

Mr. Surath Giri



Mr. Surath Giri is an entrepreneur activist turned entrepreneur. He currently runs two companies – Onion Films Nepal, an audio-visual production company that also trains young people on visual storytelling as a part of its social mission, and Nepal Language and Research Solutions, a translation and research agency that is also building an online dictionary of languages spoken in Nepal as a part of its social mission.

Before starting these companies, he worked as a researcher for Samriddhi Foundation, a think tank that promotes entrepreneurship and economic reform in Nepal for more than six years. At Samriddhi, he conducted studies on the economic contribution of the tourism sector in Nepal, ground realities of doing business in Nepal, and status of contract enforcement in Nepal. He was also involved in developing and delivering a curriculum on entrepreneurship targeted to the university level students provided to over 450 students. In 2014, he worked as the National Coordinator of Nepal for Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship, an international network promoting entrepreneurship among school students.

Mr. Anish Shrestha



Mr. Anish Shrestha is the current student of MBA Entrepreneurship in King's College Kathmandu, Nepal. He completed his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Information Technology from St. Xavier's College. He had presented his paper in the Seventh National Students Conference of Information Technology on the topic "ICT in agriculture."

He is one of the Co-founders of ICT in Agriculture Nepal which was established in 2013. He and his team have developed a digital e-agriculture frame work named *Krishi Ghar* that works with different government agencies, NGOs and INGOs. *Krishi Ghar* has also collaborated its services with the UNDP Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management Programme (CDRMP), Department of Agriculture, and the Agriculture Information and Communication Center under the Government of Nepal for the development of information system and climate change forecast through mobile application. He is also the current president of Leo Club of Kathmandu Matribhumi and has served in many voluntary works. He has got more than five years of work experience in software development.

Ms. Alpaza Rajbhandari Joshi



Ms. Alpaza Rajbhandari Joshi is the Creative Director and Co-founder of the brand *Ekadesma* - Tales of Nepali crafts. She has past work experience as a designer in a leading Nepali export garment company. She has worked as a designer in collaboration with the Japanese brand called “MASH” and in a project of the Federation of Handicraft Associations of Nepal. Having been actively involved in different programs, Ms. Rajbhandari Joshi believes that one can constantly learn. She wishes to combine her knowledge and experience in these areas.

Her greatest expertise is in the field of creativity. She is a former and part time instructor at one of Nepal’s leading fashion colleges, *Namuna* College of Fashion Technology. She is also involved in various creative workshops both an instructor and as a participator. Ms. Rajbhandari Joshi loves what she does and aims to deliver creative and best designed products for her brand *Ekadesma*.

About ***Ekadesma*- Tales of Nepali crafts**: Established in 2011, *Ekadesma* - Tales of Nepali craft is a socially responsible clothing brand which specializes in casual clothing made of natural fabrics in artsy, original designs made for the urban youth of today. It started with the founding principles of creating original designs with universal sensibilities of comfort and style using natural fabrics and producing locally through ethical and environmentally-friendly practices. Post-earthquake, they strongly felt the need to create steady employment-generating opportunities for Nepalis, especially women. Thus, since 2015, they have established a small workshop where they train women on industry quality stitching. Each of their garments is put together by such skilled women, who have been a part of our team since the beginning of 2016. Recently, they have trained and hired burn victim women to redefine their life under the umbrella of *Ekadesma*.

Ms. Nishu Baral



Ms. Nishu Baral graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Providence College, Rhode Island, USA. As a part of her undergraduate degree, she studied abroad at the London School of Economics in the UK for a year. Following graduation, she worked for Price Waterhouse Coopers, Boston, one of the four main professional service firms in the world, as a Risk Assurance Associate.

She decided to return back to Nepal to explore and learn more about the business environment and market practices in Nepal. Ms. Baral is a Business Associate at the *Biruwa* Advisors. *Biruwa* Advisors is a Nepali management-consulting firm that specializes in providing customized strategic business consulting services and implementation consulting services to early and growth stage companies in Nepal. *Biruwa* has played instrumental promoting the culture of enterprise development among the youth in diverse sectors. This provides them significant knowledge on the changing nation of work in the local and national job market.