

Manjhi the Mountain Man

Author(s): Anurag

Publication Date:

Keywords/Tags: Manjhi, Mountain Man, Gehlaur, Bihar, India, determination, hard work, perseverance, hero, change, impact, legacy

Abstract/Summary: This article tells the inspiring story of Manjhi, a man who broke down a mountain. Through determination and hard work, Manjhi was able to accomplish the seemingly impossible and change the lives of his community.

Word Count: 412

In the small village of Gehlaur, located in the state of Bihar, India, there lived a man named Dashrath Manjhi. He was a poor laborer who lived a simple life with his wife Phaguniya. The village was surrounded by a massive mountain, which made it difficult for the villagers to access basic necessities like healthcare and education. This mountain also made it nearly impossible for the villagers to travel to nearby cities for work, trapping them in poverty.

Manjhi, like many others, was frustrated with the situation and wanted to do something about it. He had a vision of a road that would connect his village to the neighboring town, making it easier for the villagers to access resources and opportunities. However, this dream seemed unattainable as the mountain stood in the way and the government had no plans to build a road in the area.

Determined to make a change, Manjhi took matters into his own hands. Armed with only a hammer, chisel, and his unwavering determination, he started chipping away at the mountain. He worked tirelessly, day and night, despite facing ridicule and skepticism from his fellow villagers. But Manjhi was not deterred, he had a goal and he was going to achieve it no matter what.

It took Manjhi 22 years to break down the mountain and create a 360-foot-long, 30-foot-wide road that connected his village to the nearest town. This feat of human strength and perseverance earned him the title of 'Mountain Man' and made him a hero in the eyes of his community. His road not only made it easier for the villagers to access resources, but it also saved countless lives by providing a faster route for medical emergencies.

Manjhi's story gained national and international attention, and he became a symbol of determination and hope. He was invited to meet the then Prime Minister of India, who praised his efforts and promised to build a proper road in the area. Sadly, Manjhi passed away in 2007, but his legacy lives on. The road he built is still used by the villagers and he continues to inspire people all over the world.

In conclusion, Manjhi's story teaches us that with determination and hard work, anything is possible. He showed us that one person can make a significant impact and bring about positive change. Manjhi's legacy will forever be remembered as a reminder to never give up on our dreams and to always strive for a better tomorrow.

