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ABSTRACT

The Panchakanya Nahar Irrigation System of Ratna Nagar Municipality-9 & 10, Chitwan had been innovated by the government in F/Y 2032/33 along with the local peoples participation. It was completed in 2054 BS and transferred to the local farmers. After then, the local levels of farmers have themselves managed to operate, manage, maintain and utilize it in their own effort. This system has tried to solve the problems of local people regarding irrigation and made their livelihood easier than it was before.

The main objective of this FMIS (Farmer managed Irrigation System) is to analyse the living standard of people of the Ratna Nagar Municipality 9 & 10, Chitwan and analyze the interrelation between different institution in that field.

Interview, questionnaire and observation methods were applied to take out the result of FMIS in the respective field. The research has carried out the fact that people are getting the facility of irrigation in equal ratio. The living standard as well as agricultural products has increased and people are feeling good about FMIS.

The FMIS has fully helped to grow both the seasonal and non-seasonal crops, vegetables, fruits. Not only that this has indirectly helped to conduct other agro-based activities such as poultry farming, cow farming, buffalo farming, fishery etc. It has increased productivity and production of the crops. On the other hand it has increased the sense of co-operation, and gaining the collective goal collectively. After the implementation of FMIS, farmer begun to grow the inter-crop farming. Similarly, it has increased the self participation and decision making capability of the local level of people.

The system is originally user designed, constructed and maintained by the people so that the government load has found to be less regarding to that specific location. Local level of unskilled and semi-skilled males and female people are found to be engaged in agricultural activities through the FMIS.

In a nutshell, it can be said that this FMIS has brought a drastic change in the livelihood of the inhabitants of Ratna Nagar, Chitwan and expected that it may surely fill the vacuum of unemployment which is prevalent in rural area, especially in Ratna Nagar Municipality, Chitwan.

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ACRONYMS

CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
DOI	Department of Irrigation
FMIS	Farmer Managed Irrigation System
F/Y	Fiscal Year
GoN	Government of Nepal
MOI	Ministry of Irrigation
TU	Tribhuvan University
WUA	Water Users Association