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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear UNNATI family and Well Wishers ,

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the unwavering support you have shown towards UNNATI. Your constant presence has significantly amplified our message and expanded our influence on individuals and communities in need. Our newsletter serves as a means to keep you connected and well-informed about the significant work we are involved in. It serves as a reflection of our mission and the collective endeavors that drive positive change in communities far and wide. We hope that each edition of our newsletter not only brings you closer to the core of our mission but also strengthens your connection with our UNNATI family. Thank you once again for your invaluable support.



## NAWALPUR RESIDENCY

27 December 2022 - 15 January 2023

Unnati Cultural village hosted one month-long residency program among five photographers and one videographer captured the beauty of village life in Nawalpur and Chitwan, serving as a symbol of courage, grace, beauty, and preservation to celebrate Tharu culture and their diverse stories.

## COMPLETION OF BARAHI ORDERS

February 5, 2023

From Unnati Cultural Village's craft village (Shilpakutir) we successfully delivered total 127 pieces of miniature ceramic sculpture of animals to Barahi Jungle Lodge, Chitwan.



## MUGS ORDER FROM THE WORLD BANK, NEPAL

February 10, 2023

Completed Ninety Ceramic mugs with hand painted tharu motifs ordered by the World Bank, Nepal.





## COLLABORATION WITH DHAKA ART SUMMIT

February 11, 2023

Unnati has collaborated with Dhaka Art Summit for the Art and Culture Project for a common platform for all the South Asian artists in exploring their creativity through cross-cultural learning..



## MOU SIGN WITH AOD - SRI LANKA

February 20, 2023

The Chaudhary Foundation has signed MOU with Design for Sustainable Development Foundation (DFSD), a subsidiary of AOD/DESIGN CORP Group of companies in setting up an initiative for the joint development of craft into lifestyle, fashion and other related products.



## CERAMICS SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

February 20 - March 15, 2023

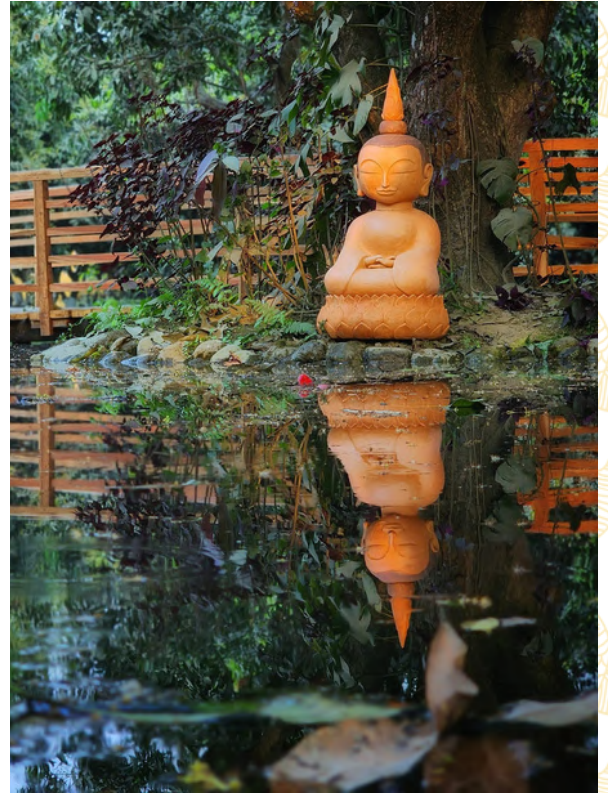
Unnati hosted a one month long residential ceramic symposium program among 7 international and 1 national artist providing a creative space where they can self-reflect, think critically and engage in transformative activities in a local Nepali environment with indigenous people and their culture. This program was curated by Gopal Kalapremi.





This program has been successful in bringing ceramic artists from across the country for the exchange of ideas and experience providing the opportunity to gather and celebrate the diversity of work being created.

Residency Artists: Pim Sudhikam, Prakorn Wilai & Kreetapol Thongkhum from Thailand, Reinhard Keitel & Berthold-J. Zavaczki from Germany ,Elina Titane from Latvia, Merrie Tomkins from Australia and Gopal Kalapremi Shrestha from Nepal.



## UNNATI MELA

March 11, 2023

Unnati cultural village marked its 2nd anniversary on Saturday, March 11, 2023 (Falgun 27, 2079) in the presence of CDO-Krishna Prasad Lamsal and SP Bhuwanshor Tiwari of Nawalpur Kawasowti and Deputy-Mayor -Shanti Koirala of Gaidakot Municipality.



The Mela featured a variety of arts and crafts activities led by Nepalese and International ceramic artists, photography and videography artists with the goal of encouraging people to create, connect with, experience, and celebrate the arts and culture in all of their forms – visual, performing, and education.

### Major highlights of the event

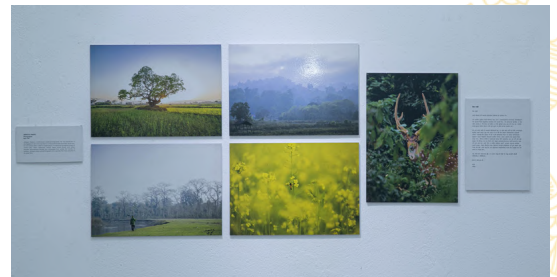
- Inauguration of Open-air Museum





- **Photo and video exhibitions of Nawalpur residency.**

The exhibition is the result of a month-long residency programme, which took place in December-January 2023. All the artists came together for the inaugural of the Exhibition inaugurated by chief guest of Unnati Mela. Exhibition provided glimpses of Tharu culture and their diverse stories from the lens of each of the artist.



## Workshops

- Organized Mobile Banking workshop for local women micro-entrepreneurs and women's groups.



- Organized Digital Marketing and E commerce workshop for young entrepreneurs, marketing professionals, business start.



- Stall and Marketplace.





- Felicitated Ceramic artist and Videography and Photography residency Artist.



- Organized an art competition for children.





- Cultural performance from Magar community.



## A RESTROSPECTIVE ON AN ARTIST

March 21, 2023

Supported Ragini Upadhyay Grela's exhibition that is being exhibited at the Nepal Art Council. A total of 239 pieces, including paintings, prints, drawings and lithographs, created by the illustrious artist between 1978 and 2023, have been kept on display at the re-collective exhibition.





## **BHARAT NEPAL KALA SANGRAM**

**March 28, 2023**

Embassy of India and Sushila Arts Academy jointly put together a week-long art exhibition "Bharat-Nepal Kala Sangam" which was inaugurated on 28th March 2023 at the Taragaon Museum, Bouddha. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Deputy Chief of Mission Shri Prasanna Shrivastava. The exhibition included 38 artworks on different monuments of India and Nepal by 11 young Nepali artists reflecting friendship between India and Nepal. It was held from 28 March- 02 April 2023. The event was supported by CG Unnati Cultural Village and AWON. As a official partner Unnati cultural village sensitized 32 young artists and students on business plan, proposal writing and digital marketing.



## **ASIA SOCIETY - CULTURAL AMBASSADOR OF NEPAL**

**March 29, 2023**

Our Director Ms.Surabhi Chaudhary has been appointed as cultural ambassador of Nepal at Asia Society.It is an absolute honor to represent UCV and Nepal in global platform.





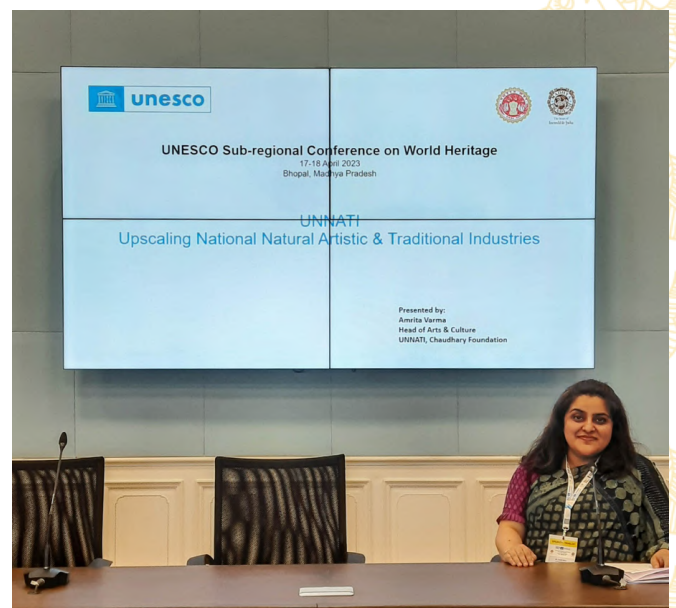
# UNESCO SUB-REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD HERITAGE

April 17-18, 2023

We are honored to have participated in UNESCO's Sub-Regional World Heritage Conference, held on April 17 & 18, 2023 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India. It was an incredible opportunity to join forces with other experts and like-minded organizations from South Asia who are dedicated to preserving and conserving our shared world heritage sites.



During the conference, we presented the vision and mission behind establishing an experiential and learning space, Unnati Cultural Village, in Nawalpur, with the goal of reviving Tharu culture through the creation of a living ecosystem.





## ORDER FROM YPO

April 27, 2023

UNNATI plays a crucial role in promoting and assisting women producer groups. As a facilitator, UNNATI establishes connections between these groups and potential buyers. We successfully completed an international order from Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) of customised handcrafted Pashmina shawls for giftings.



## THARU DOLLS FOR CORPORATE GIFTING

April 29, 2023

Inspired by the tharu ladies our artisans have beautifully handcrafted these tharu dolls at our craft village, which we use for our corporate giftings.

