

## ***(SAFALTA KI UDAAN)***



This is a story of a three years old boy named Raj, born in the land of Gods Uttrakhand, just like other kids he loved to play and run around.

One day Raj fell sick, he was taken to the doctors in the local area, unknowingly they injected wrong injection as a result Raj's lower body got paralyzed . He belonged to very poor family, his parents were not that fortunate to get their son required treatment. His whole world turned upside down.

A child mere three years old, questions his mother why I can't run mother? Why I can't even walk? What has happened to me? His mother's eyes filled with tears. She was speechless to all the innocent questions of her child. She remained silence. Raj cried a lot, everyday was like a new challenge. He has to struggle for daily routine. As Raj was growing day by day, he was getting habitual of his condition. He has to walk with the help of crutches, whenever he goes out people see him and pitied him for his miserable situation. Raj was getting used to the expressions of people around him.

He thought to himself –“I am not going to live this life as a loser, I am so blessed that I survived my disease and the unfortunate incident. I will make myself self independent and nobody can tell me I can't do what a person with perfectly fine body can do.”

He was so determined to create his identity; soon he formed a wheelchair cricket team. Along with his teammates he win almost every cricket tournament around the country. He was always invited by schools and universities to give motivational speech as well as counseling to students.

In December 2018, Raj Dhami and the entire team they represented there team on national level in National Wheelchair Cricket League, it is such an honorable moment for entire team and an excellent message to all people around the country that ***“Nobody is disabled by body but disabled by mind.”***

When we met Raj Dhami ji, he spoke about the struggle of his life, he said- I never think about myself being handicapped or I am not able to do things other people can do. He gave motivational speech to entire volunteer team about the life. As per his words a person can be anything if he has made his mind even a person with disability but on the other hand a person cannot be anything if he thought himself that he can't do or achieve the goal he wanted to. It is all in our head. He also added –“People around me also helped me in achieving my goals in their own way, I can never forget a single person I met throughout my life. You know what I've learned from the incident of my life , I get to know the my inner strength, my abilities to do things best in my own way. And I am not any special person, there are people like me in this world, we are just like any other human being and we don't need the sympathy. We need people to understand we can do things they can but in our own way.”

We salute the spirit of Mr. Dhami ji and wish them best of luck for their future!