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### **ABSTRACT**

The study entitled "Multiple Translation of Nepali National Anthem from Linguistic and cultural Perspective" is an attempt of the researcher for finding out the techniques of translation and their frequencies that are used in translating the linguistic and cultural words of the lyrics into English, as well as the comparison of each translated versions. For the fulfillment of the objectives, three English translated versions (two professional translators' versions and the one translated by the post office, government of Nepal) were included along with the original version of the lyrics. Altogether sixty eight words were identified and categorized under the linguistic and cultural categories and their corresponding words of three English translated versions of the same lyrics were included for the study. These linguistic words were categorized as noun, verb, Adjective Pronoun and Conjunction, and the cultural words were categorized as ecology, material, social, religious culture and conceptual terms in terms of their affiliation to the certain categories. Anecdotal evaluation and statistical description approaches were used to analyze the data. The findings of the study showed that altogether ten different techniques: literal translation, transference, functional equivalence, deletion, addition, elaboration, definition, CTO and substitution were adopted in translating these words. Among them, literal translation was the most frequently used technique, which has covered 64.29 per cent and 53.85 per cent of the total linguistic and cultural words respectively. Definition and CTQ were the least frequently used techniques in translating the cultural words which has covered 1.28 per cent of the total cultural words.

The study has been divided into four chapters. Chapter one introduces the study in terms of general background, review of the related literature, objectives and significance of the study. Chapter two deals with the methodology which is sub-categorized as the sources of data, sampling procedure, tools, process of data collection and the limitation of the study. Chapter three presents the statistical analysis and interpretation of the data. Chapter four discuses the findings of the study, on the basis of the findings, some recommendations and pedagogical implications have been suggested. The references and appendices are the concluding parts of the study.

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#### LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

% : Percentage

Ad : Addition

CTQ : Couplet-Triplet-Quadruplet

Def : Definition

Del : Deletion

e.g. : For example

El : Elaboration

fE : Functional equivalence

i.e. : That is

LT : Literal translation

P : Page

Re: Reduction

SK: Sanskrit

SL : Source Language

SLC: School Leaving Certificate

SLT : Source Language Text

St : Substitution

TL: Target Language

Tr : Transference

TLT: Target Language Text

VS : Versus

VI : English Translated Version of Post Office, Government of Nepal

V2 : Ram Chandra KC's English translated Version

V3 : Shanti Ram Bhandari's English Translated Version.