

From Sinking Hopes to Linking Lives- The Story of a Milkman

Meet Gayibi Nath Vaishya. The bridge on which he is standing is built over river Bijul. Go back 3 years straight and the scenario was completely different. A few villagers lost their lives crossing the river.

Inhabitants of Chhatri, Churki and Kanhud villages had to cross the river Bijul every now and then. They risked their lives for livelihood because crossing the river was only way to and fro Singrauli and Singrauli is good market for their agricultural, handicrafts and dairy products. The situation was even worse in rainy season.

Gayeebi Nath Vaishya is a milkman living in village Chhatri. Despite perennial demand of milk in Singrauli, Gayibi had tough times selling milk during rainy season. Gayibi, like all other villagers, had no option but to cross the raging monsoon river.

“One day while I was crossing the river, I stumbled and my canisters fell and the milk spilled off. It was like watching hard-earned produce being engulfed by the river. It was 3 years ago. Thankfully, it is history now. This bridge has not only eased my access to Singrauli but it is this bridge because of which I am able to see my relatives more frequently” says Gayibi.

The bridge over Bijul is part of the 3km road constructed for connecting Singrauli to nearby villages. The infrastructure has halved the distance between Singrauli and its communities.

The bridge and the road have helped connecting places, connecting lives.

