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FROM YOUTH TRAINING TO SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD: NIYOTI HEMBRAM'S STORY

- **Name:** Niyoti Hembram
- **Age:** 29 Years
- **Village:** Bhuyandi
- **Gram Panchayat:** Simla-Dhanera
- **Block:** Kashipur
- **District:** Purulia

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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CLIMATE ADAPTIVE LIVELIHOODS

● FAMILY BACKGROUND:

- **Niyoti** lives with her husband, two children (one son and one daughter), her mother-in-law, and her sister-in-law, making a family of six members.
- Her mother-in-law has been associated with the project "Transforming Lives Through Climate Adaptive Livelihoods" since 2023.
- The family initially had no stable source of income and primarily depended on agriculture and her husband's occasional wage labour.

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● CHALLENGES FACED:

- Being residents of Purulia, a semi-arid and drought-prone region, the family frequently faced crop losses due to adverse climatic conditions.
- Irregular availability of wage labour further affected their household income.
- Although the family had an interest in livestock rearing, frequent livestock mortality discouraged them from considering it a reliable income-generating activity.

● EXPOSURE TO THE PROJECT:

- Through her mother-in-law, a member of a DRCSC-led Self-Help Group (SHG), Niyoti learned about a youth entrepreneurship development training programme on livestock management.
- Motivated to create a sustainable livelihood, she enrolled in the training.

➤ TRAINING RECEIVED:

The training covered:

- Livestock feeding and nutrition management.
- Shelter and shed management.
- Vaccination schedules and disease prevention.
- Local remedies for common livestock diseases.
- Hygiene and sanitation practices.
- Scientific livestock shed construction.

➤ APPLICATION OF LEARNING:

- After completing the training, Niyoti actively participated in livestock health activities.
- Along with other trainees, she helped administer PPR vaccinations to approximately 120–130 goats in her village and neighbouring villages.
- She applied the knowledge gained from the training to improve livestock management practices at the household level.

● ESTABLISHMENT OF PIG FARMING ENTERPRISE

- With her own initiative, Niyoti constructed a small pig shed using locally available bamboo and tiles.
- She applied for a loan through her mother-in-law's SHG, "Sagen Sakam No. 1 Mahila Swanirvor Dal."
- After obtaining approval from the group members, she received a loan of Rs. 7,000/-.
- Using the loan, she purchased:
 - 1 male piglet (3 months old) & 1 female piglet (3 months old)
- The female pig is currently expected to give birth within the next 1–1.5 months.
- The estimated market value of the two pigs is approximately Rs. 22,000/-.

● LIVELIHOOD DIVERSIFICATION:

- After repaying the initial loan of Rs. 7,000/-, Niyoti availed another loan of Rs. 6,000/-.
- She used the second loan to purchase two goats, further diversifying her livestock-based livelihood.

● CURRENT PRACTICES:

- Regularly follows vaccination schedules and hygiene management practices learned during the training.
- Administers basic livestock vaccinations herself when required.
- Maintains proper livestock housing and disease prevention measures.

- **OUTCOMES AND IMPACT:**

- Improved livestock survival and reduced mortality.
- Developed confidence and technical skills in livestock management.
- Established livestock rearing as a reliable income-generating activity.
- Enhanced household financial stability through diversified livelihood sources.
- Enabled the family to meet household expenses more effectively.
- Generated surplus income, which is now being saved in the bank.
- Increased the family's capacity to invest in additional livestock and expand their enterprise.

- **TESTIMONIAL:**

- Niyoti and her family expressed their sincere gratitude to DRCSC for providing the training, guidance, and support that helped them establish a sustainable livelihood.
- They acknowledged that the knowledge gained through the programme transformed livestock rearing from a risky activity into a dependable source of income and future growth.

- **KEY ACHIEVEMENT AT A GLANCE:**

- **120–130 goats vaccinated through community vaccination efforts.**
- **Rs. 7,000/- SHG loan utilized for pig farming.**
- **Two piglets purchased; current estimated value: Rs. 22,000/-.**
- **Rs. 6,000/- additional loan utilized for purchasing two goats.**
- **Established a diversified livestock-based livelihood.**
- **Progressing steadily towards economic self-reliance.**