

Brief Resume of Hon'ble Member Lily Thapa

Lily Thapa showed high aptitude and academic promise from very young age, being the first student of Nepal, passing her High School at just the age of 13. Lily secured a Master's degree in Sociology and Anthropology, from Tribhuvan University, Nepal. She spent subsequent years in Sweden where she completed another Post Graduation in Women-in-Management from the Luleo University, Sweden. At present, Lily is pursuing PHD degree in Sociology from TU.

Lily Thapa is pioneer to establish an organization which solely focuses on the issue of widows. She is the founding president of Women for Human Rights (WHR) that has been working for the social, political, economic and legal rights of widows in Nepal and in South Asia from past 25 years. Through WHR, her advocacy has changed government policy, and has been succeed to mainstream the issue of widows into the government agenda and have been succeed to change many discriminatory legal policies from country code of Nepal.

Over the years Lily has built up and garnered professional affiliations with various organizations that are involved in teaching as well as fully engaged in women's human rights. She continues to raise pertinent issues concerning the rights of women at the national and international level. She is also the General Secretary for the South Asian Network for Women's Empowerment in Development, (SANWED) where she actively lobbies various issues pertaining women across South Asia. She is also nominated as a Think Tank member in Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen since 2016 till date. Lily is also serving as President in a women's alliance for peace, power and participation - Sankalpa since 2018. Lily is also nominated as Goodwill Ambassador of International Human Rights Council.

Her efforts have been recognized by numerous national and international awards, including the recent one Jan Sewa Padak 2nd in 2019 from the President of Nepal and Jan Sewa Padak 3rd from then President of Nepal on 2013 on her work towards women empowerment and also has been awarded by International Human Rights Award in 2019 by International Human Rights Council. She is also nominated as Woman Manager of the Year by Management Association of Nepal

for her leadership. By profession Lily is the Lecturer in the University of Nepal teaching Sociology and Gender and currently appointed as Honorary Member of National Human Rights Commission.

Over the years Lily Thapa has developed and published various books and pieces of literature on gender, women, peace and security, women's rights and empowerment, as well as multiple training manuals.