



# A CYCLE RICKSHAW WALA : LOAD FOR BREAD





Ramkishan has taken the rickshaw on “Dehari” (Rent of per day) for 200rs and he runs it for the whole day. He loves traffic and busy roads of Jheel khuranja as it is the source of his livelihood. His father had passed away at a very young age, due to which his studies could not be completed and all the responsibility of the house fell on him. To run his house, he first worked as a laborer for some years but when even that work was not enough for his family, he started driving a rickshaw from the age of 25. Today he is 55 years old. And he has been work for 30 years.

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One thing that makes Ramkishan different from other rickshaw drivers is that he does not accommodate passengers, rather he carries sacks of vegetables from one place to another.

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Each trip is about 5kms for that he gets 40-50rs. There are hardly 2-3 trips in a day.

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While waiting for a ride from 9 o'clock in the morning, Ramkishan shares his struggles which he has to do every day.

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Lifting the weight of sacks full of vegetables from one place to another, going so far is so difficult in this old age. One day's "dehari" (Rent of per day) is very hard to earn and also it is not enough for house expenses.

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He spends his whole day thinking that his son (Vijay) will not live such a life as him, due to low earnings, he has no future savings. His son is studies at government school at jheel khuranja, delhi. His wife (kirti) is part of the street committee from which they can take care of his son's expenses (for stationary clothes etc.) so that their son become a successful person by education.

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