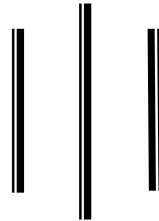
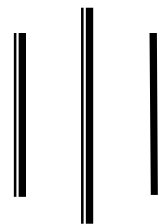


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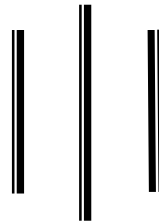
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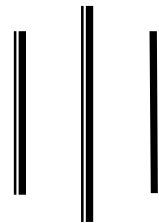
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ABSTRACTS

"Socio-economic Status of the Muslims in Surkhet District: A Case Study of Latikoili Village Development Committee" has been selected as the title of the study because the Muslims of the latikoili VDC have been found to be very behind in the socio-economic sectors and excluded as well as marginalized group of people. Latikoili VDC is situated southern side of the Birendranagar valley. Muslims live only in the wards 1, 2 and 9 of the Latikoili VDC, highest in number in 50 VDCs and one municipality in the district and hence these wards were the study area of the research. The whole 92 households were selected for the study following the census survey method with the aim that no sampling biasness and a comprehensive investigation could be made. The findings of the study showed that the Muslims of the study area were very behind in education, occupation and economy. They have very poor level of housing facilities. Most of them ran budget deficit and compelled to borrow loan. They had a crucial problem of drinking water and irrigation. They had very small pieces of land and some of them don't have their land in their own name. Only two of them were SLC passed. Their occupations were of subsistence level. They had some social institutions like mosque, schools, cemetery and a NGO but working under the capacity. All these affected their development, quality of life and Standard of living. Both men and women work together and they had good and friendly social relations within the group and with the other religious groups of the study area as well. They should be given a serious attention by empowering them and should be included them in all developmental activities to improve their standard of living and quality of life.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

AD	Anno Domini
BSOS	Branch Statistics Office Surkhet
BS	Bikram Sambat
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDO	Chief District Officer
CE	Common Era
DADO	District Agriculture Development Office
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GO	Governmental Organization
HMG/N	His Majesty's Government of Nepal
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
KWRBOS	Karnali West Rapti Basin Office Surkhet
LDO	Local Development Officer
M. A.	Master of Arts
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PBUH	Peace Be Upon Him
SAARC	South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation
SES	Socio Economic Status
T.U.	Tribhuvan University
TV	Television
USA	United States of America
US \$	United States Dollar
VDC	Village Development Committee

