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Dear Editor

We are pleased to submit a manuscript entitled “Urban Heat Island in Kathmandu, Nepal: Evaluating Relationship between NDVI and LST from 2000 to 2016” in your **renowned** journal “International Journal of Environment”. This paper is an important documentation of our research work using cutting edge satellite data and **geospatial** techniques. This research is very unique as **it** **explores dynamics of** Urban Heat Island and its relationship with the **Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (**NDVI**)** **in Kathmandu** over the period of 16 years. There are several literatures worldwide studying Land Surface Temperature (LST) as an indicator of Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect, in relation to NDVI. However, this phenomenon has never been studied **explicitly in Kathmandu valley**. We felt the importance of studying this phenomenon, especially in the context of sprawling urbanization in Kathmandu.

This manuscript is original in nature and has not been submitted for publication elsewhere, and will not be submitted elsewhere until a decision has been rendered by the editor. We look forward for a favorable review of this article for publication in your prestigious journal.

We have included following details as requested in the website of journal along the manuscript.

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