

Small and cottage industry- source of income for many

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The beauty of Small and cottage industry is all about; it utilizes local resources and skill transforming it into new goods where value added is done at remarkable level. These industries has provided fresh job to many Nepalese helping them to generate some income. Here we are going to present case study of Panga where small and cottage industry is flourishing in its initial stage inspiring many to make their hand dirty for their livelihood.

It was good Saturday morning. We had couple of tea at a local tea shop. Then we went to Mrs. Mandevi and Mr. Upendra's home at Dhokashi, Panga. Both of them were at "Baiga" (a top floor in newar traditional house normally used as kitchen and dining room). We were amazed to see the Baiga which was filled with textile stocks, screen print frames and bags with smell of fresh ink. The couple was busy with their sewing machine nearby big windows.



"These days we are busy working on aprons for school children and have never done this before, but we never say no to any jobs" said Upendra. They had registered their company named "Moms Felt" two years ago. Initially they were producing different felt products like toys, decorative using felt. Now they have diversified their products, they make cotton shopping bags, aprons, incense holder, and the list is increasing as they love new challenges.

They are selling their products to handicraft shops like Mahaguthi and Dhukuti at major tourist hubs. Similarly, large book stores at Kathmandu also give them regular orders for shopping bag. International seminar and workshop organizers are their regular clients. They also export some hand made goods especially flint products to European countries with the help of some organizations. Likewise their brand 'sukunda bag' is famous among women at Panga, Kirtipur.

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