

EDITORIAL NOTE

Sociology and Anthropology are the most neglected disciplines in Nepal, specially on the part of national planners, policy makers and politicians. The inevitability of these disciplines in nation-building process is still least recognized by the government. Apart from such discriminations, these disciplines have gained recognition from the NGOs and INGOs functioning in the country. In the very short span of time, these disciplines have also gained wider popularity among the circles of Nepalese students. There is every reason to believe that the popularity of these two disciplines has been possible through teaching, research and publications we do living under the grand umbrella of Central Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu Nepal.

The Occasional Papers in Sociology and Anthropology has been all the times playing a laudable role in disseminating knowledge and information to the readers about these disciplines. It also emphasizes on how such disciplinary knowledge could be more useful in accelerating nation-building process.

Like previous issues, this volume is specially projected to elucidate the most pressing issues inherent in the Nepalese society and culture. The pragmatic solutions to address those problems have been also identified and proposed by the paper contributors. The editorial board would like to thank to the contributors, who, despite their heavy schedule, could contribute to this volume.

We should also mention that the timely publication of this volume is seriously affected by limited financial and human resources available to the Department. Hopefully, we should be able to overcome these constraints in the near future.

Finally, the editorial board would like to thank all those who have made it possible to bring out this volume in the present form.

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