

Back to Life: Gyaaso Bai

At times you really don't know where to go, whom to reach when life takes a steep turn. You were the one who ran the house some time back, but now that you are suffering from a physical incompetence, you are thrown at the back seat of life.

Gyaso's story is a perfect match to what has been said above. Coming from an agricultural labor based livelihood status, Gyaso and her husband Antu got married when they were just fifteen. Earning just about 6000 rupees per year made life more challenging and difficult for this couple. Gyaso even at 60 years of age seemed to be in a full spree to face life until she gradually felt that her eye sight was depleting. Not paying much attention to the fact, she kept on moving life as it came.



Slowly the vision started to deplete, Gyaaso wasn't able to cook well, she even found it difficult to move around in the neighborhood. With limited livelihood options available topped with a weak sight, left Gyaso with relying on her husband for all basic life functions as the last resort.

Gyaaso had heard that such vision ailments could be treated, but being alien to the medical and hospital environment was very reserve to such outreaches.

Sambhav through its base hospital has been making an effort to outreach the most marginalized and ultra-poor with quality eye care services. In a camp organized at Bairad (Pohari Block of Shivpuri District), Gyaso just happened to turn up for the OPD. On enquiring how did she come to know about the camp, she told that a few people on motorcycles had been campaigning about an eye care camp that would be organized at Bairad.

Gyaaso was carrying her BPL card (22/6199) card along, and said to by any means cure her. For her life is nothing without her eyes. She was diagnosed to have a vision at 1/60 of the right eye.

She was counseled and brought to the Base Hospital where after the cataract surgery, restored a vision at 6/36.

With a giggling smile and a joyful heart, Gyaso said that now she will be again to stand and move in her neighborhood, and both she and husband could lead a better life.