

Unlocked the gateway to Happiness and Prosperous lifestyle of Villagers

Narayan Prasad Dhamala is a 78 years old farmer living in Mandre Dovan village, aside of Molung Khola Bridge. On the right side lies Sunkoshi Rural Municipality ward number 10, where he has his land and on the left side of the river, in Mandre Dovan Molung Rural Municipality ward number 1, he has his home. Dhamala and his family have been involved in agriculture for years, relying on it for their livelihoods.



Dhamala going to oversee his farmland.

Before the construction of the bridge, crossing the river was almost an impossible task, especially during the monsoon season when the turbulent waters would make it difficult to move across. Narayan Prasad Dhamala says “I had to walk more than 3 km to reach fields as my fields were across the river and It was challenging for me to take my oxen along for ploughing.” The major crops grown in the fields are paddy, wheat, millet, and maize, among others. Despite his old age, Mr. Dhamala still looks active and looking after the works in his farms. He explains “If I stop working, I wouldn't be able to support my family, also my health will deteriorate. I know my contribution is minimal, but working in fields make me feel happy and alive.”

Prior to the bridge's construction, the joy he felt after harvesting his crops, would not stay for longer, due to the significant challenge of transporting his products to his home and market. Many of his product would go waste right there in the field. He recalled that the villagers across the rivers faced more difficulties than him, they had to exchange buses on each side of the river bank to reach to the district headquarters for governmental work, hospitals, higher education, and other necessities.

After the construction of the bridge, the villagers are delighted that they can now easily cross the river. He can easily take his oxen to plough the land and the agri-produces to markets. Two women crossing the bridge on the way to returning home from Teej celebration say, they are happy that they don't have to walk miles and carry their goods themselves as many vehicles run through the bridge each day. Additionally, they are delighted to share that they can now send their products to relatives living in cities who misses the organic village products. Moreover, the villagers of Sunkoshi Rural municipality across the river can now travel to hospitals, health services, district headquarters, and markets by using a single bus, which has significantly reduced transportation costs and times. The bridge has increased the flow of vehicles ten times compared to before. It plays a crucial role in connecting the Okhaldhunga district to the Ramechhap district for various purposes.



Bolero vehicle crossing the river by motorable



Two women returning home after celebrating Teej

Lastly, Dhamala conveyed his appreciation to the province government for implementing the bridge project in his village, which has generated employment opportunities for the locals.

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