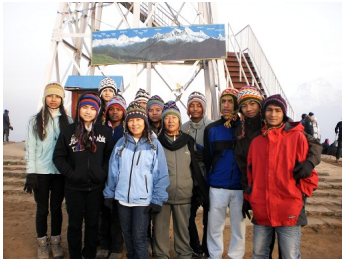


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Mountain Sisters Trek organized a 6 days trekking trip to Poon Hill for 10 Mitrata children. The purpose of the trip was to educate the children about the natural beauty of Nepal and give them an exposure to the tourism industry of the country. Most of the Mitrata children come from the remote districts of Nepal. The trip was a reminder for them of their roots as well.

The trekking team consisted of 7 girls, 3 boys, 1 guide, my friend Tara Kunal (board member) and me. The children were very energetic and excited about their first ever trekking.

On April 6th we left for Pokhara from Kathmandu. We spent a night in Pokhara and then headed to Naya Pool the following morning. After a half an hour walk, we reached at Berethati where we had our breakfast. Then we started our journey to Ulleri which was our destination for that day. On 8th we continued to Ghorepani. Finally on 9th April, we reached our final destination, Poon Hill. The following day, all of us woke up at 4:30 am in the morning to see the beautiful sunrise over the Himalayas. The weather was very beautiful and the view was crystal clear. It was a breath taking scenery. We saw Mt. Dhaulagiri, Mt. Dhaulagiri III, Mt. Tukucho, Mt. Nilgiri, Mt. Annapurna, and Mt. Machhapuchre. We were all very happy and thankful to God. We spent an hour in Poon Hill. The site was filled with lot of tourists that day, almost 300. One Australian group had 50 tourists. There were also Nepali groups.

After the beautiful sight seeing, we returned back to our hotel and had our breakfast. Then we started our journey to Ghandruk. It was a very long walk high hills and down hills. The students were very fast walker and we trailed behind them. We reached Ghandruk at 5:30 pm. We rested there for the night. The very next day we visited around the village and found out why the village was recognized as a model village, the beauty, the people, the culture of that village was simply

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out of words. The village was really beautiful and we can watch the breath taking view of Mt. Annapurna from there. The people there did know what hospitality means, they treated each and every guest like their own family. The Gurung community of Ghandruk was very aware of their culture and tradition and they still had maintained it like it used to be centuries before. Ghandruk village has been the major destination of Foreign and domestic tourists only because of the beauty and the culture of it and we are really glad that we were also the one to visit the Ghandruk village.

On April 10th, we started our journey back to Berethanti. The children were amazingly fast walker so they left Tara and me behind and reached their spot well ahead of us. By the time we got there, they had already ordered the lunch for us as well. After the lunch we went back to Pokhara and freshened ourselves. The children wanted to ride the boats on the Fewa Lake so we rented 3 boats. We spent an hour boat riding. We were pretty exhausted and returned back to our hotel. We rested our final night in Pokhara.

The next morning, our bus picked us in our hotel at 6:00 am and we all rode the bus back to Kathmandu. The journey was very successful and everyone had a tremendous fun. At times, I was worried and prayed to God to forbid any mishaps and accidents. Thanks to God that all were safe and sound.

I had planned this trekking for a long time and it took me over a year to find the sponsors and collect the fund. I had given words to the children to take them to trip after they finished their SLC exams. I was worried about not finding enough sponsors at times and did not want to let the children down. But with the hard work and determination and with the tremendous support from my dear friends, I was able to accomplish this project.

So this is the right time to reflect back and be appreciative and grateful to all my dear friends who had believed in me, supported me and generously helped me in this small mission to put smiles on the faces of Mitrata teen trekkers.

I would like to thank my friend Steve Mannshardt, President executive director of WWEP who had generously provided all the trekking gears for us. He provided

12 pair boots, 12 jackets, 12 pair gloves, 12 pair socks and 12 hats. My Nepali friends Aangmaya Sherpa and my neighbor Tirtha Rai sponsored 5 bag packs, each for the trip.

Finally, I would like to thank all my dear friends for their financial support to make this project a great success. All our Mitrata teen trekkers highly appreciate your kindness and generosity. Thank you.

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Life is a trail and we need to face the difficulties arising on it. It is not only the bed of roses and we should be comfort on both of the cases. The oppurtunity comes for everyone as the saying

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“Every dog has its day” follows it. We need to do many things on a single life as the life can't be made by us. Many people do various things in the leisure time and they enjoy the beauty of the nature. Among these enjoyable events, trekking organised by Mountain sisters in association with Mitrata Nepal foundation is one of our unforgettable events. As days passed by we got the golden opportunity to go to the trekking and we were really pleasant at the moment. We had the member of 13, 10 from home where there were 3 boys 7 girls and

two mothers and a guide. They told us about the golden opportunity we got

and we promised to utilize the things on future.

Actually the main objectives of the visit were:

- To know the findings of study, research, inspection and investigation.
- To know whether there is delay of government activities or not.
- To know the condition of people, their lifestyle and others of them.
- By realizing these points, we formally started our journey on 6th of April 2011.

First day

I was greatly amazed and in happy mood and wake up before the sunshine at 3 o'clock in the morning. I couldn't stop my joy because we were going to first long tour in the unknown places. It was hard to pass the time in the morning to me. I helped my brothers and sisters to wake up at the 4 in the morning and get ready for the trek. We nine students including me of Mitrata Nepal started our journey at 6 in the morning to Thamel. For some minute we waited for the mother Tara and we walked to meet our sponsor Steve. He was great and was waiting before we arrived there I want to say him and other sponsor that, “Thanks for helping us in this trek program”. Then we walked to the bus station. There also we waited for the Mitrata Nepal's mother Nanda Kulu. Then we took our group photos on the bus with Steve and our

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board members of Mitrata Nepal (Ujwal Gautam). Then we started our bus journey at the 7 in the morning. It was long journey in the bus, it took nearby 7 or 8 hours to get to Pokhara from Kathmandu. It was an amazing place. As Pokhara itself is a beautiful place, we found lots of foreigners there. Around 3 o'clock in the afternoon, we arrived to the hotel where we booked rooms at the hotel Shikhar. After we became fresh, we again moved to the lake side for entertainment. We took some photos and we again return back to hotel for lunch and got a sleep on our own room.

Second day,

After we finished our morning activities, we started our journey at 7 in the morning. We have booked a micro bus and through the micro bus we started our journey. While on the bus Nanda mother gave me a camera to take beautiful scenery and pictures of ours. But while I opened the camera it didn't open. I tried my best but I couldn't. I was afraid, frightened. Then I told about that to Nanda Mother, she easily accepted me and sent me and our guide to the camera store to repair it. We searched the camera repair store but we couldn't find it, because it was a new place. Finally, we reached to the camera store. In that camera store he opened the battery and while and kept the same battery in the camera it opened due to the loose of the battery camera and it opened due to loose of the battery it didn't open. Then we again started our journey to Nayapo

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l. There we ate our breakfast and at the same place our sister Sushmita felt sick we were afraid about it, that she couldn't walk in the high hills but finally she walked. It was a great surprise. Then we walked, walked passes through Birethanti, Mathathanti then lamdali, sudame, hile whose height was 1520m from the sea level then Tikhe dhunga and Ulleri. Similarly, its height was 1960m. We ate our lunch in Birethanti. After the sun began to set, then at the Namaste lodge. We ate our dinner at the lodge. It was a great place. As it was in the high hills, no vehicles moved, so all the things were carried by the mule.

Third day,

We wake up in the morning, after we finished our morning daily, we started our journey from Ulleri to Banthanthi, Nagehanti and Ghorepani after we climbing up to the high hills. Again we started our journey through Deurali(3103m) Banthanthi and Tadapani(2721m). We planned to stay in Tadapani in "Snow View lodge". After we became fresh, our two mothers had gone to their room for rest after we finished our lunch in that lodge. Then we students including guide moved to the "Chitre Village" for the entertainment. We took some photos as

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well and we returned back to our lodge and took dinner and we moved to our own room for sleep. Due to the cold and tiredness of the trekking we fell for sleep.

Fourth day

Our guide came and helped us to wake up early in the morning before the sunrise. We wake up and started our journey to Poonhill(3210m) to watch the sunrise at 5:45 in the morning. It was a great watching sunrise. I had never seen such a sunrise. It made me amazed. Due to the sunrise the Himalayas also seemed very beautiful. We had also taken our group photos and single photos as well. We also climb to the tower in the Poonhill too. We again went to Tadapani for 45 minutes and took our lunch on the same lodge where we slept. Then we again started our journey through Tadapani, Bhaisikharka and Ghandruk(1939m). As our guide had told us "Ghandruk" is a beautiful village, it is also the tourist sector and the Ghandruk is divided into three groups i.e Upper Ghandruk, Middle Ghandruk and Lower Ghandruk. But we went to middle Ghandruk, it was a beautiful place, The people were so friendly and co-operative. We stayed on the "Mountain view" of Ghandruk that day.

Fifth day,

From the Ghandruk, we again started our journey after breakfast through Ghandruk, Kimche, Saulibazar (1638m), and back to Nayapol. We ate our lunch in Nayapol at 12 o'clock we hardly booked the bus and again returned back to Pokhara in the same hotel. We became fresh and went to Fewa Lake and started boating. We had hired three boats in one boat we had three boys and guide including boat riders had set and other remaining mother and sisters in other boat. After an hour we returned back to the hotel for dinner and we went back to hotel Shikhar for the sleep.

Sixth day,

We wake up fast and our bus had arrived in our hotel Shikhar at 6 in the morning and we all sat in the bus and started our journey to Kathmandu. Our bus started journey from the bus station from Pokhara to Kathmandu at 7 in the morning. Then we returned back to the

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Kathmandu from Pokhara. It took nearby 7 or 8 hours. We return back to Kathmandu at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and came back to Mitrata Nepal. Due to the tiredness, I felt asleep in the bed.

Actually it is the most remarkable journey of our life. It has given the chance to know about the people and their custom and we were very happy to see it.

I would like to give many many thanks to who helped for making this journey successful hope for similar treks in future for others who are interested as we can also contribute the nation through tourism industry.

This has made our Tourism year 2011 successful and many many thanks to all the people helping directly and indirectly on this trek especially Mountain Sisters and Mitrata Nepal Foundation.

“Namaste”

Our visit to Pokhara, Ghorepani, Poonhill and Ghandruk

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