



# TUNE INTO THE NETWORKING WAVE

CISCO NETWORKING ACADEMY

## SUCCESS STORY

### GOAL

Bringing networking to new applications.



#### Urbasi Basnyat, Nepal

Radio Sagarmatha F.M Community Radio Graduate

Radio Sagarmatha made headlines by becoming the first community radio in South Asia. The mini revolution it created trickled down to its employees, such as Urbasi Basnyat. She first started out in the accounts department as a regular Assistant Accounts Officer. Never did she expect her job to lead her onto the networking path.

In the early days of Radio Sagarmatha, it used a manual operating system. The recording studio and music archives were based on a rack system. Things started to change when the station decided to upgrade and digitalise all its operations by installing computers.

However that didn't solve everything. "Despite this, there was no proper mechanism to manage our computers. We only had dial-up Internet connections without a network of computer systems," Urbasi recounts. Even though she had no formal training with computers, she decided just take charge by starting to practise with them.

It was during that period of time when the Cisco Networking Academy beckoned. The academy had announced a scholarship for networking and related courses. "I thought this would be the best opportunity for me to learn more in the field. I knew that the course would offer me a wider knowledge of networking," Urbasi says. "I applied for the scholarship and was lucky to be selected for the course."

Urbasi will always remain grateful to Kathmandu College of Management for giving her a shot at networking. "After completing the course successfully, I implemented the knowledge and skills I've picked up in my work place. Now we work with digital technology and Radio Sagarmatha is fully digitised in our recording and archiving system. Consequently, the quality of our broadcasts has improved too," she explains.



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The training Urbasi received at Cisco Networking Academy inspired her to further her career in IT and she's transferred to the IT section of Radio Sagarmatha as well. Besides reaping the benefits of the course for her own career advancement, Urbasi wants to put her knowledge to good use in her community.

"I come from Dharmasthali and the village doesn't have any cyber cafes or computer institutes. If someone wants to email or complete any work that requires a computer, he or she has to drive or walk 6 km to the city. I hope to establish a community-based IT centre which would help people receive training on basic computer operations such as email and using the Internet. This will benefit the villagers and help them get connected with their relatives."

Urbasi plays down her noble aspirations and says students should be independent and get involved in their communities. She believes networking can build a better life for people everywhere.

## SUMMARY

**Networking can be applied in all industries. When Radio Sagarmatha decided to digitalise its operations, Urbasi, an Assistant Accounts Officer started working with computers and was inspired to sign up for a networking course at Cisco Networking Academy. She has since applied what she's learnt to her workplace. Radio Sagarmatha is now fully digitalised; the quality of its broadcast has improved. Urbasi further hopes to use her networking knowledge to aid her community.**

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