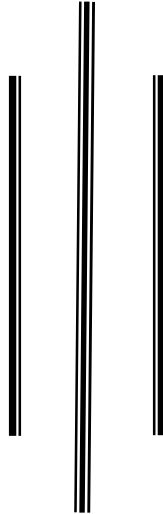


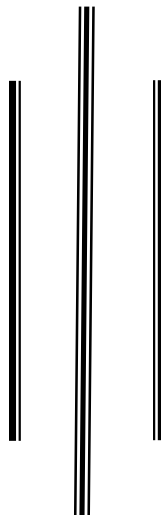
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ABSTRACT

The descriptive explanatory type of study has been carried out with the purpose of assessing the status of Dalits elderly Population. This study is based on primary data collected from Keware and Tindobate VDC of syangaja district. The census method of data enumeration is adopted.

The main objectives of the study are to find out the demographic, psychological and socio-economic status of the elderly people. In this study, age, sex, marital status, live birth, ideal birth, etc. are taken as demographic condition. Similarly, expect from family, aloneness, depression, passing time, satisfied with own age, requirements, enjoyable age are taken as psychological condition and education, caste, religion, household decision, occupation, expenditure, saving, health care system, living status, elderly allowance is taken as socio-economic condition

In this study, sampling procedure is not required because there is adopted the census method due to small size of Dalit elderly people has found in those VDC.

Among the Dalit there has found only Damai, Kami and Sarki. The majority is Sarki (52%), and followed by Kami (37%) and Damai (11%) respectively. Male respondents have found higher compare to female. Ageing Population is decreased with increasing age. Educational status is also satisfactory compare to national educational status. Majority (55%) has adopted agricultural occupation, live birth of elderly's is 5 and above reported by 48 percent, and household decision is generally done by son or daughter. Majority (almost 27%) elderly are passing their time by household works. Most of elderly (almost 72%) are not able to get allowance. Likewise, most of elderly expect love and affection from family. Almost 96 percent are never participated in politics. 93 percent elderly are unknown about the senior citizen act.

This study finding shows that the elderly Population should have educational as well as training facilities. There are also problems of food so it should be fulfilled and social discrimination should be avoided. Furthermore, there should be managing of elderly home.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CBR	Crude Birth Rate
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDO	Chief of District Officer
CDPS	Central Department of Population Studies
CWDA	Children and Women Development Center
DHS	Demographic Health Survey
DSC	Dalit Senior Citizen
GOs	Government Organizations
HMG	His's Majesty's Government of Nepal
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ISSA	International Social Security Association
IYOP	International Year for Older Population
LBMB	Law Books Management Board
MIPAA	Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
MWCSW	Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare
NEPAN	Nepal Participatory Action Network
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NLSS	National Living Standard Survey
NPAA	National Plan of Action on Ageing
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SCTS	Senior Citizen Treatment Services
SCWAN	Senior Citizen Welfare Association of Nepal
SPSS	Statistical Package for Social Science
TFR	Total Fertility rate
UN	United Nation
UNDP	United Nations Development Programmed
UNFPA	United Nation's Population Fund
VDC	Village Development Committee
WHO	World Health Organization