

Transforming Lives, Securing Livelihoods

Success Stories

1. 'Women are the real architects of society'

Sunita Devi was leading a miserable life in Barrharakothi block of Purnea district. Coming from Thakur (Dalit) community, she used to cut nails of women in her village in return of that she could make little money. Being married at an early age to an agricultural labourer of a poor family she had no hopes from life. Lack of education and poverty had cut any other source of income in her family. While working as a MNREGA labourer she came to know about JEEVIKA. She convinced women around her and formed her SHG, Kabir JEEViKA Self Help Group. When she came in JEEViKA's fold to meet her family needs she took a loan of Rs.330 and encouraged her husband to start a snacks stall. Her ability to convince the community and her oratory skills soon made her a role model in her village.

With the new business option of a snacks stall she could stabilize her economic and financial condition too. She created a faith in the community and was selected as a master trainer. Till date she has trained thousands of women within and outside the state as well. She has contributed significantly in anti alcoholism campaign and toilet construction campaign and has been appreciated by the Honorable Chief Minister of Bihar

She stands as a live example of courage and self confidence in the society inspiring thousands of women in improving their economic and social conditions. She says, " **JEEViKA has given my work new dimension, even more than my parents could.**"

