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## ABSTRACT

High dropout rates have been in Nepal's primary schools for the past decades. The present Thesis is entitled "Causes of student dropout at primary level in Tikapur municipality of Kailali district. The present study has been carried out to fulfill the objectives as to explore the status of student dropout rate, to identify the causes of student dropout and to explore the measures to control the student dropout at primary level education. In this study the researcher has basically used the qualitative research design as needs quantitative research design has also used for this research work .The researcher selected the students , teachers and head teachers of twenty two schools of Tikapur Municipality in Kailali District as the total population . Out of them six schools were selected as a sample , where at least primary level is running . From each school a head teacher and a teacher have been selected , two dropout students were selected as the respondent sample as whole for the study. This study has been completed by using non random purposive sampling.Unstructure interview and survey forms were used as data collection tools in this study.

The thesis has come to the that the national figure of average student dropout rate at primary level (grade 1-5) is 6.1% .The dropout rate found in Tikapur Municipality was as in 2065 at grade 1, 3 and 5 was found 14.1%, 10.8% and 9.70%, in 2066 at grade 1, 3 and 5 was 6.08%, 4.12% and 6.22% and in 2067 at grade 1, 3 and 5 was 9.07%, 9.01% and 4.74% respectively.The dropout rate of the selected area has been found slightly higher than the national average .

The major causes of drop out found in this research are as illiterate parents, poverty, to care younger siblings and helping parents in earning activities and migration. Finally, the study recommended awaring parents for the importance of education for daughter, assuring them for future support through girl's education and motivating parents towards education for overll development of nation are the measures that should be applied to overcome the problem of dropout rate in education.

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## ABBREVIATION

A. D.	: Anno Domini
B. S.	: Bikrakm Sambat
BPEP 1 <sup>st</sup>	: Basic and Primary Education Project
BPEP 2 <sup>nd</sup>	: Basic and Primary Education Programme
CBOs	: Community Based Organizations
CBS	: Central Bureau Of Statistics
CERID	: Research Centre For Educational Innovation and Development
CNAS	: Centre For Nepal and Asian Studies
DDCO	: District Development Committee Office
DEO	: District Education Office / District Education Officer
DOE	: Department Of Education
EFA	: Education For All
F.Y.	: Fiscal Year
FRP	: Formative Research Project
GON.	: Government Of Nepal
HL/NEC	: High Level /National Education Committee
I/NGO	: International /Non Government Organization
NESP	: National Education System Plan
SESP	: Secondary Education Support Programme
SMC	: School Management Committee
SSRP	: School Sector Reform Plan (Programme)
MOE	: Ministry Of Education