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## **Abstract**

*Yak is a male animal found in Himali region in the world. This animal has "Big Head" long flur and long tail inhabited in the mountainous region of Nepal which is known by 'Yakpu' in local language. It is also the eye-touching and rare animal of the world. Moreover, the various production activities are renowned by 'Yak Brands' like 'Yak Churot', Yak and Yati Hotel etc. Yaks are considered as the national identity of Nepal which is proved by the Rs. 5 note with the yaks figure. After crossing the breed between yaks and Himali local cows the newly born female kind of these very cows are the Chauris (Jumu) and male by 'Jhopa'.*

*Chauris are the high value animal which provide the sufficient nutrient products such as cheese, Durkha, Ghee etc. These products are not restricted in Nepal only due to the world market has been dominated by the products of Chauris. Considering this fact, Nepal has also established a 'Yak Development farm' in Syanboche of Solukhumbu district in 2030 B.S. Most of the European countries have initiated the various conservation measures for Chauris species. In the context of Nepal, government has not launched the any specific measures for the promotion and conservation of this farming even though this farming has dominated the daily livelihoods in high land of Nepal.*

*This research study has attempted to inquire the role of Chauri/Yak farming for the economic development of the surrounding of the Dhunche VDC, Rasuwa. As we know that, most of the Himali districts of Nepal have the pastureland resources as major natural resources and Chauris/Yaks rearing is the main occupation of this sites. In respect to the study area, there are 48 goths holder farmers of Chauris out of which 16 holders were taken as sample study due to the homogenous backgrounds. Since, this is an exploratory research it had got success to conclude that Chauris/Yaks farming is the only one option of this area to kick out the flaws of underdevelopment.*

*Out of the total 16 surveyed goth holders, it was found that 31 percent had taken this business because of their ancestral backgrounds. It was dominated by religious factors i.e. 38 percent due to Chauri's ghee need to satisfy various cultural ceremonies. In case of daily selling of Chauris/Yaks milk, 38 percent out of the total sold 21-30 liters.*

*The local Chauris/Yaks holders have been rearing not less than 10 Chauris/Yaks. It sheds light that behind the high cost to buy these animals, people of this area have been taking it as a primary occupation. The researcher had found that, this farming provided the double benefits as the pastureland management and economic prosperity of this area. That is why, the government and its allied agencies should have to initiate different supportive measures as insurance, vetinary facilities, world wide marketing, Chauri/Yaks research Centre and gene pool etc for the conservation of the culturally attached Chauris/Yaks farming.*

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## List of ABBREVIATION/ACRONYMS

BC	=	Before Christ
CBS	=	Central Bureau of Statistics
DDC	=	Dairy Development Corporation
DDC	=	District Development Committee
DEO	=	District Education office
e.g.	=	example
etc	=	etcetra
FAO	=	World Food Organization
GDP	=	Gross Development Product
GON	=	Government of Nepal
HMG	=	His Majesty of Government
Kg	=	Kilogram
LRMP	=	Land Resources Management Project
m	=	Miter
MOF	=	Ministry of Forest
NRM	=	Natural Resource Management
RD	=	Rural Development
TU	=	Tribhuvan University
UNDP	=	United Nations Development Program
VDC	=	Village Development Committee