

Editorial Message from the Editor-in-Chief

On the behalf of Editorial Board, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the readers of this Vol. 20 (2), special issue of Nepal Journal of Science and Technology (NJST), a peer- reviewed journal published by Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST). NJST has been publishing research and review based papers belong to applied and basic sciences. Being a special issue, the papers included here were the papers presented in the 2nd NRN Global Knowledge Convention on the main theme, Diaspora for innovation and Prosperity in Nepal: Post Covid-19 Scenario scheduled in 9-10 October 2020 organized by Non- Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) involving various stakeholders including NAST; and accepted by the NJST regular process. As the papers in this issue of NJST cover the wide varieties of topics like covid-19 issues; sustainable development; National Science, Technology and Innovation Policy; Palliative Care; Tunnel Engineering; Food Green City; Agriculture; Smart cities etc., I think this will be very interesting and useful to the readers to understand and find the research based solution of the real world.



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Finally, I would like to reiterate that publication of a scientific journal is a team work and needs hard work and continuous dedication. Hence, it is obvious that this volume of NJST is the output of hard word of Peer Reviewers, Editorial and Advisory Boards and Guest Editors. I would like to extend my thanks to Authors, Peer Reviewers, Editorial and Advisory Boards and Guest Editors for dedication to bring up this volume of NJST. My sincere thanks also go to the Managing Editor and Associate Editor for their continuous endeavor to publish this Issue of NJST and also for the efforts in ensuring the quality of the publication.

Our editorial team hopes for getting continued support from all of you and also welcomes your valuation suggestions and constructive comments further improving the standard of NJST to serve the scientific community and society through research based information and solution.

Dr. Sunil Babu Shrestha

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