



## Empowering Independence: Kabita's Journey Through the Sustainable Livelihood

Kabita, a 22-year-old woman with deafblindness, faced significant barriers due to her dual sensory impairments. Living in a remote area with limited access to specialized education and vocational opportunities, her daily life was marked by dependency on her family. The lack of tailored resources and skills left her unable to contribute to her household, leading to a cycle of financial strain and diminished self-confidence.

Sense India project team identified Kabita during a community outreach programme. Recognising her enthusiasm and resilience, they worked closely with her family to outline a plan tailored to her strengths and aspirations. Kabita's dream of financial independence and her willingness to learn became the foundation for the intervention.

In June 2023, Kabita embarked on a transformative journey supported by a seed grant from Sense India. She received comprehensive training in:

- **Money Management:** Understanding basic finances and savings.
- **Stock Handling:** Managing inventory and ensuring quality control.
- **Customer Interaction:** Building rapport and improving communication skills.

These interventions enabled Kabita to establish a small shop in her village, becoming a pivotal source of income for her family. This initiative not only uplifted Kabita financially but also instilled confidence and purpose in her.

By 2024, Kabita's entrepreneurial success and financial independence led to remarkable milestones:

- She saved **₹25,000** from her earnings to contribute to her family's new home under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana.
- Her shop became a community hub, inspiring other young individuals with disabilities to explore self-reliance.

Kabita's next goals include investing in a refrigerator for her shop to expand inventory and purchasing modern gadgets to improve her household's quality of life.

Thanks to Global Giving and the supporters for being part of this transformation and bringing light to those living in darkness. **Your contribution can spark such life-changing miracles, creating more success stories like Kabita's!**

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