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## **ABSTRACT**

*Nepal is geographically unique, socio-culturally diverse and distinct secular country with varied economic conditions of people. People, particularly of marginalized and disadvantaged groups are been the victim of being deprived of having different economic opportunities. In Nepal, most of Dalit people are generally illiterate, unemployed, landless, poor, ignored, exploited and their economic condition is sunken.*

*The present study entitled “Socio-economic status of Dalit community: A Case study of Khanadaha VDC, Arghakhanachi District” was conducted aiming to analyze the socio-economic status and their living standard. It also tries to explore the economic status, their living practices and existed problems which they are facing while running their lives. Both the primary and the secondary source of data were used of the study. Primary data were collected through interview, key informant survey and observation of the field. While the secondary data were collected from VDC office, Private office, government office and various published and unpublished books and reports out of the total only 26 households were selected following purposive sampling method and descriptive cum exploratory research design had been applied in the study.*

*This study explores the fact that the Dalit people are not getting adequate chances to use and take advantages of different opportunities simply because they are of lower caste. Because of this discrimination, these people are having harsh life. This situation, in turn, results into their backwardness and illiteracy which is again causing adverse impact for the development of the country as a whole.*

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

VDC -	Village Development Communities
DDC -	District Development Communities
NDC -	National Dalit Community
WDC -	Ward Development Community
DNF -	Dalit NGO Federation
NGO -	Non-Government Organizations
INGO-	International Non-Government Organization
Rs. -	Rupees
No. -	Number
DWO -	Dalit Welfare Organization
FEDO-	Feminist Dalit Organization
JUP -	Jana Utahan Pratisthan
HHS -	Households