

Name: NAMITA KUMARI

This is the story of Namita Kumari aka Mona Kumari. She hails from Lalganj, District-Purnia Bihar. She is 28 years old. At the age of 17, Namita had a love marriage with a young man named Vicky Das. The marriage is neither liked by her parents nor her in-laws, so they were thrown out of both the houses. Both tried hard to persuade the family but no one listened to them. Namita wandered around with her husband for a long time but eventually she started living in a small rented house in Lalganj. However, the family members constantly harassed both, because of that they used to be very upset. Namita's husband used to work as a daily wage labour and could hardly survive the family. Meanwhile the field staffs of Deepalaya went to his place for survey and explained to her about the women's programme running there in partnership with NOMI Network. She got curious after knowing the details of WFD programme and decided to get herself enrolled for better future. This way Namita completed her FP-1 training in Deepalaya from April 2021 to June 2021. Due to COVID guidelines, this training held virtually. In the training she participated very well and learned many new things very well. Namita says that she learned a lot of good things in those 3 months of FP-1 training and made new friends and enjoyed the excellent environment. By the end of FP-1 training we observed a great deal of changes in her mindset towards living. She learned a new perspective of living, learned to take decisions by her own and became aware of various social issues. Later, she also completed the FP-2 training in SBI RSETI in tailoring and started earning some money from stitching cloths and dresses. We explained to her that her husband works as a daily labour due to which their daily income is very less and due to it is also very difficult to run the house. That's why she should learn some new things so that her income can increase and she can support her husband well. She understood the thing and she also learned beauty parlour work from her neighbour along with sewing. We also added her in the SHG group, which helped her developing saving habit. After that she borrowed money from that group and used the money to strengthen her business. Now a days she provides her parlour service at a door step and takes order for sewing work too. The financial condition of Namita and her family is now much better than before. She has taken a vow that she will not have any child till her financial condition is much better. Thinking this, she does her work with all her heart and dedication. She would like to thank NOMI Network and Deepalaya for inspiring her to move forward and grow self-reliant.