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ABSTRACT

The study entitled *An Analysis of the Novel 'Paheli' from Feminist Perspective* is a Nepali novel written by Vishnu Singh Rai published in 2075 B.S. The purpose of this study was to identify the aspects of feminism in the novel "Paheli" in terms of social, cultural, religious aspects, gender aspects, women domination, place of women and women rights in the society, and the role of patriarchy and to provide some pedagogical implications. My research is qualitative research; so it is completely based on secondary sources of data. To widen the knowledge and insights in the related area, I have used different related articles, books, dictionaries, theses, and reference materials. I read and re read the original novel. I selected some of the female issues related extracts/sentences as data through purposive sampling strategy. The data were analyzed to achieve the objective of the study. It was based on qualitative approach because the study was related to document analysis. The findings of the study showed that religious belief prohibited Ahilya; a married woman to cross restrictions set by the males in the Nepalese society, the traditional social thought looks female from doubtful eyes for arriving late to her house. In the novel, Ahilya was married before completing her intermediate which shows a basic human right such as health care is denied just because she is female. Likewise, Ahilya was blackmailed in the name of love by Indra in the novel. And, female have been dominated not only by males but also by females as found in the novel.

This thesis includes five chapters along with reference and appendix at the end. Each chapter is divided into necessary heading and sub headings. The first chapter deals with background of the study, statement of the problem, objectives of the study, research questions, significance of the study, and operational definitions of the key terms. The second chapter consists of review of the theoretical literature, review of the empirical literature, implications of the review for the study, and conceptual framework. Likewise, the third chapter includes the design of the study, population and sampling strategy, sources of

data, data collection tools and techniques, data collection procedures, and ethical considerations. Similarly, the fourth chapter deals with analysis of the data and interpretation of results. Likewise, the last chapter presents the findings, conclusions and recommendations applicable in the policy level, practice level and further research level.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	-	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
Cm	-	Centimeter
Dr	-	Doctor
ed.	-	Edition
et al.	-	And others
etc.	-	Et-cetera
M. Ed.	-	Masters of Education
Mr.	-	Mister
No.	-	Number
p.	-	Pages
pp.	-	Pages
Pvt. Ltd.	-	Private Limited
Regd. No.	-	Registration Number
T.U.	-	Tribhuvan University