



This family living at Narkel Danga comprises of 6 members. Abid, the head of the family makes bags for his family while his wife Azmina Bibi is a rag picker. They have two children and both study at Surendranath School. Both Abid and Azmina Bibi are the sole bread-earners in the family and therefore work together to earn a livelihood. While both the children in the family are keen students, the daughter is better in studies. Abid's parents who are now very old are often very ill and need care and attention.

All of them live together under the same roof which is made of plastic. This in turn causes boundless problems during monsoons and other stormy weathers. During monsoons, their house gets flooded with water and it becomes extremely difficult to move about freely.

However, they never lose hope and keep going. Despite all the difficulty and sufferings, the family believes in living a happy life and hopes for a better future. They are fine specimens of sheer strength and courage.



Md.Nadim and Zayeeda Bibi are rag pickers at Narkel Danga. They are married to one another and have three children that comprises of two daughters and a son.

While the elder daughter, Salma Khatoon is studying in Surendranath School, Sealdah the other Raima Khatoon has been adopted recently.

Md. Monirul, their son works in a local shop nearby. He works very hard to run his family. Md Nadim's wife is suffering from Tuberculosis which is why he has to both take care of her and their children simultaneously. Due to excessive shortage of space in their small house, Md Nadim sleeps in the footpath every night.

In a synopsis, the many problems that they are surviving is truly sorrowful and arduous. Their story is definitely inspiring and we wish their conditions improve.



Md. Rizwan, the head of the family is a cobbler. From dawn to dusk, he sits near the traffic signal no matter the weather. He puts in endless efforts to earn for his family and take responsibility of the daily expenses. His wife, Tahera Begum is a housewife and takes care of their children, Sk. Aman, Md. Farhan and a daughter named Rizwana Khatoon who is two year old. Both his sons study in a local school nearby. Kadamonি Bewa, Tahera Begum's mother too lives with them and is suffering from some serious illness.

Each story here is telling us the same story yet in different ways. Each of them are specimens of the real sufferings and dealings of these rag pickers that we hardly bother to observe and remedy but condemn.

Here again, Md Rizwan's family is living a very troublesome life and everything around is extremely expensive for them. Yet, they are true motivations in their own way and believe in living a life with the hope of living a better tomorrow.



Ganesh Saha is a rag picker and his wife Mamoni Saha works along with him. Both husband and wife wake up at 2 in the morning and set off to collect rags across the streets of the city. They have three sons named Shankar, Robi and Biswajit Saha. While Robi and Biswajit live with their parents under the same roof, Shankar does not. Robi works in a raincoat producing company while Biswajit is a student of Adarsh Vidyalaya School in Kolkata. However, Ganesh and Mamoni are often ill-treated by their children even after which they continue to love them in return and do not complain about anything. They continue to struggle and earn for their children who never bother to return the love.



Yaseen Sheik, the head of the family does not earn for the family while Kohinoor Bibi, his wife is the only earning member. She prepares and sells some snacks across the street to earn a livelihood for her family especially to educate her children. Kohinoor and Yaseen have two sons named Rohit and Shahid including a daughter, Shaima Khatoon.

While Rohit studies at a centre school, Shahid is a skin Painter. Shaima Khatoon is being schooled in Surendranath School. Sometimes she helps her mother in selling Chapati and snacks in the street.

However, Kohinoor Bibi lives an extremely tragic life, overburdened with responsibilities of the family. Although, she is the earning member in the family, she strives to educate her children through the same school and puts in countless efforts to see her family smiling. She is a true hero.



Innus Ahmed who is the head of his family is 60 years old but still working for his family.. He lives with his wife Notifun Bibi who works along. They gave birth to 10 children who grew up and abandoned them after marriage. Both of them wake up early in the morning to go to the market area to collect rags. The old couple spend an extremely sorrowful life with no one to look after them even during their illness. During afternoon, Innus works at home and sorts the garbage while his wife stays outside to collect more rags.

One of the most inspiring fact about the couple lies in the fact that no matter how awful a life they lead, they never reach out to people for money, food or any other kind of help. Their story is an eye-opener for all.