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On behalf of the Editorial Board of the "Nepalese Horticulture," an official publication of Nepal Horticulture Society (NHS), I am glad to present the 18th volume of the journal. The journal was established in 1997 as one of the country's oldest professional societies. Since its inception, our journal has dedicated itself to advancing horticultural science in Nepal and beyond, providing an open-access platform for high-quality, single-blind, peer-reviewed research. Our journal encompasses a wide range of topics within Horticultural Science. We welcome submissions that explore various critical aspects, including but not limited to physiology, genetics, breeding, biotechnology, nutrition, and crop management. We also encourage research that addresses disease and pest management, post-harvest handling, processing, marketing, storage, and the socioeconomic dimensions of horticultural crops.

We invite researchers, practitioners, and academics to contribute original articles, short notes, and reviews that exemplify scientific excellence and significance. Together, we aim to serve clients both directly and indirectly related to horticulture, fostering a collaborative environment that drives innovation and development within the sector. We take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the authors, reviewers, executive committee, and dedicated contributors for their invaluable support. Your commitment to advancing horticultural research is essential to our mission. The journal is available in print and online formats through the official website of the Nepal Horticulture Society and Nepal Journal Online (NepJol). It is indexed with CABI, which we hope will result in a growing readership and greater visibility for our authors' work.

The Editorial Board extends heartfelt thanks to all institutions and individuals whose cooperation has made this publication possible. As we look to the future, we remain focused on enhancing the reach and impact of horticultural research in Nepal, and we encourage you to join us in this important endeavor. Thank you.

The Editorial Committee

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