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ABSTRACT

This study entailed “A Sociological Study of Single Women at Bhimdatta Municipality, Kanchanpur” was carried to find out actual situation of single women. And research questions were related to social status of single women and economic status of the single women. The specific objectives of this study were: To find out the social status of single women, and to find out the economic status of single women. This study was descriptive with qualitative and quantitative research design, 40 single women were purposely selected as the respondents of this study. Qualitative research method was used. Information was collected about social and economic status of single women. Among social status, causes and types of domestic violence, and in economic status, property rights, employment status were analyzed. The required data from interview schedule were collected and cleaned, grouped and tabulated manually. The data were analyzed, interpreted and presented with helps of contents, tables and graphs and finally conclusion has been drawn.

Most of the respondents were literate among them 55 percent were under SLC, however still there are 7.5 percent illiterate but they have known about what happening in the country through mass media. Majority of the single women perceived physical violence who were negated by the family due to being single. Main causes of domestic violence against single women were social and economic status. Single women were cheated by their family members during the property distribution.

From the above mentioned findings the main causes of social and economic status of single women was poor and suffered from domestic violence. The economic status of the single women was worse, however some of them have covered their living style during the daily wage, private job etc.

The conclusion of the study was single women getting lower social status and their economic status was decreased when they became single. Their social status was also vanished with their husband's death. Most of the family tried to cheat during their property separation. Due to patriarchal social system single women being the victim of the victim and are blamed as *Allachina*, *Poitokuwa*, *jyanmara*, *Radi* etc. The society has perception that single women should remain as it is they are and not any further adjustment and change and improvement. The state and society should perceive single women as equal to men.

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ACRONYMS

AIDS-	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AAN-	Action Aid Nepal
CEI-	Composite Empowerment and Inclusion Index
CDS-	Central Department of Sociology
DVAW G-	Domestic Violence against Women and Girls
FWLD-	Forum for Women Law and Development.
FEDO-	Feminist Dalit Organization
FOHSS-	Faculty of Humanities and Social Science
GBV-	Gender Base Violence
HIV-	Human Immuno Deficiency Virus
IIDS-	IndinInntitute of Dalit Studies
IDSN-	International Dalit Solidarity Network
INGO-	International Non Government Organization
LACC-	Legal Aid & Consultancy Center
NNDSWO-	Nepal National Dalit Social Welfare Organization
NGO-	Non Government Organization
SEAR-	South East Asian Region
UNICEF-	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIFEM-	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNDP-	United Nations Development Program
USAID-	United States Aid in International Development.
UMN-	United Mission to Nepal
VAW G-	Violence against Women and Girls
WOREC-	Women Rehabilitation Center
WHR-	Women for Human Right
WRF -	Women Right Forum
WHO -	World Health Organization