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Background: Journal of Health and Social Work-next (JHSWN) a multidisciplinary peer reviewed journal which has been publishing almost on a monthly basis since its inception December 12, 2022. It was realized by the help of friends and well-wishers. Knowledge should be shared to capacitated people to enhance their inherent abilities. It believes the knowledge should be free so that it will not be kept in the monetary cage which limits the knowledge to reach the mass of the world. Publishing a multi-disciplinary research journal with double blind peer review is a daunting task. The mother organization PHRSN allowed us to explore the field of academic research independently. It was the brainchild of Dr. Nimananda Rijal and Associate Prof Ashok Pandey, in the process many friends joined hands to form different teams such as editorial board, subject wise reviewers, volunteers and well-wishers.

Decolonization of Knowledge: In its first issue, it has declared decolonization of Knowledge and practiced examined whether it is possible or not in the context of Nepal. Many scholars would have been surprised around the globe on the issue of decolonization of knowledge. Is it possible colonization of Knowledge? How knowledge has been colonized? First of all it starts from the personal gain and organizational gain. In third world country, the outcome of the research is little known even in social science, what is happening in the field on changing concept which are blocked because of the weak purchasing power in USD; a simple article need to be purchased in USD or in EURO ; The price to download full text cost "US \$37.50"[1], what does it mean, the knowledge was restricted financially also to the people of under-developed and developing countries and the currency has restricted since the country cannot afford to free flow of Dollar, more than two third of the world population cannot afford it ; "Epistemic perspective which means knowledge was colonized by placing European knowledge forward as the authority above all other non-European knowledge." (Nkosinkulu, 2023). With this the knowledge is restricted from financially and conceptually of supremacy. Cambridge University has realized it and opened some of the research with common creative 4.0 under the name of open engage, but these articles said not reviewed, pre-print etc. It said 'Our vision is to unlock the potential of high quality research and build an open future. We see the expansion of our Open Access book and portfolio as an important step to delivering our vision' (Cambridge, 2023).

"The significance of knowledge in determining people's destinies, the triumph of Western-centered modernity negated the legitimacy of "other" knowledge and ways of knowing-outside the Western purview of seeing, imagining, and knowing the world" (Ndlovu, 2018). Many people and even organizations have realized knowledge should be decolonized; the JHSWN moved a step forward to make the move for making free access of knowledge.



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Paraphrasing: Incitation paraphrasing has been a common attribute in research. Will it provide the exact sense of the original author's view? A question is raised. How to go about it, it needs to make a common consensus of the researchers, particularly from the Universities and research organizations. At present there are AI tools to paraphrase, therefore the JHSWN put forth to create a common consensus to the researchers and academic institutions to voice their views. The understanding of JHSWN on copied matter should be in “double inverted comma” with citation. There are some paraphrasing tools advertised best for 2023, these are “Quillbot, Word AI, Paraphraser.io, Spinbot, SmallSeoTools, Duplichecker and GetGenie AI” (Rumana, 2023). These are available free for limited use, thereafter asked for a premium that is also in USD, it also limits use by mass of the world population. If paraphrasing is accepted at a limited level it would not be wise to check the writing level of the authors, this will have a huge impact on creative thinking of the authors. Let us think about it.

Free Access to knowledge: JHSWN believes in free access to knowledge, it has historical implications also. Knowledge was restricted in many parts of the world to the common people. “Today the circulation of knowledge in science is restricted by high prices. Many students and researchers cannot afford academic journals and books that are locked behind paywalls” (Sci-Hub, 2023). The science hub has also been fighting for free access to knowledge since 2011 and UNESCO also started to share its publications. It has been declared as “In order to help reduce the gap between industrialized countries and those in the emerging economy, UNESCO has decided to adopt an Open Access Policy for its publications by making use of a new dimension of knowledge sharing” (UNESCO, 2023). The Max Planck society started a movement for open access of knowledge after the 2003 Berlin declaration[2]. JHSWN also delighted to join hands for the movement on “Open Access to Knowledge”. Historically knowledge was restricted in different forms to mass.

As a chief editor, I would like to appeal to all researchers to apply the ethics of research and join hands to some issue raised by JHSWN, it will be great success to all. Now it is the time to raise the voice on free access to knowledge.

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