

Editorial

Dear Readers,

We are delighted to present this issue of *Cognition*, a peer-reviewed transdisciplinary journal dedicated to fostering critical dialogue at the intersection of human thought, culture, society, and technology.

This volume takes shape in a post-pandemic world, one that has both exposed systemic vulnerabilities and opened up avenues for meaningful intellectual collaboration. The articles herein reflect a dual commitment to theoretical rigor and practical relevance, addressing global and local challenges through interdisciplinary approaches.

The contributions span a wide array of fields—literature, public health, education, economics, and mathematics—demonstrating the power of integrated research to confront complex issues. Topics explored in this issue include public health concerns such as heavy metal contamination in turmeric, the role of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in advancing women’s employment in Nepal, the economic implications of tourism, political patronage and corruption, and factors influencing antenatal care utilization. The volume also delves into educational practices, such as fostering student motivation and applying critical pedagogy, alongside mathematical inquiries into Fibonacci algebraic equations. Socio-cultural studies feature prominently as well, examining themes of class and age consciousness in Nepali literature, the dynamics of regionalism, Tharu wedding rituals, and community-driven water and sanitation management initiatives.

We are proud to present the global perspectives embodied in this issue, which challenge us to envision more inclusive and collaborative research frameworks. Our deepest gratitude goes to the contributors, reviewers, and readers whose dedication continues to make *Cognition* a vibrant intellectual platform.

As we embark on a new year, let us reaffirm the value of transdisciplinary knowledge in navigating the complexities of our time. We hope this issue inspires fresh questions, innovative perspectives, and collaborative ventures.

Warm regards,
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