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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Geopolitics of Climate Change in the Himalayas: A Comparative Study of Indias and Nepals Policies in the Region.

Recommendation:	Rating _	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor	_
Accept as it is	Originality	$ \checkmark $				
Accept after minor revision	Techn. Quality		8			_
Accept after major revision	Clarity		V			-
Do not accept (Reasons below)	Significance	⋖	•			-

Reviewer Name: Dr. Abdul Hameed Shah

Reviewer's Comment for Publication:

The manuscript presents a comprehensive, well-researched comparative analysis of India's and Nepal's climate policies in the Himalayan region. It effectively combines environmental science, policy analysis, and international relations to show how climate change interacts with complex geopolitical dynamics.

Strengths

- Original Contribution: The focus on how geopolitics shape climate policy in a critical transboundary ecosystem is timely and original.
- Rich Contextualization: The paper skillfully situates climate impacts (glacial melt, water security, GLOFs) within regional power rivalries, drawing on a wide range of contemporary and historical sources.
- Policy Relevance: Detailed discussion of India's and Nepal's adaptation and mitigation frameworks provides practical insights for regional cooperation.

Suggestions for Minor Revision

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- Editing for Conciseness: The manuscript is lengthy and occasionally repetitive.
 Streamlining background sections—especially early historical context—will improve readability.
- 2. **Formatting and Style:** Ensure consistent citation formatting and correct occasional spacing/grammar issues (e.g., run-on sentences, inconsistent year formatting).
- 3. **Methodological Clarification:** The qualitative comparative method is described briefly; a clearer explanation of how policy documents were selected and analyzed would enhance transparency.
- 4. **Visual Aids:** A comparative table summarizing key policy differences (India vs. Nepal) or a map of disputed areas could help readers quickly grasp contrasts.

Overall, the paper offers a significant contribution to the fields of climate policy and geopolitics. With minor editorial refinements, it will be ready for publication.