



Story of **Tejaben Chandubhai Rathod** A DIFFERENTLY ABLED WOMAN

Ms. Tejaben Chandubhai Rathod resident of village, Sanjeli, District: Dahod, has disability in both the legs from her childhood. Despite all the odds and having rural background, Tejaben had an instinct to live her life with dignity. During her endurance she joined "PARIVAR WOMEN SHG" at village Sanjeli under the aegis of National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). she obtained skill training for sewing under "BARODA SWAROJGAR SANSTHA" shaped up with a skill she started her own sewing centre to generate income. A physically handicapped Tejaben is now become a woman member of "MISSION MANGALAM" (NRLM). she also started training other women as a sewing master. She started visiting the Bank and Taluka Headquarter for business. Now she is president of **WOMEN SHG** commune. She formed 10 groups and then "GRAM SAKHI SANGATHAN" (Village Organisation). Being a president of the V.O she arranged to obtain bank loans for these 10 groups to start various businesses. Now these groups are thriving and regularly repay the loans as well as obtain credit facilities from the bank. Tejaben's zeal, persistence and commitment brought her success upon the platform provided by the **Gujarat Livelihood Promotion Company Ltd**, under the **Rural development department Government of Gujarat state**. Tejaben also proved her organizational skills and leadership qualities. Tejaben's progressive journey of success under the patronage of "MISSION MANGALAM" a flagship programme of Rural development Department, provided her a meaning of life with dignity. She feels her gratitude for producing **15000 masks during COVID-19** pandemic an humble attempt to fill the demand. Impediment doesn't stop her income generation activities like pearl work, poultry apart from earning about 15000 rupees by producing and selling of masks during this phase.



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