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Bridging unity: Tale of a bamboo bridge



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Kokrajhar: There is no point of waiting for somebody. These people have no other options but to act. Yes, we are talking to the local residents of Souraodakha area in Dotma and Kachugaon in Kokrajhar district. For the last several months the need of a bridge over [\(/taxonomy/term/2166\)](#) the river Hel left lots of inconvenience to them. Now they are busy with the construction of a bamboo bridge.

More than one hundred villagers from around 15 villages joined hands to build out the bridge at the initiatives of the Serfanguri Unit Committee of the All Bodo Students Union(ABSU). They have been demanding an RCC bridge for the last couple of years. But of no avail. They kept waiting. Now they have found [\(/taxonomy/term/1802\)](#) it meaning less to keep waiting further/. Gaonbura of Souraodakha village, Haricharan Rabha said over [\(/taxonomy/term/2166\)](#) 12,000 people from nearly 15 villages have been facing inconvenience due to lack of communication. 'Political [\(/taxonomy/term/1692\)](#) leaders [\(/taxonomy/term/2082\)](#) use to come only when election comes near to the area', Rabha said.

He said the public representatives often forget the local issues after coming to power. He also said the MLA of 29 Kokrajhar West LAC Rabiram Narzary [\(/taxonomy/term/1739\)](#) had visited the area but they don [\(/taxonomy/term/2305\)](#)'t know what will happen after his visit. He further hoped that the government of Assam and BTC administration will look in to it.

Kandan Murmu, village headman of Gongia Janagaon said the students and pregnant women were the maximum victim of the poor road connection. He said they have been demanding a bridge in the East and Telkhona River in the West. He has urged the government to ensure the proper road and bridges before the election or the public will pay the price [\(/taxonomy/term/1993\)](#).

Member of Council Legislative Assembly (MCLA [\(/taxonomy/term/2527\)](#)) of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) Jyatirindra Brahma said the villagers have no option but to come out unitedly and construct the bamboo bridge of their own as the government fails to fulfill their promises. He also said they have already pressurized the government to build road and bridges but the government of Assam and BTC administration have not taken needful initiative to fulfill the desire of the people.



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