


## MEMORY JUNCTION 2

**MEMORY JUNCTION- EDITION 2**

*Where the past meets the present*


Let's dive once again into the rich ocean of memories of our alumnae and extract the pearls that lie within.

**Guest Speakers**



**Ritu Gurung- ex Sarojini 1998**  
Program Manager, Wildlife Conservation Nepal (WCN)

**Jyoti Midhha Arora- ex Laxmibai 1995**  
Coordinator Playschool and Social Activist



**Date: 11.01.21**  
**Time: 5pm-6:30pm**  
**Venue: Microsoft Teams- Memory Junction**

### PROFILE OF SPEAKERS

**Ms. Jyoti Middha** Arora is a social activist, best known for her efforts to fight against social, political, and economic issues prevalent in the society. She is currently working as coordinator in a playschool. At VDJS - Jyoti was the Activity Prefect for the Year 1994-1995. She was also the base drummer in the school band and has won the best commander award for consecutive three years in the March Past Competition at VDJS.

**Ms. Ritu Gurung** (KC) is an environmentalist (wildlife conservation) and is currently working as Program Manager, Wildlife Conservation Nepal (WCN). She holds expertise in Women Empowerment for Conservation, Aquatic/Wetland Expert, Advocacy and Outreach, Community Mobilization, Environmental Education and Environment Impact Assessment (EIA).

She has worked as Project Coordinator and lead several projects like-

- Project Coordinator / Editor for Children's Story Book on Tiger supported by WWF from July – December 2020.
- Building Resilient Community Forests to Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change in Chitwan, Nepal from January – October 2020.
- Reducing vulnerability to climate change in rural Nepal.

- Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and Senior Nature Interpreter for Nepal Prakriti Pathshala.
- Community based business from Non-Timber Forest Products in four districts Chitwan Nawalparasi, Rasuwa and Makwanpur in collaboration with Danish Forestry Extension supported by Nordic Development Fund.
- “Empowering women for conservation” in Kathar VDC, Chitwan supported by Keidanaren Nature Conservation Fund, Japan from April 2013 – March 2014.
- ‘Protecting endangered species (one horned rhinoceros and tigers in Nepal from Conflict, Poaching and Trade” in Chitwan.
- Liaison officer for Planete Urgence, France and EHN UK since 2012.
- Training programs on Briquette making and ICS installation in Chitwan for women empowerment.
- Capacity building of the women group on food and security of the buffer zone areas of Chitwan National Park/ Bardia National park and Suklaphanta District.
- National Coordinator for tree plantation project in schools and communities of Kathmandu and Chitwan in association with LEAF International, Norway since 2010.
- Team leader for WCN’s Radio Program (Footprints) for TIMES FM 90.6 MHZ and Radio Triveni Chitwan



## **REFLECTIONS/ WRITE UPS**

On Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January the school hosted the second edition of Memory Junction, The Alumnae Talk Show. The speakers were Ms Ritu Gurung (Ex Sarojini-1998) and Ms Jyoti Midha Arora (Ex Laxmibai-1995). Ms Ritu Gurung is the Program Manager- Wildlife Conservation Nepal and Ms Jyoti Midha is a coordinator at a play school and a strong voice on social, political and economic issues. The evening comprised a question answer round wherein the girls asked questions about life at VDJS in their times, their chosen career path and its challenges and joys. The rapid fire round had the speakers face a volley of fun questions and they warmed all hearts with their candid and witty responses. Principal Ms Mehrotra shared her vision of strengthening ties with the alumnae and urged the two guests of the evening to assist the school in this endeavour. The evening wended up with a promise by both Ritu and Jyoti to visit the school very soon.