

Dear readers

The September newsletter is entirely dedicated to the topic **“Jiri – The Switzerland of Nepal”** and again complements the “rich” and interesting travel information on my website www.nepaltravelsandtours.com. – Jiri is located in the Dolakha district of Nepal and is known as the “Switzerland of Nepal” as this district looks very similar to Switzerland. The area is covered with lush green valleys and rolling hills. At an altitude of 1905 meters, Jiri offers a cool and refreshing retreat. Before the Lukla runway was widely used, trekkers started their expeditions to the base camp of Mount Everest from Jiri. So if you want to experience a bit of Switzerland in the Himalayas and follow in the footsteps of legendary explorers, Jiri is the place to go. Tony Hagen is certainly one of these explorers. **The “Toni Hagen Ecological Park”** was founded in memory of this experienced Swiss geologist. At the heart of this park stands a statue of Toni Hagen.

Of course, there are also myths and legends told from this area. One of them is that of the Shaman Lauti: **In the past, she bathed in a waterfall and took the children who came to graze nearby with her. This is how she taught them tantrism and witchcraft.** – Incidentally, it is customary in Nepal to sing the following song at the end of each story: *“Sunne lai sunko mala, Bhanne lai fulko mala; Yo katha baikuntha jala, Bhanne belama turanta aula”*. – *“Golden garland to the listener, flower garland to the teller; May this story reach heaven, recall immediately while telling”*.

Thank you for reading. I hope you feel inspired again to explore Nepal. - Thanks for visit soon.

