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Abbreviations

VDC	Village Development Committee
WTO	World Trade Organization
ISO	International Standard Organization
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
INGO	International Non Government Organization
Govt.	Government
ADB	Asian Development Bank
ICIMOD	International Center for Integrated Mountain Development
HHs	Households
aicc	Agricultural Information Communication Center
GTZ	German Agency for Technical Co-operation
PNC	Prithwi Narayan Campus
UNICEF	United Nations International Children Emergency Fund
UK	United Kingdom
LAC	Lumle Agriculture Center
HKH	Hindu Kush Himalaya
No.	Number
Ktm	Kathmandu
T.U.	Tribhuvan University

Abstract

The dissertation entitled “**Impact of Bee-keeping in Rural Livelihood** (A case study of Bharatpokhari VDC, Kaski)” for the fulfillment of Master Degree in Anthropology. In Nepal, bee-keeping is done from the very ancient age in traditional way. With the development of various technologies, bee-keeping has developed and nowadays it has been doing in modern form. Because of the religious importance and medicinal qualities, the demand of honey is increasing day by day which shows the good future of bee-keeping. To find out the impact of bee-keeping in study area, many related questions were asked and try to find out bee-keepers perception, knowledge, skill, etc.

Descriptive and exploratory methods are used in this study as per the requirement. Among 276 households, 56 respondents were selected through the stratified random sampling. For that necessary primary and secondary data and related published and unpublished books, reports, booklets, bulletins, magazine, etc. has analyzed. To find out the fact, researcher has done various methods such as pilot survey, field visit, rapport building, etc. From the study, it has found that the bee-keepers of this area are satisfied with bee-keeping. Through this, social relations of the bee-keepers have upgraded. The change brought by the application of modern tools and technique and cash oriented farming on farmer’s socio-economic status is significant. In recent time beekeeping is the interested occupation by the intellectual. It is found that almost all respondents are benefited from bee-keeping and their status of living is comfortable. The positive impact of bee-keepers on livelihood could not be underestimated. The importance of bees and its products in human health is great.

After the study, researcher has organized it into six chapters. The first chapter deals with the Introduction and background of the bee-keeping of study area. The second chapter is all about the Review of literature. The third chapter is Research methods, where selection of the study Area, Research Design, Nature and source of data, Questionnaire schedule, etc are included. Likewise Environmental Setting of the study Area is described in chapter four, similarly chapter five is Data analysis and presentation and final chapter i.e. chapter six is related to Summary, Conclusion and Recommendation. At the end Bibliography and Appendixes has included.