

# Kishoor's Story

## Stories from Nepal - e2e challenge 2017



**We had just left Arughat on the last leg of the e2e challenge 2017 when, through the early morning mist, we spotted another cyclist - a small ten year old boy with an even smaller bike. His name was Kishoor Chetri.**

You don't get many cyclists in rural Nepal and certainly no groups. Being overtaken by 14 cyclists must have been a bit of a surprise to Kishoor but he cycled with all his might and we could see how desperate he was to keep up. Watching Kishoor on his toy bike using every bit of his strength trying to keep up with a group of giant riders on professional mountain bikes was both heart-warming and slightly comical. We were willing Kishoor to keep up, even though we knew it was an impossible feat and eventually he started to fall behind, but he still didn't give up. Undeterred he jumped off and started to run, pushing his bike along.



After about 2 kilometres Kishoor was struggling but by that time he had won our hearts. Ranjan pulled his jeep over and gave Kishoor and his bike a lift to the next rest stop, where Kishoor told us his story, which is probably more amazing than his determination to keep up with the e2e riders.

Kishoor's pride and joy was his bike. It wasn't a good bike but it was his and he loved riding it. When his bike broke he was lost without it and started saving to get the bike repaired. As soon as he had saved 90 rupees (0.65 pence) he decided to take his bike to Arughat to find someone who could repair it. One morning, straight after breakfast he set off walking alone through the village and on to the road carrying his bike to wait for a bus. Once in Arughat he had just enough of his 90 rupees left to cover the cost of the repair to his bike. That night with no money he'd slept on a bench and when we met him he hadn't eaten since the day before. He still had 8km to get home.





At the rest stop we introduced Kishoor to the e2e riders who had been unaware of the events taking place just behind them. John suggested that Kishoor should lead the riders out at the start of the next leg. Kishoor cycled with all his might, so proud to be in the lead. When his small legs and bike started to let him down and he found himself at the back once again. So Ranjan picked him up again and drove him all the way home.



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