

# Thapaliya Bharat



## Profile

Thapaliya Bharat

Owner of Indian and Nepalese Restaurant "Kathmandu".

Born in Jhapa District, Nepal.

Majored in Japanese as a foreign language at university in Nepal. After 6 years as a student in Chiba prefecture, he moved to Usuki City where he opened "Kathmandu" in 2014 and a multinational izakaya restaurant "Bhatti Barat" in 2023. Bharat enjoys walking in the town and mountains of Usuki.

### ■What do you value?

The tastes and flavors of my homeland. -Creating a society where people can coexist regardless of nationality and race.

### ■What can we learn or do with you?

Learn about Nepalese cuisine and culture, including spices.

### ■What are your favorite sights and flavors of Usuki?

Usuki Stone Buddha · The Nioza district.



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#Returning a favor to the region

## Connecting two hometowns with spice-scented homemade dishes

The Nepalese flag waves in the breeze in a narrow, elegant alleyway. This is the Indian-Nepalese restaurant Kathmandu. Thapaliya Bharat opened this restaurant in 2014. The authentic curry, which was initially unfamiliar to the people of Usuki, has now become an indispensable, gourmet specialty of the town.

After graduating from a graduate school in Nepal, he studied at a university in Chiba Prefecture. After graduation, he opened a store in Usuki by chance. When we asked him how he sees the town of Usuki, he replied, "The good thing about Japan is that the old and the new are valued at the same time. Especially in Usuki, I feel it. When I walk around the Nioza district and temples, I feel like I am in old Japan," he replied in fluent Japanese. Usuki Stone Buddha is also one of his favorite places. "We are proud of Buddha who was born in Nepal. We are happy to see him in Usuki," he says with a smile. Usuki and Nepal are so deeply connected but we are usually unaware of it.

He opened a multinational izakaya restaurant in 2023, and his work is going well. He spends his busy but fulfilling days between the two restaurants. "Usuki is a wonderful place where you can feel the connection between the people and the town. I want to live here forever." The flag of Nepal is waving in the wind today in an alley in Usuki, which he has designated as his second home.



The aromatic and authentic taste is popular among a wide range of people.



The exotic atmosphere in the alleys is now a familiar sight.



The tavern "Bhatti Barat". You can enjoy dishes from various countries.

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