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Editorial

We are delighted to present the 13th volume of "The Saptagandaki Journal", an official publication of Saptagandaki Multiple Campus, Bharatpur, Chitwan, Nepal. This volume includes a diverse collection of 11 research articles, reflecting the multidisciplinary approach of our practice and the dedication of our faculty members and scholars to pursue cutting-edge research in their fields. The articles in this volume cover a wide range of topics, including corporate finance, botany science, education pedagogy, social media, speech analysis, film analysis, and more. These articles provide valuable insights into the Nepalese context and contribute to the academic discourse in their respective fields.

In the article titled "Testing Pecking Order Prediction of Financing Choices in Listed Companies of Nepal", Kapil Deb Subedi examines the financing behavior of Nepalese firms and investigates the effect of various firm-specific factors on their financing decisions. The study reveals that financial risk, borrowing capacity, operating growth, internal profitability, and information efficiency significantly impact the financing choices of these companies.

Keshav Acharya's study, "Effect of Leaf Extracts of Lantana Camara L. on Germination and Growth of Some Crop Species" delves into the allelopathic effect of Lantana camara leaf extracts on the germination and growth of four crop plants. The results showed that the extract inhibited the germination and growth of all tested crops, with the lowest effect seen in *Triticum aestivum* and the highest effect in *Brassica campestris* and *Oryza sativa*. The study concluded that the allelochemicals in the extract have a negative impact on the growth of these crops.

In "Telling an Untold Story of Pedagogical Practices in Mathematics Education in Nepal: Envisioning an Empowering Pedagogy", Basanta Raj Lamichhane criticizes

the conventional pedagogical practices in mathematics education of Nepal and advocates for an empowering pedagogy that is inclusive and encourages critical thinking. This article contributes to the ongoing conversation about the need for inclusive and effective education in Nepal.

The article "Power of Reading: Reading as a Strategy for Learning English" by Padam Lal Bharati highlights the importance of reading as a tool for language acquisition and academic success. This article presents evidence that reading is an effective strategy for improving proficiency of English as a second or foreign language and encourages educators to incorporate more reading activities into their teaching practices.

Mohan Prasad Sapkota's article, "Behavioral Finance and Stock Investment Decisions" explores the role of behavioral finance in stock investment decisions. The study highlights that investors' decisions are often influenced by behavioral biases, such as overconfidence, herd mentality, and loss aversion.

Krishna Prasad Gyawali's article, "Role of Social Media in Commercial Vegetable Farming for Rural Development" investigates the role of social media in promoting commercial vegetable farming for rural development. The study concludes that social media can be an effective tool in promoting agricultural activities and enhancing rural livelihoods.

Tek Chhetri's article, "Identifying Patterns in a Documentary- *Convergence: Courage in a Crisis*" offers a film analysis of the movie "Convergence: Courage in a Crisis." The study highlights the movie's themes of resilience, collaboration, and the importance of effective communication in crisis situations.

Rashes Vaidya's article, "Distribution Nature of Trade Volume and Number of Trades at NEPSE Floor" examines the distribution nature of trade volume and the number of trades at Nepal Stock Exchange (NEPSE) floor. The study highlights that the distribution nature of trade volume and the number of trades at NEPSE is not normal.

Dhan Raj Chalise's article, "Does Financial Information Influence the Behavior of Stock Price? Evidences from Nepali Commercial Banks" investigates the impact of financial information on stock price behavior in Nepali commercial banks. The study

highlights that financial information has a significant impact on stock price behavior.

Sabina Shakya's article, "The Impact of Marriage on Career Development of Women: A Study of Newar Community of Kirtipur, Kathmandu" examines the impact of marriage on the career development of women in the Newar community of Kirtipur.

Finally, Tika Ram Kandel's study, "Advocacy for Religious Plurality in Vivekananda's Speech" highlights the importance of religious plurality and the role of Swami Vivekananda in advocating for it.

Thus, the 13th volume of "The Saptagandaki Journal" has been a remarkable collection of distinct articles that showcases the diverse research interests of the academic community at and outside the Saptagandaki Multiple Campus. We hope that these articles provide valuable insights and contribute to the academic discourse in their respective fields. We would like to extend our gratitude to all the authors for their contributions and the reviewers for their valuable feedback. We would like to express our gratitude to all the contributors for their efforts and commitment to producing quality research. We also thank the reviewers for their insightful comments and suggestions, which have helped us to improve the quality of the articles. We hope that this volume will stimulate further research and contribute to the academic discourse in Nepal and beyond.

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