

## BIOGRAPHY

"Left my engineering - corporate job to work independently in the creative industry exploring the power of visuals & learning filmmaking along the way."

-Gaurav Rathi

Born on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1991, I was raised in a small town and it was graduation years where I grew up living in a city surrounded by mountain ranges. The attraction towards the majestic Himalayas came in naturally & transformed my definition of 'meaning of life'. Since early college years, I developed a hobby of hiking & camping in the mountains and along the way, I kept creating memories with every little camera available. After doing an internship in international promotion in China & Nepal, my focus peaked on capturing inspiring photographs around the places. Even after graduation, I kept going for wild camping & riding in the Himalayas while working a regular engineering job in the corporate world. Within a year's time, I got saturated with the routine & I realized an urge to work in the creative industry. The first break in my early photography life was given by AIESEC's cultural exchange program in Kyrgyzstan where I volunteered as a video-maker for this travel project called 'Sayakat', During the 6 weeks of traveling around the country, I created a couple of promotional videos for this project & I felt a glimpse of my creative potential when the visuals were appreciated by the hosts. After returning to India, I started working with production crews to learn documentary filmmaking & got my first project with 'The Morpheus Productions'. During January 2016, the crew was documenting India's first Ice climbing film called 'The Fall'. The production was supported by Mountain Dew India to being the first of it's kind & received multiple awards & nominations at film festivals around Asia. After completing a few commercial advertisement projects with that crew, I started my own venture with the title 'Travnat Films' where I am currently producing, directing & creating visually inspiring content from music videos to promotional videos , short films & documentaries. Our first short documentary titled 'Infinity in the Himalayas' was shot during 2016-17 & recently got nominated for IMF mountain film festival 3<sup>rd</sup> edition -February 2019. The documentation was based on a journey that creates & completes a circuit in the shape of an Infinity symbol in the norther Himalayas. Currently, the film is only screening at film festivals & I'm creating more biking documentaries in Nepal in the coming year.

Thanks & Best Regards

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