

## Defying odds

Krishna Basnet from Ratuwamai, has multiple disabilities, including cerebral palsy, which affects his muscle strength, speech, and mobility. Identified three years ago during a disability assessment camp, he was initially confined to bed and unable to attend school due to a lack of nearby special education facilities.



Following enrollment in the Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Program (DPRP), a community based rehabilitation facilitator made home visits, setting goals and providing support. Krishna and his mother attended a two-day self-care training. With program support, his mother constructed a parallel bar and toilet chair from local bamboo and was advised on physiotherapy. Krishna began walking with support on the parallel bar and received home-based education and a walker a year ago.

Currently, Krishna is enthusiastic and interactive, able to read and attend a nearby school in his wheelchair. He can sit independently, eat on his own, and walk with support. His mother's dedication has significantly improved his condition. Krishna now needs extensive physiotherapy and a special school for continued treatment and education.