



Yankila Sherpa

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Mrs. Yankila Sherpa is the Vice President of Trans Himalayan Environment and Livelihood Programme (T- help) Nepal, Immediate Past President of Federation of Woman Entrepreneurs of Nepal (FWEAN) and Past President of Trekking Agents Association of Nepal (TAAN). She has served her country in the capacity of State Minister and Assistant Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation in the year 2005/2006. She also served as a Member of Parliament (MP) of the Upper House (National Assembly) of Nepal from 2001 till 2007.

Yankila was born and raised in Olangchung Gola village of Taplejung District in Eastern Nepal. Yankila Sherpa has received several national and international awards for her outstanding contribution in the field of mountain tourism and women empowerment.

Today she is actively involved in mountain development issues as the Advisor and Honorary member of the Mountain Spirit and advisor of Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA). Today she is also actively involved in running a trekking and adventure company called Snow Leopard Trek as its Managing Director. As a tourism entrepreneur who has contributed significantly in the development of sustainable ecotourism in the Himalayas, she has been recognized and awarded with the Abraham Conservation Award by World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

She has also been awarded with the prestigious "Priyadarshani Award" as the Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of Nepal of 1999 by Federation of International Women Entrepreneurs during the summit of International Women entrepreneurs in New Delhi in the year 2000.

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