



Dr. Harihar Dev Pant

Dr. Harihar Dev Pant (October 8, 1944 – September 7, 2015) was a pioneer and “Founding Father” of microfinance in Nepal who served as the first Executive Chairman of Nirdhan. He was the founder of Nirdhan and was the first to introduce the Grameen Bank Financial System in Nepal. It was later transformed into a bank as the Nirdhan Utthan Bank Ltd.

He was also the first Chairman of the first two Grameen Bikas Bank: Purbanchal and SudurPaschimanchal. He also worked for 26 years in the various department of Nepal Rastra Bank (Central Bank of Nepal) and resigned as Deputy Governor in 1995. He received a Ph. D. degree on Monetary Economics from the University of Mumbai in 1977. He worked as a Board member in various bank such as: Nepal Bank Ltd., RastriyaBanijya Bank, Nabil Bank and Agricultural Development Bank Nepal. Also, he had worked as the Research Advisor to the Central Bank of Gambia, East Africa under the International Monetary Fund TechnicalAssistantProgram.