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Dear Professors, Researchers, Scholars, Academicians, Practitioners and Students,

Warm greetings from Lumbini!

The Faculty of Buddhist Studies, Lumbini Buddhist University, Lumbini, Nepal, is pleased to announce the Call for Research Articles for *Prajñā*, Vol. 7.

Prajñā is a scholarly journal published by the Faculty of Buddhist Studies, Lumbini Buddhist University. Established in 2020, the journal initially published research articles primarily contributed by PhD scholars of Lumbini Buddhist University. Since 2024, its scope has expanded to include selected seminar papers and other scholarly contributions. Since its 6th volume, *Prajñā* has been officially recognized as a peer-reviewed journal and is indexed in NepJOL (Nepal Journals Online).

Since its inception, the journal has aimed to promote academic discourse, original research and critical scholarship in Buddhist Studies and related disciplines.

SCOPE OF SUBMISSION:

Submissions are welcome in a broad range of topics within **Buddhist Studies**, including but not limited to: *Buddhist History, Buddhist Philosophy, Buddhist Literature, Buddhist Culture, Buddhist Art and Architecture, Buddhist Psychology, Applied Buddhism, Ethics, Meditation, Comparative Religion, Buddhism and AI, Buddhism and Sustainable Development, Buddhism and Circular Economy, Buddhism and Environment.*

SUBMISSION TIMELINES:

1. **Abstract Submission:** July 29- August 16, 2026 (श्रावण १३-श्रावण ३१, २०८३)
2. **Full Paper Submission:** August 17-October 1, 2026 (भाद्र १-असोज १५, २०८३)
3. **Desk Review:** October 2-October 6, 2026 (असोज १६-असोज २०, २०८३)
4. **Double-Blind Peer Review:** October 7-October 27, 2026 (असोज २१-कार्तिक १०, २०८३)
5. **Final Submission:** November 16, 2026 (कार्तिक ३०, २०८३)

FOR SUBMISSION:

Please submit your title and abstract and, subsequently, your full paper via email to prajnaparamita@lbu.edu.np by the respective deadlines. Kindly CC your submission to facultyofbuddhiststudies@lbu.edu.np.

Authors are requested to ensure that their manuscripts fall within the relevant scope of the journal and strictly adhere to the formatting, structural, and citation guidelines provided with this Call for Papers.

FORMATTING AND STYLE GUIDELINES:

Language: Nepali or English

Font: Times New Roman (12 pt.) for English; Preeti (16 pt.) or Kokila (16 pt.) for Nepali

Originality: Submissions must be original, unpublished and not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Research Contribution: Submissions must be based on original research and demonstrate clear new findings or significant scholarly contributions to the relevant field.

Structure: The paper must include a title that clearly indicates the subject and research issue. The manuscript should incorporate an introduction, literature review, statement of the problem, objectives, methodology, limitations, conclusion and other relevant sections, as outlined in the attached guidelines.

Research Problem: The research article must clearly identify and address a specific research problem. The conclusion must directly respond to the research problem identified in the article.

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GUIDELINES FOR ARTICLE WRITING

S. No.	Title	Guidelines
1	**Abstract**	The abstract should be concise (max. 250 words), clear and descriptive, summarizing the key aspects of the paper.
2	**Keywords**	Include at least five keywords. (Font: Times New Roman, Size: 11, Bold)
3	**Introduction**	Provide a brief background and context for the topic. Clearly state the purpose and objectives of the paper.
4	**Literature Review**	Summarize and analyze existing research related to the topic. Highlight key findings, gaps, and relevance to your study.
5	**Statement of the Problems**	Define the specific issue or challenge the research addresses. Be precise and clear in identifying the problem.
6	**Objectives**	State the specific objectives of the paper, including the purpose of presenting information, developing an argument and engaging the reader.
7	**Methodology**	Describe the systematic approach used for conducting the research, including techniques, procedures and rules followed to generate and analyze data.
8	**Delimitation**	Identify the boundaries and scope of the research to narrow down the focus of the study.
9	**Textual Study (Analysis/Discussion/Interpretation)**	Interpret and critically examine the findings, connecting them to existing literature and addressing the implications of the results.
10	**Conclusion**	Summarize the key points of the research paper based on the analysis, discussion and findings.
11	**Works Cited**	Researchers should follow the latest version of MLA style of citation and should use the same consistently throughout the article.
12	**Appendix**	Survey questionnaires and data should be tabulated and pictures must be credited to their rightful owners.

- **The paper should be between 3,000 - 3,500 words**, including works cited. It should contain appropriate subheadings to clearly delineate the different sections The manuscript should use Times New Roman (12 pt.) for English and Preeti (16 pt.) or Kokila (16 pt.) for Nepali with justified alignment and 1.5 line spacing within each section.
- **Evaluation Criteria**: Submissions will be evaluated based on clarity, originality, accuracy, meaningful comparison, and contribution to research. Each paper will undergo internal and external review by the research committee members. *Selected papers will be Published.*
- **Language**: Nepali or English
- **Margins**: 1 inch on the top, bottom, and right; 1.5 inches on the left.
- **Figures**: Include black-and-white images (e.g., photographs, illustrations, graphs and flowcharts) without shading or gray tones in the annexes.

PEER REVIEW PROCESS

- Each paper must present **original findings** based on the author's research.
- All submissions will undergo a double-blind peer-review process.
- Articles will be evaluated based on their originality, clarity, relevance and academic contribution.
- The Editorial Board reserves the right to accept or reject submissions based on the reviewers' feedback.
- All submissions will be screened for plagiarism and AI-generated content.

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