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# Newsletter

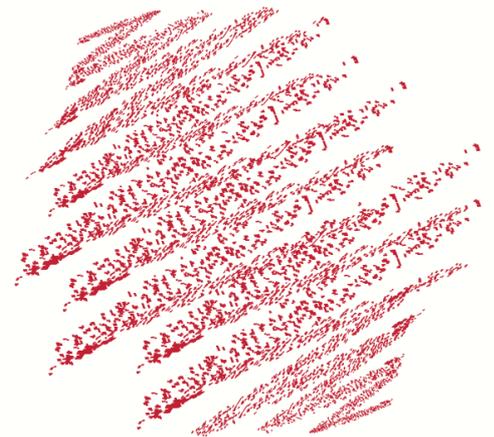
*Odisha Special*



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# Key Highlights from four states



Figures are of June 2022\*

**118**

women  
have been  
given  
placements

**583**

Women  
Mobilized

**144**

new learners  
enrolled in  
NIOS

**57**

women  
completed  
vocational  
training

Women entrepreneurs supported through SCE

**56**

Individuals

**112**

women in  
Group  
enterprise

\***Second Chance Education programme** is being implemented in **12 districts** across **4 states of India** – **Bihar, Maharashtra, Odisha and Rajasthan**, covering **200 villages**.



## Success Story from Odisha

### Meet **Labanya Manjari Mohanta**

Labanya completed her class 12th but unfortunately, her family could not support her higher studies. Soon after, she was married and there was no way she could continue her studies. However, she was able to work with PRADAN (Professional Assistance for Development Action) as an agricultural trainer, and also learnt different agricultural practices like organic manure and bio pesticide preparation. She also encouraged other farmers to adopt these practices.

One day, she heard about the organic entrepreneur model and that sparked her interest to become an entrepreneur. In 2019, when covid-19 struck, and most people were looking for work, Labanya, had already established herself as an entrepreneur

and had earned **Rs130,000 INR**. She was subsequently giving enterprise training conducted by APPICOL, and this entails convincing and encouraging 150 farmers to continue procuring organic manure through her business. So far, she has been successful in doing so. She is earning well and is able to fully pay for her son's education. With this she has now become an equal decision maker and stakeholder in her family.

# Women's Entrepreneurship



*Image UN Women Copyright/ Self Help Group posing with the beehive set up*

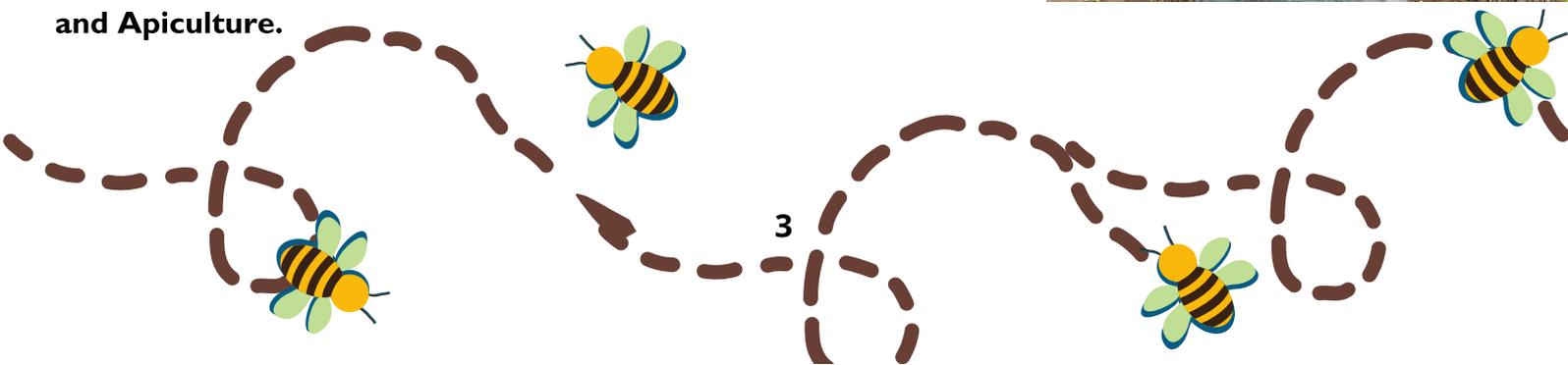
## Self Help Group opens Honey-bee breeding unit at Rayagada

A self help group comprising of 12 women from Dengasargi Village of Rayagada have set up a honey-bee unit with 25 brood boxes. The unit has been set up from Rs 1.2 lakh INR received under enterprise from Odisha Livelihood Mission (OLM).

Providing livelihood to **12** women entrepreneurs

The unit will generate the net income of Rs 21, 000 INR.

Dengasargi is an intervention village under the Second Chance Education (SCE) programme and prior to the honey-bee unit, two other enterprises were established in the village focusing on organic agriculture medicine enterprise (supported by Studio Hulya from SCE) and Marigold production (in partnership with OLM). The village has a lot of enterprise scopes in Floriculture and Apiculture.



# Women in Workforce



*Image UN Women Copyright/ All set to leave for the training*

## Five women from Rayagada are training as General Duty Assistant (GDA) at Jashoda Hospital in Hyderabad

**Gitanjali Mandangi**, one of the five women, cleared her 12th examination from NIOS with the support of Second Chance Education prior to joining the GDA training at Hyderabad.

Five women- **Bijaylaxmi Haraka (19)**, **Gitanjali Mandangi (20)**, **Laxmi Majhi (20)**, **Sunita Melaka (19)**, and **Sumanti Hikaka (20)** from Rayagada have joined a two-month General Duty Assistant (GDA) training course at Jashoda Hospital in Hyderabad. All the five women are 12th pass and will be provided a job as General Duty Assistant post evaluation after completion of the training. Upon selection the women will be offered a monthly salary of **Rs 11,000 INR**. The lodging and boarding during the training is free of cost for the trainees.

## MoU extension between UN Women and MSDE

**UN Women** and **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, Government of India have extended its partnership through extension of an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) up to July 5, 2023. As part of the MoU, UN Women will provide technical support to MSDE in the implementation of Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) programs across India from the gender perspective. The partnership aims to strengthen MSDE's efforts to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment particularly in the skill development, employability, and entrepreneurship.

# SCE in Aspirational Districts of Odisha



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## SCE attempts to increase tech education in women at aspirational districts of Odisha

### Gajapati

**11** Mobilization activities conducted in June to enrol women in technical courses.



### Baragarh

**437** girls from government schools counselled to enrol into technical, vocational and skill training programmes.

### Koraput

**344** girls encouraged to enroll in the four government ITIs and polytechnic of the district under the “Sudakhyta” Scheme.

“Sudakhyta” scheme is an initiative by Odisha Government to encourage girl students to join technical education



**Awareness  
campaign on  
“Sudakhyta”  
scheme on  
June 20, 2022  
at Koraput  
Girls High  
School.**

## **Second Chance Education (SCE)**

In 2018, UN Women initiated the development of the Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning (SCE) programme that would provide marginalized women who have lost out on an education with pathways to employment through a tailored learn-to-earn approach. The ongoing programme is aimed at empowerment of women who, owing to poverty and gender-based discrimination, have been denied access to opportunities at an early age.

The programme undertakes a holistic approach to empowerment using the pathways of **learning, employment and entrepreneurship**

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