary emphasis of the third volume of the Panauti Journal. It is a significant step forward in theoretical discourse. These theoretical ideas are used to analyze present status of agricultural crises in Nepal. One of the articles published in the Punyawati Journal utilize Intersectional Feminist frameworks to examine gender empowerment and a Constructivist Lens to examine cultural heritage, demonstrate contemporary critical theories. This lifts the research from simply local reporting to explanatory and exploratory analysis.

6. Strategies for Resolving Contemporary National Issues

Publications of these periodicals strategically matter for overall development of the country. The authors dig into a diverse areas; how transformative was education system, how school teachers are playing motivational role to the students. There is an agrarian crisis and trying to reform land ownership. Then migration and household use of remittance sending by remitters working abroad. Social inequality hits hard in rural areas comparing to urban centers, and public health has its own set of problems which are analyzed properly. Preserving cultural heritage comes up as well, which feels important but overlooked sometimes. Publishing the localized studies also help to highlights contemporary local and national issues. The publications provide evidence for educators, politicians and policy makers. It is also becoming significant academic contributions in the context of federal government.

7. Concerns and Significance on an International Issues

Although some of the publication topics are pertinent to the global society, it largely focuses on the national level of analysis. Journals investigate the consequences of global neoliberalism on language policy and rural economies at the local level. More specifically, some studies assess the process of adaptation to climate change in mountain communities that are especially vulnerable. Some studies also analyze global financial models from the perspective of an emerging market. Reflections on post-colonial development, political economy, and social change in the Global South are relevant around the world such as Marxist legacy, Dependency theory, and

Intersectionality provides significant comparative insights. Open-access policy is being implemented in order to publish information on international issues. This distinctive perspective is being made accessible to everyone in order to further academic significance.

8. Reliability, Trustworthiness and Strengths

Publications of these four volumes of Journals have demonstrated fundamental features that support their reliability, credibility and efficacy. Editorial commitment to double-blind peer review process really seems keeping everything scholarly and academically honest. It makes sure whatever gets published actually holds up in terms of being trustworthy and original. Open-access setup with receiving Creative Commons licenses and registering in NepJOL platform helped to enrich academic trust among the academia. Opens access policy equally benefitted to the researchers, practitioners and policymakers, even students and entire knowledge society. This archival also boosts how research gets used in different areas. The publications cover multidisciplinary subjects that has been encouraging researchers from different fields. The authors establish an unparalleled intellectual environment by placing studies of the highest quality in economics, sociology, public health, literary theory, and finance which are adjacent to each other. Environmental issues becoming one of the most important aspects of finding solutions to the multifaceted development issues among the authors. It ensures that the local communities, government agencies, and schools have access to significant ideas in academia.

9. Publication of More Volumes in Coming Future

Editorial team need to build excellent foundation and further improve quality of Journals for the international reputation and star-rated influence. It would be far easier for search engines and databases to locate articles if the authors required to submit well organized articles properly followed submission guidelines. In addition, readers would be able to comprehend the study that is being conducted in a more efficient and straightforward manner. Journals' position in the global academic community would be strengthened even further, more submission and international perspectives would be incorporated into the editorial or advisory boards. The usefulness of quality standard method is evidenced by the effectiveness of the topic focus in volume three of Panauti Journal. In order to encourage concentrated academic discourse, future volumes must aggressively recruit essays on specific, relevant issues. Some examples of such topics include Climate Adaptation in the Himalayas, and Digital Transformations in Nepal.

Journals equally need to increase number of citations they receive and establish an interconnected knowledge base. All the authors must be encouraged to cite articles from both Panauti Journal and Punyawati Journal that are important to their work.

10. Concluding Remarks

In conclusion, sustained and dedicated efforts demonstrated by the editorial and academic leadership of Indreshwor Campus is praiseworthy. The four volumes of scholarly publications that came out in the Panauti Journal and Punyawati Journals unpacks how this community Campus has been contributing to novice researchers, professionals, academicians including global knowledge society. It is not just about archiving articles in NepJOL but contributing multidisciplinary empirical knowledge related to social, economic, cultural, religious, educational and environmental issues. For getting better publication future of Indreshwor Campus, the re/view suggests receiving well-structured manuscripts, bringing in international editors, publishing special thematic issue, and building up internal citations by the authors. That might help to enrich quality of scholarly Journal publication.

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