



UNNATI

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Dear UNNATI family and Well Wishers ,

With the close of the year 2082, we take this moment to reflect on a journey filled with learning, creativity, collaboration, and growth. We are deeply grateful to all our supporters, partners, well-wishers, and communities who have stood alongside UNNATI and contributed to making this year truly meaningful.

Every initiative, collaboration, and achievement has been possible because of your continued encouragement and shared belief in empowering local communities, promoting culture, and supporting artisans and emerging talents across Nepal.



This newsletter is a glimpse into our ongoing journey highlighting stories, activities, creative engagements, and the collective impact we are creating together. We hope it keeps you connected with our work and the people behind it.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful, prosperous, and meaningful New Year 2083! May the coming year bring new opportunities, stronger collaborations, creativity, and positive change for all.

Arts and Culture

Celebrating creativity and contemporary artistic expression, UNNATI showcased a curated display of artworks at Vivanta Kathmandu featuring the works of Manu Chaudhary and Pujan KC. The exhibition, held from 25 January 2026 to 25 May 2026, created a platform to promote emerging artistic talent while offering visitors an engaging cultural and visual experience.

SHOWCASING EMERGING TALENT AT VIVANTA KATHMANDU



WHERE ART MEETS PURPOSEFUL COLLABORATION

We had the honour of handing over the artwork *Silent Collapse II* by Sagun Thapa, showcased during the *Unveiled Vision II* exhibition, to the Respected Honorary Consul of Uruguay, Mr. Deewaker Piya.



We extend our sincere gratitude for his continued support to the artist by purchasing the artwork and for the engaging and insightful discussion on potential avenues of collaboration.



This meaningful exchange reaffirmed our shared commitment to uplifting artists and artisans, while collectively working towards the revival and sustainability of Nepal's rich traditions of art, craft, culture, and heritage. It was truly inspiring to explore how partnerships like these can create lasting impact and open new pathways for creative communities.

Market Linkage

UNNATI actively connected local artisans with wider audiences through schools, festivals, bazaars, and curated markets. Through these platforms, UNNATI strengthened market access for community-made handicrafts while celebrating Nepali craftsmanship, creativity, and cultural heritage.

CELEBRATING LOVE THROUGH CRAFT



On the occasion of Valentine's Day, we participated in handicraft stalls at Chhaya Center and Eyeplex Mall, where we showcased a special collection thoughtfully created for the season.

The products, crafted with care by our artisans, beautifully reflected themes of love, connection, and tradition. We were delighted by the warm response from visitors, who appreciated and connected with the uniqueness and craftsmanship of each piece.

It was a wonderful opportunity to share our work with a wider audience and celebrate the spirit of Valentine's through meaningful, handmade creations.

12TH NRNA GLOBAL CONFERENCE



We had the privilege of showcasing our products at the 12th NRNA Global Conference & International General Assembly at Soaltee Kathmandu. It was an enriching experience to connect with diverse individuals and representatives, engage with delegates from different countries, and share products that reflect thoughtful design, community craftsmanship, and the essence of Nepal's rich traditions.

Our designs were immensely appreciated, and we are truly grateful for the overwhelming response and meaningful connections we were able to build.

MADE IN NEPAL MARKET FOR NEW YEAR 2083

UNNATI, in collaboration with Eye Plex, organized the “Made in Nepal Market 2083” to celebrate Nepali craftsmanship, culture, and entrepreneurship. The event featured live pottery demonstrations, food stalls, and a vibrant exhibition of locally made products, creating a dynamic space for community engagement and cultural pride.

Beneficiaries: 7

Total Reach: 2000



Key Outputs

- Promoted local artisans and “Made in Nepal” products
- Provided a platform for cultural expression and creative entrepreneurship
- Enhanced visibility and market access for local producers



THIRD POLE SERIES-6: WATER & GENDER

Celebrating stories of resilience, climate realities, and the powerful role of women at Third Pole Series-6: Water & Gender.



Featuring an art exhibition from Geruwa and Madhuwan, Bardiya, a documentary screening of Dhye Dreams by Shanta Nepali, and a meaningful dialogue on water and gender.

We are truly grateful for the overwhelming appreciation we received for our designs and craftsmanship. It was an inspiring platform to celebrate creativity, stories, and the deep connection between women and rivers.

UNNATI AT LABIM BAZAAR

We are thrilled to announce our participation in Labim Bazaar, the vibrant weekend marketplace that brings together artisans, creators, and craft enthusiasts. Visit us every Saturday to explore our handmade products, discover unique gifts, and place custom orders tailored as per your ideas.



Partnership and Engagements

Through interactions with artists, organizations, institutions, hospitality spaces, and local communities, we continued creating opportunities that promote culture, creativity, and community participation.

These collaborations not only helped expand the reach of local artisans and emerging talents but also encouraged knowledge sharing, cultural exchange, and sustainable engagement.

UNNATI'S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE LOCAL PRODUCTS

UNNATI consistently promotes locally produced, sustainable, and environmentally friendly products. Under its Natural Fibre Products Development program, UNNATI continues to empower local women's groups from Nawalparasi by supporting value addition and market access. Through this initiative, women artisans create and sell a diverse range of eco-friendly products including placemats, cushions, yoga mats, dustbins, baskets, and bags available across multiple outlets. This effort not only strengthens community livelihoods but also fosters a culture of conscious consumption and respect for nature.



CONNECTING WITH ARTISANS FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



It was an amazing experience meeting Nepal Women's Welfare Society and connecting with an inspiring group of women artisans undergoing crochet training using natural fibers and especially banana fiber. We discussed potential collaborations to develop Natural Fibre products and promote sustainable and handmade creations.

MEETING WITH MAYOR OF MADHYAPUR THIMI

A truly enriching and forward-looking meeting with Respected Mayor Mr. Surendra Shrestha of Madhyapur Thimi Municipality. We explored meaningful collaboration opportunities to conduct skill development trainings, aimed at empowering communities, strengthening livelihoods, and expanding our beneficiary reach.



UNNATI X MAISON GURAS: A PARTNERSHIP IN CRAFT & INNOVATION



We are excited to announce our official partnership with Maison Guras! Under this collaboration, UNNATI and Maison Guras to develop exclusive product designs, create artisan-crafted samples, and ensure high-quality production through our beneficiary groups across Nepal. Together, we celebrate innovation, craftsmanship, and the true spirit of collaboration.

FROM LOCAL FLAVORS TO WIDER MARKETS

UNNATI is collaborating with Lekbesy to strengthen market linkages for Lapsi Truffles and Lapsi Candies. Made from Lapsi (hog plum) a fruit native to Nepal, these products bring a unique local flavor to wider markets.



With promotion and access across Nepal, this partnership supports local enterprise and expands market reach. Rooted in sustainability, it creates pathways for growth and visibility of locally crafted products.