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Success Stories

Women are leaders everywhere you look

Resident of a small village Sima in Rajgir block of Nalanda district in Bihar tells a story of lady with extraordinary caliber. Belonging to Muslim community and stricken by poverty didn't restricted her motivation to overcome her condition but also to evolve as leader of community.



Sabina Khatun, a name which is known to many. Today, the 36 year old lady recalls her old days. She says she used to be Agri laborer and her husband used to be small tailor. Lack of capital forced her husband to join hands with Sabina in field.

Sabina Khatun left her study after completing her 8th Standard and since then she used to be an agri laborer to feed her family members. Married at a very early age and mother of two children burdened her with responsibilities to ensure food and education. After joining SHG he was elected for the post of Secretary and after Rahim Jeevika Village organisation was formed she was elected as President. She used to borrow money from her SHG to buy ration for her family and to continue studies of her children. She took loan from her SHG and bought sewing machine and gave it to her husband. Her husband started doing tailor work on regular basis and secured income from at least one source. She motivated many other women to be enterprising. Her ideas and suggestion created many women entrepreneurs. Many of the HHs women started Grocery shop, vegetable shop etc.

Name- Sabina Khatun

Block- Rajgir, District- Nalanda

SHG- Mohmadia JEEViKA

Village organisation- Rahim JEEViKA

Cluster level federation- Nari Shakti

The zeal to work for community led Sabina Khatun elected as President of Nari Shakti Cluster level federation. Inspired by looking at the support of thousands of women motivated her to lead the anti-alcoholism movement. She helped many Didi's to ensure job card for MNREGA works. She motivated many women in CLF to work as CRP for Toilet construction. This move ensured construction of 500 toilets.

Her enterprising ideas lead to formation of Producer groups on Agarbatti intervention which involved 50 Didi's. Lahti bangles intervention involved women from 200 Households. Poultry intervention involved 300 women's. She was member of sub-committee which ensured timely repayment of loans. She always used to motivate women for internal lending and timely repayment, this move ensured corpus at SHG, VO and CLF level.

She motivated many Didi's to perform well at SHG level so that they can be utilized as CRPs. She alongwith many other women from her village has worked as CRPs in districts like Motihari, Sitamarhi etc and also Uttar Pradesh for promotion and formation of SHGs. Her extraordinary leadership capabilities has led many women ensure economic stability. She alone has earned more than Rs 2 lakhs by participating as CRPs.

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She says that she dreams of getting a job for herself, in the path of getting it she matriculated in 2015. She now wants to study further. Her motivation for future is to work for women associated with VO and CLF and to ensure more livelihood generation activities and ensure economic security and food security.