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First Call for Papers

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### Call for Research Articles - *Prajñā*, Peer Reviewed Journal (Vol. 6, 2025)

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

Warm greetings from Lumbini!

The Faculty of Buddhist Studies at Lumbini Buddhist University, Lumbini, Nepal, is pleased to announce the call for research articles for the 6th volume of *Prajñā*. *Prajñā*, published from the year 2020, published the research articles of the PhD scholars of Lumbini Buddhist University till 2023. In 2024, it incorporated the seminar papers along with the papers by PhD scholars. Since its initial volume, the journal has aimed to promote academic discourse and critical scholarship in Buddhist Studies and related disciplines.

Starting with this edition, *Prajñā* will be officially recognized as a **peer reviewed journal** and will be **indexed in NepJOL (Nepal Journals Online)**. This development marks a significant advancement in the journal's academic standing, reaffirming its commitment to scholarly rigor, integrity, and the dissemination of high quality research.

In celebration of the upcoming University Day (Mangsir 14/December 30), we invite research contributions for publication in ***Prajñā* Volume 6**.

#### 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*, *Applied Buddhism*, *Ethics*, *Meditation*, *Comparative Religion*.

## Submission Timeline

1. **Title & Abstract Submission:** Bhadra 1 - Bhadra 15 (August 17 - August 31, 2025)
2. **Full Paper Submission:** Bhadra 16 - Ashwin 16 (September 1 - October 2, 2025)
3. **Desk Review:** Ashwin 17 - Ashwin 21 (October 3 - October 7, 2025)
4. **Blind Peer Review:** Ashwin 22 - Kartik 5 (October 8 - October 22, 2025)
5. **Resubmission Based on Review:** Kartik 6 - Kartik 20 (October 23 - November 6, 2025)
6. **Final Review:** Following resubmissions

## Submission Process

Please submit your abstract and full paper via email to [facultyofbuddhiststudies@lbu.edu.np](mailto:facultyofbuddhiststudies@lbu.edu.np) by the respective deadlines. Kindly CC your submission to: [neshanshrestha@lbu.edu.np](mailto:neshanshrestha@lbu.edu.np)

Ensure that your manuscript falls within the relevant themes and adheres to the formatting and citation guidelines provided below.

## Formatting and Style Guidelines

- **Language:** Nepali or English
- **Font:** Times New Roman (12 pt.) for English or Preeti (16 pt.)/Kokila (16 pt.) for Nepali
- **Originality:** Submissions must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere
- **Structure:** The paper must include a title that clearly indicates the subject and research issue. The paper should incorporate an introduction, literature review, statement of the problem, objectives, methodology, limitations, and other relevant sections, as outlined in the guidelines attached to the notice.
- **Major Attention:** The research article should contain identification of the research problem. The conclusion of the article must address the research problem. Otherwise, the article may not be accepted.
- Priority will be given to English Papers.

## Acknowledgment

We extend our sincere appreciation for your continuous contributions to the field of Buddhist Studies. Your scholarly work plays a vital role in enhancing academic discourse, and we look forward to featuring your research in this volume.

Thank you for considering this opportunity. We eagerly await your submissions and the chance to publish your insightful contributions.

Warm regards,

Neshan Shrestha

Coordinator, *Prajñā* (Volume 6)

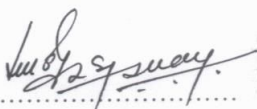
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**GUIDELINES FOR PAPER WRITING**

S. N.	Title	Details
1	<b>Abstract</b>	The abstract should be concise (max. 250 words), clear, and descriptive, summarizing the key aspects of the paper.
2	<b>Keywords</b>	Include at least five keywords. (Font: Times New Roman, Size: 11, Bold)
3	<b>Introduction</b>	Provide a brief background and context for the topic. Clearly state the purpose and objectives of the paper.
4	<b>Literature Review</b>	Summarize and analyze existing research related to the topic. Highlight key findings, gaps, and relevance to your study.
5	<b>Statement of the Problems</b>	Define the specific issue or challenge the research addresses. Be precise and clear in identifying the problem.
6	<b>Objectives</b>	State the specific objectives of the paper, including the purpose of presenting information, developing an argument, and engaging the reader.
7	<b>Methodology</b>	Describe the systematic approach used for conducting the research, including techniques, procedures, and rules followed to generate and analyze data.
8	<b>Delimitation</b>	Identify the boundaries and scope of the research to narrow down the focus of the study.
9	<b>Textual Study (Analysis/Discussion/ Interpretation)</b>	Interpret and critically examine the findings, connecting them to existing literature and addressing the implications of the results.
10	<b>Conclusion</b>	Summarize the key points of the research paper based on the analysis, discussion and findings.
11	<b>Works Cited/ References</b>	Researchers should follow the latest version of either MLA or APA style of citation and should use the same consistently throughout the article.
12	<b>Appendix</b>	Survey questionnaires and data should be tabulated, and pictures must be credited to their rightful owners.



- **The paper should be between 3,500–5,000 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 evaluation committee members. Suitable submissions will be selected for presentation.
- **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, flowcharts) with no shading or gray tones.

