

CURRICULUM VITAE

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2. Date of Birth: 25 Nov 1967 **Citizenship:** Nepalese

3. Education

1993 - Masters in Business Administration, MBA (Rural Management)

Institute of Rural Management (IRMA)
Anand, Gujarat, India

1989 – Bachelor in Agriculture Science

College of Horticulture, Kerala Agriculture University
Trissur, Kerala, India

4. Membership in Professional Associations:

Board Member | Karma Foundation Nepal

Every year, Karma Foundation conducts the largest cycling event in Nepal, the Kathmandu Kora Cycling Challenge, which brings together cyclists from all over the country for a 50k, 75k and 100k cycling challenge to raise money to support birthing facilities in Nepal. So far, have had over 3000 cyclists involved and raised over 30,000 USD in the last four years

Board Member | Namaste Nepal

Namaste Nepal is a Nepali affiliate of Namaste Nepal S-GmbH in Germany, an award winning students company project that establishes school partnerships between German, Dutch and Nepali schools – for support and learning.

Life Member | Joy Foundation Nepal

Joy Foundation is a private sector led charity that conducts free cataract camps in rural areas of Nepal in partnership with Nepal's premier award winning hospital – Til Ganga Eye Institute. Its free camps have restored sight for over 1500 rural Nepalis and treated countless others.

5. Other Trainings

Wilderness First Aid

Certified Outdoor First Aider certified till 2016 from SOLO in the US

6. Countries of Work Experience:

Nepal, Ghana, Tanzania, China, Myanmar, India, Bangladesh

7. Languages

	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English	good	good	good
Nepali	good	good	fair
Hindi	good	good	fair
German	fair	fair	poor
Malayalam	fair	poor	poor
Mizo	good	good	poor

8. Employment Record

From 2002
Employer: **socialtours nepal**
Positions held: Founder Director

Socialtours is a responsible tourism award nominated travel outfit with mentions in Lonely Planet, CNN Travel, National Geographic Adventure and a UNWTO publication of sustainable businesses in Asia. It is a national leader in responsible tourism practice

From 2002
Employer: **socialtreks nepal**
Positions held: Founder Director

Socialtreks is the trekking arm of socialtours nepal.

From 2016
Employer: **Ethical Travel Portal**
Positions held: Partner

Ethical Travel Portal is a curating website of ethical immersive travel experiences in currently twelve countries of the world including The Gambia, Nepal, India, Myanmar, China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Romania, Ukraine and Norway.

From 2010
Employer: **Chain Holdings P. Ltd (Chain Bikes)**
Positions held: Partner

Chain Bikes is Nepal's first mountain bike manufacturer, and launched its JOMSOM series, designed in Nepal, with parts from China that were assembled in Kathmandu. This is where most of the experience in import export comes in specially related to cycles. Chain bikes also conducts several of the national mountain biking races in Nepal.

From 2013
Employer: **LifeCycle Nepal**
Positions held: Partner / Director

LifeCycle is a tour company that promotes cycling in Nepal as an attraction.

From 1998 - 2000
Employer: **Eternal Weave P. Ltd**
Positions held: Marketing and Export Director

Eternal Weave was Nepal's second largest manufacturer and exported of hand knitted sweaters. Its main supply was to H&M in Europe and all over the world. It employed over 1000 employees in Kathmandu.

From 2006 - 2001
Employer: **madeinnepal.com**
Positions held: Partner

Madeinnepal was a British Nepali joint venture promoting manufacturing and export solutions in Nepal. It worked with the UK market till it established its largest contract with H&M and which kickstarted Eternal Weave in 1998.

From 1994 - 1996
Employer: Association of Craft Producers
Positions held: Export Director

Association for Craft Producers is Nepal's largest Fair Trade handicraft manufacturer, and exports to over 26 countries and provides gainful employment to over 1000 mostly women craftspeople. Handled the export division for this organisation

From 1993 - 1994
Employer: MARG Nepal
Positions held: Research Executive

MARG was Nepal's first marketing research agency. As a research executive, conducted qualitative and quantitative research in all areas of consumer durables and non-durables in Nepal.

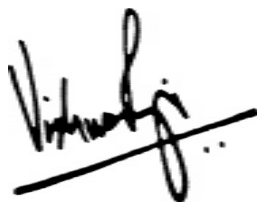
9. Consultancy Record

From 2005
Employer: Various
Positions held: National and International Consultant

Since 2005, working as an independant consultant in the fields of sustainable tourism development. Have worked for the following organisations in Ghana, Nepal, Bangladesh, China and Myanmar.

SNV	Monitoring and Evaluation of its projects, training private sector in adventure travel, brochure design, tour operator trainings, destination management strategies, stakeholder studies for new projects
USAID	Brochure design and website design
GIZ	Destination Strategies, tour operator trainings, hand-holding a destination Marketing Organisation, trade show participation, hand-holding local organisations in developing a cycling destination
ICIMOD	National Level Tourism Strategy Planning along with UNWTO, Comparison of National level strategies in the Himalayan region, Destination Marketing Strategies, training guides and yak herders of Tibet, tour operator trainings, training material review

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Signature of expert

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