

Dear UNNATI family and Well Wishers ,

We are excited to share recent highlights from Unnati's journey in sustainable development and cultural preservation. We continue to empower women, support local economies, and celebrate Nepal's cultural heritage. Key updates include stakeholder consultation meetings in Taplejung and Sankhuwasabha focused on women's economic empowerment, participation in the IDA21 Replenishment Meeting to showcase Nepali artisans' craftsmanship, and our cultural event, "Resonance of Hues"- A collective Art Show at Vivanta Creatives. Join us in celebrating these milestones as we work together to uplift communities across Nepal.

## STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETING

05th- 07th June, 2024



In June 2024, the Chaudhary Foundation organized stakeholder consultation meetings for the "Women's Economic Empowerment through Value Chain Development of Small-Scale Farm and Non-Farm Activities" project in Taplejung and Sankhuwasabha districts. The meetings aimed to assess the current status of the large cardamom enterprise, evaluate the impact of activities from the past five years, and identify challenges faced by MSMEs and women's groups in allo and large cardamom production. Transparency and accountability were emphasized throughout the project planning and implementation.



The consultations began on June 4, 2024, in Birtamod, Jhapa, with 23 members of FLCEN discussing large cardamom enterprises, export mechanisms, and related challenges. Additional sessions were held on June 5 and 7 in Taplejung and Sankhuwasabha, engaging NGOs, CSOs, microfinances, women's groups, and cooperatives. The meetings had significant participation, with 15 NGOs/CSOs members and 45 beneficiaries in Taplejung and 27 NGOs/CSOs members and 28 beneficiaries in Sankhuwasabha.





## PARTICIPATION AT IDA21 REPLENISHMENT MEETING 2024

18th -21st June, 2024

UNNATI participated in the 3rd IDA (International Development Association) Replenishment meeting held from June 18th to 21st, 2024, at The Soaltee Hotel, Kathmandu, showcasing locally crafted products by Nepali artisans. This prestigious event, attended by over 250 international delegates, provided a platform for UNNATI to highlight its work in empowering local communities. Through a stall displaying six types of craft products, including ceramics and pottery, woodcarving, natural fiber items, textiles, knitting, and jewelry. UNNATI introduced its initiatives that enhance artisans' skills, connect them with broader markets, and promote Nepal's rich cultural heritage.



The positive feedback from international delegates underscored the authenticity and uniqueness of the products, further establishing UNNATI's role in supporting and upscaling local craftsmanship.



## ART OF LIVING SESSION FOR MISS NEPAL 2024

June 11th, 2024

A 4 day Art of Living session for Miss Nepal 2024 took place at Vivanta Kathmandu, supported by Unnati Cultural Village. The program was designed to enhance inner peace and cultivate a positive mindset for the contestants, helping them manage stress and improve overall well-being. This transformative experience aimed at empowering the participants, ensuring they are mentally and emotionally prepared for the exciting journey ahead.



## AN INTERACTIVE SESSION BETWEEN UNNATI CULTURAL VILLAGE AND BOSTON INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE STUDENTS ON CULTURAL PRESERVATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

July 20th, 2024

On July 20, 2024, a group of 4th and 3rd trimester marketing students from Boston International College visited Unnati Cultural Village. During the visit, Ms. Roshana Shrestha, Unnati's Community Manager, provided the students with an overview of Unnati's mission, vision, and values. The session offered insights into Unnati's commitment to cultural preservation and community development, helping students understand the organization's goals and principles.





# RESONANCE OF HUES- A COLLECTIVE ART SHOW CELEBRATING NEPALI CULTURE

10th Aug - 11th Oct, 2024



The "Resonance of Hues" art exhibition was inaugurated on August 10th, 2024, at Vivanta Creatives, a newly established art space at Vivanta Kathmandu. Showcasing 35 exquisite artworks by eight prominent Nepali contemporary artists- Dr. Seema Sharma Shah, Mr. Umashankar Shah, Ms. Namrata Singh, Ms. Manju Khadka, Mr. Sujan Dangol, Ms. Sushma Shakya, Ms. Samjhana Rajbhandari, and Mr. Abhijeet Prajapati—the event celebrated Nepal's rich cultural heritage through a blend of traditional and modern artistic expressions. The exhibition will continue to run until October 11th, 2024.







The inauguration ceremony began with the ceremonial lighting of the Panas, followed by speeches that emphasized the importance of cultural initiatives. The event was chaired by Ms. Surabhi Chaudhary, who highlighted the significance of collaboration through "Public-Private Partnership for the People and the Planet." Mr. Binod Chaudhary delivered the closing remarks, extending his best wishes to Unnati and its cultural endeavors. The event was further honored by the presence of Ms. Sarika Chaudhary, Mr. Rahul Chaudhary, and Mr. Ravi Nischal, General Manager of Vivanta Kathmandu, who expressed pride in the collaboration. A mesmerizing performance by the renowned Nepali band Sur Sudha added a unique cultural dimension to the evening, enriching the overall experience.

## **PARTICIPATED AT BETTER CHITWAN PROGRAM ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY**

10th August, 2024

Participated in the Better Chitwan Program on International Youth Day with a stall showcasing our ceramic products. It was a great opportunity to engage with young leaders and highlight our craftsmanship, celebrating sustainability and local artistry!

