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## ABSTRACT

*The socio-economic and cultural condition of Sarki (a socially dominated caste group and backward group of Nepal) is the subject matter. This study gives a short description of Sarki, for this purpose ward no. 1 of Lamatar VDC of Lalitpur district was selected. There are 30 household of Sarki in ward no. 1 and all houses are selected for this study. Descriptive and analytic method is used in this study. Among 30 household of Sarki, their population is 121 among them 62 are male and 59 are female. The general objective of this study is to find out the socio-economic condition of Sarki community. The specific objectives of study area are to analyze the socio-cultural aspects of the Sarki, to examine the economic condition of Sarki and to find out the problems of the community.*

*According to Hindu caste hierarchy, they are Sudra and known as 'Achhut' (Untouchable). Sarki communitiy of study area has no knowledge about their anicent home or from where they are migrate in Lamatar. Leather work is traditional occupation of Sarki but labour is main occupation in study area Sarki community. Nowadays they are involving in labour and agriculture work.*

*Sarki are religiously Hindu and they follow Hindu religion and worship Hindu God and Goddess. Their culture is same as Brahman and Chhetri. They celebrate Dashain, Tihar, Tij etc. Sarkis are exploited by higher caste group and live in under poverty line with average income NRS 45,000 per very. Most of them have not sufficient land for survive so they do labour and service work. Their expenditure is more than income. Most of them are uneducated but nowadays their children are going to school and college. Sarki community of Study area only 37.19% of the total are literate and 62.81% majority of the population are illiterate. Only 4 Sarkis have passed the SLC. They had given priority on arranged marriage. Youth people have not interested with their indigenous knowledge so that knowledge being to hide from study area. They are using normal dress and ornaments such as Brahman and Cheetri and speak Nepali language. They use a lot of liquor (Jand and Raksi) in Festival and Rituals ceremony.*

*Even establishment of Republic in Nepal, caste base discrimination is not totally end but it is slowly decreasing process. Still now, Sarkis are not allowed to enter the house of Brahmans and Chhetris. One interesting point of Sarki, they are upper caste people than Damai, Chhema, Kami and Podda among Dalit.*

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## ACRONYMS

B.S.	Bikram Sambat
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
DDC	District Development Committee
DWO	Dalit Welfare Organization
FEDO	Feminist Dalit Organization
INGO	International Non-Government Organization
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NO.	Number
NHDR	Nepal Human Development Report
NLSS	Nepal Living Standard Survey
VDC	Village Development Committee