

Nirasha Kumari Rouniyar, from Dewangunj-2, lived a quiet, solitary life, battling the challenges of bilateral lower limb weakness. Despite completing only up to fourth standard in school, she managed to run a small grocery shop from a kiosk in front of her house. However, her financial struggles made it difficult to keep her shop stocked, and the insecure lock on her kiosk led to frequent thefts. On top of that, her neighbors often humiliated her, adding to her isolation.

## Stronger with time



When local CBRFs visited her home, they learned of her situation and enrolled her in the Milijuli group under our program. There, she gained knowledge about disability rights and began saving money. She took a loan of Rs 10,000 to restock her shop, adding kerosene to her inventory, which helped stabilize her business. The DPRP (program) assessed her needs, and then the local government built a secure house for her. This not only protected her shop goods but also changed the community's attitude. Those who once ignored her began to engage with her, and her life became easier and more dignified.