

## BIO – DATA



- NAME** : **Laxmi Sharma**
- FATHER'S NAME** : Late Laxman Thapa Magar
- DATE OF BIRTH** : 1951-12-18
- PLACE OF BIRTH** : Maharajgung, Kathmandu, Nepal
- NATIONALITY** : Nepali
- MARITAL STATUS** : Divorcee
- ACADEMIC** : Attended only 3 days in School
- QUALIFICATION** :
- WORK EXPERIENCE** : 1968-78 –Worked as a housekeeper for Diplomatic Residents,  
–thanka/picture paintings  
1979 –Worked as an auto rickshaw driver/mechanic  
1980 –Worked as a handicraft designer  
1986 –Established Laxmi Wood Craft Udhog (LWCU)  
2001 –Established Birendra Universal Studio Kollywood (P)  
Ltd.
- MARKET OBSERVATION** 1989 –Visited New York, Washington D.C. & Atlanta  
Georgia organized jointly by US-Aid & His  
Majesty's Government of Nepal
- SEMINAR ATTENDED** : 1. Safe and Environmentally Acceptable Packaging organized by  
International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO in Nepal on 13-  
14 July 1998  
2. General Export Marketing and Management organized by  
Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nepal on 3<sup>rd</sup>  
December 1998  
3. International Federation of Women Entrepreneurs –2000,  
New Delhi, India  
4. Global Summit of Women-2001, Hong Kong  
5. Asian Women Entrepreneurs Conference, Seoul, Korea
- COUNTRIES VISITED ON** : USA, UK, Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Australia,  
**BUSINES PURPOSE &** Denmark, Japan, Austria, India, Thailand, Hong Kong, etc  
**PRODUCTS EXPORTING TO**
- NATIONAL AWARDS** : 1. Best Woman Entrepreneurship with Gold Medal for the  
year 1987 by National Youth Service Fund, Nepal  
2. 4<sup>th</sup> National Best Cottage Entrepreneur Award by  
Development of Cottage & Village Industries Committee-  
1988  
3. Women Development Running Shield Award (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize) by  
Nepal Woman Central Working Committee-1988, 1989 &  
1990  
4. Best Product Award from the Craft Bazaar- 1993  
from the Craft Council of Nepal  
5. Best Exporter of New Product Award-1996  
– Certificate & Running Shield from Nepal German Chamber  
of Commerce & Industry  
6. Appreciation Letter by Nepal German Week on 5<sup>th</sup> October  
1996  
7. Best Exporter of New Product Award-1997  
– Certificate & Running Shield from Nepal German Chamber  
of Commerce & Industry  
8. Best Exporter of the Bone & Horn Crafts Award  
– 1998 by Handicraft Association of Nepal.

9. Handicraft Export Award –1998/99  
– The Top Exporter in Horn & Bone Goods by Handicraft Association of Nepal
10. Appreciation Letter for Woman Entrepreneur by National Youth Great Festival -1999 -HMG Ministry of Sport & Culture
11. Appreciation Letter by Local Concern Committee for First Woman Auto Rickshaw Driver and Successful Woman Entrepreneur in 1999
12. 'First Nepalese Woman Auto rickshaw Driver' honoured by Ministry of Woman, Children & Social Welfare –2001 and 'First Nepalese Woman Auto rickshaw Driver & Social Worker' Felicitations Letter by Kathmandu Municipality -Ward No. 3 Office, Kathmandu –2001
13. Letter of Commendation by Rotary Club of Kathmandu North, 8 July 2001
14. Handicraft Export Award –2000-01 by Handicraft Association of Nepal
15. Best Exporter of Non Product Award-2003 - By Nepal German Chamber of Commerce and Industry
16. Top Exporter in Bone & Horn Products –2003 - By Nepal Handicraft Association of Nepal
17. Green Honour –2003 - By Save the Environment Foundation
18. Award - 'Best Entrepreneurial Field' -2004 by Vaidya's Organization of Industries & Trading Houses (TOYOTA)

**INTERNATIONAL AWARD.**

1. Appreciation Letter by Hillary Rodham Clinton on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1995
2. Priyadarshini Award '97  
Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of Nepal by Federation of Indian Women Entrepreneurs, India
3. The Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World™ 2000 – Awarded by the STAR Group of USA
4. Global Entrepreneurs of the Year 2000 –Awarded by BWN (Business Women's Network), USA

**SOCIAL WORK**

1. Providing free lecture and advice to small-scale cottage industries
2. Financial assistance to different social committees up to US\$ 3000 yearly
3. Financially support to orphan handicapped people.

**FELICITATION LETTERS**

1. Appreciation Letter for Social Work from World Peace Academy -1998
2. Appreciation Letter for Social Work by Community Service Centre, Maharajjung, Kathmandu, Nepal.
3. Appreciation Letter for Social Work by Nepal Police – 1999
4. Felicitations Letter –2000 from Hamro Nepal Social Association.

5. ABHIYAN-SHREE–2000 Award by Abhiyan, Kathmandu Nepal
6. Felicitation Letter–2000 from Shree Jana Jyoti Women Consumers Cooperative Ltd., Biratnagar, Nepal

### **INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION ATTENDED**

1. International Exhibition, Copenhagen, Denmark – 1988
2. International Exhibition, Berlin, Germany –1988
3. 19<sup>th</sup> Tokyo International Exhibition, Tokyo, Japan –1991
4. 20<sup>th</sup> Osaka International Exhibition, Osaka, Japan –1992
5. Adelaide International Expo-Adelaide, Australia –1993
6. 21<sup>st</sup> Osaka International Trade Fair, Osaka, Japan –1994
7. Natalidea Ideaneve International Trade Fair, Italy –1994
8. Privera International Trade Fair, Italy –1995
9. Adelaide International Expo-Adelaide, Australia –1996
10. Adelaide International Expo-Adelaide, Australia –1997
11. "California Gift Show-2004" –Los Angeles, USA
12. "Stitches & Crafts Show-2005" –Melbourne, Australia
13. "DU UND DEINE WELT 2011" 24Sept-3 Oct'11 –Hamburg, Germany
14. "Beads & Buttons show" Milwaukee,USA 2017

### **MEMBER OF**

1. Handicraft Association of Nepal
2. Nepal Chamber of Commerce
3. Nepal German Chamber of Commerce & Industry
4. Life Member of Association Vedic Realization
5. Federation of Nepal Cottage and Small Industries
6. Community Service Centre -Maharajung
7. Nepal German Friendship Association
8. National Youth Service Fund
9. Executive Member of Helping Hand
10. International Association of Lions Clubs
11. Chair person of Kathmandu Animal Treatment Centre (Animal welfare organization)
12. AWON
13. "UN Global Compact of Nepal" Executive Member.
14. "Tang Ting village twin association with UK" life member.
15. "KAT Centre Nepal " founder member & currently chair person

### **LINE OF ACTIVITY**

#### **Products**

1. Buttons  
Buttons  
Buttons

#### **Raw Materials**

- Domestic Buffaloes & Goat's Bone & Horn.
- Dried twigs and branches
- Peach Stone, Bamboo, Coconut Shell & Glass Beads.

2. Crafts
  - Domestic Buffalo's & Goat's Bone & Horn.
  - Wooden, Bamboo.
3. Hand Woven Clothes (Dhaka)
  - Cotton Yarn.
  - Raw Silk Yarn & Pashmina
4. Pashmina Shawls & Scarves
  - Pashmina & Silk