

EDITORIAL NOTE

We are happy to bring in your hands Volume 5 of *Gipan*, a peer reviewed indexed journal published by the Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University. During the Covid-19 period, we couldn't bring the regular issue in time, though the editorial team was constantly working on it.

In this particular volume we have stressed on the quality rather than quantity. In order to raise the standard of the submissions, we have tried our best not to compromise on the academic and research rigor of the submissions. We wish to continue with this tradition in our future issues as well.

There are three articles and a report in this volume. All the articles have sociolinguistic flavor rather than typological, reflecting mostly the effect of language contact on the native speakers. **Bhim Lal Gautam and Prem Prasad Poudel** examine the language contact situation among Maithili speakers in Kathmandu valley and show that their migration to the valley and contact with Nepali and English has reshaped the usage in formal situation, reflecting ideological orientations towards globalization while willingly attending to emerging diverse contexts. **Krishna Prasad Chalise** shows that modernization and globalization has affected once stable bilingualism in Majhi community and there is a language switch towards Nepali and urges for the ways to strengthen language maintenance. **Dubi Nanda Dhakal** looks at the case of Raji speakers, a linguistic minority group living among the Nepali dominant language, who are borrowing lexicon from Nepali and in turn is not just reconfiguring their lexicon but the grammatical borrowings are also affecting its morphology and clause combining. **Lekhnath Sharma Pathak** presents the growth and development of an emerging discipline of cognitive science and psycholinguistics in Nepal and the acceleration of research in the field after the establishment of Cognitive Science and Psycholinguistics Lab in the Central Department of Linguistics in a report.

We hope readers will find the articles in this volume interesting as they reflect the dynamic nature of language and the need to explore new dimensions of conducting research from various perspectives.

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