

Editorial: Rethinking Development in Nepal -Beyond Metrics, Toward Meaning

The articles brought together in this volume invite a necessary pause in Nepal's ongoing development discourse. *Gandhian Tourism: Quantifying Economic Leakage and Carbon Equity in Nepal*, *Indicators of Development Economics: A Critical Analysis*, *Tourism Cooperatives of Nepal: Challenges and Opportunities*, *Deconstructing Development: Postmodern Analysis of Socializing National Cinema in Nepal*, and *Government Expenditure in Urban Development in Comparison to Development Budget in Nepal* collectively challenge the intellectual comfort of dominant development frameworks. They remind us that the language of GDP growth, budget expansion, and infrastructural progress. It often conceals deeper fractures: unequal distribution, ecological imbalance, and the erosion of cultural contexts. In extending this critique, *Assessing Knowledge and Practices of Farmers on Climate Change Adaptation in Panchkhal Municipality-3, Kavrepalanchok, Nepal* and *Shaping Nepal's Development from Belt and Road Initiative Project: Geopolitical Dynamics* situate Nepal within a broader environmental and geopolitical landscape, where local vulnerabilities intersect with global ambitions and strategic dependencies.

It does not remain confined to critique alone; it turns our attention toward the lived realities that ultimately define development. *Changing Role of Tamang Women at Household Level in Mahalaxmi Municipality-10, Lalitpur, Nepal*, *From Grants to Loans: Nepal's Shifting Aid Architecture and Its Macroeconomic Implications*, *Environmental Health Treatment in Nepal: A Study of Money Borrowing and Asset Sales for Individual Households*, and *Socioeconomic Effect of Remittance on Household Economy in Nepal* illuminate the everyday negotiations of households as they navigate shifting economic structures and social expectations. These studies reveal a paradox at the heart of development progress that empowers can also marginalize; growth that uplifts can simultaneously deepen vulnerability. We see this volume not merely as a collection of academic inquiries, but as a call for a more reflective, humane, and contextually grounded approach to development, one that harmonizes economic ambition with social justice, environmental responsibility, and the preservation of Nepal's diverse cultural fabric.

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