In the Shadow of Gaurishanker portrays the changes seen in Dolakha district in eastern Nepal over the past 40 years. The photographs in colour and black & white take us back to vanishing traditions, costumes and knowledge, and the struggles of the hill people on their way to a better future. Roads, forests and potatoes are the main drivers behind these immense changes, and were only possible through the joint efforts of the local people, government forces, and long-term engagement by Switzerland.

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