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## **ABSTRACT**

The present study entitled, "Learning Strategies used by Maithili Learners of English at Higher Secondary Level" aims to identify the learning strategies adapted by Mathili students and the benefits they got from those strategies for the development of knowledge. The research study is mainly based on the primary sources of data which was collected from the 100 Maithili students in different campuses of Dhanusha district. The data obtained from the respondents with the help of the questionnaire and interview have been analyzed and interpreted using simple statistical tools. The study found that metacognitive strategies were used by the Maithili learners of English of higher secondary levels to a great extend.

The thesis consists of four chapters. Chapter one is introductory one. It includes general background, review of the related literature, objectives and significance of the study. Chapter two deals with the methodology. It incorporates sources of data, sampling procedures, tools of data collection, process of data collection and limitations of the study. Chapter three encompasses analysis and interpretation of data. In this section both statistical and descriptive approaches have been used. Chapter four incorporates findings and recommendations of the research. The references and appendices form the concluding part of the thesis.

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

UN	United Nations
A.D.	Anno Domini
NESP	New Education System Plan
Viz	Namely (Latin-videlicent)
L <sub>1</sub>	First Language
L2	Second Language
Nos	Numbers
%	Percent
FOE	Faculty of Education
i.e.	That is to say (Latin-ideest)
e.g	For example
Dr.	Doctor
S.N.	Serial Number
T.U.	Tribhuvan University
OUP	Oxford University Press
LLS	Language Learning Strategies
NELTA	Nepal English Language Teachers' Association
Vol	Volume
FL	Foreign Language
GT	Grammar Translation