



Success Story

Sudam Ganpat Waje, a landless resident of Khandi village in Maval Taluka and his wife were engaged in labour work and fishing in the nearby lake for survival of the family of five. The income was uncertain as neither the work in the villages nor the fish in the lake were available year round. Sudam had sent his elder daughter to Ashram School and was finding it difficult to spend for the education of two sons who were studying in village's primary school. When the Aamrai Project was started in the village in 2010-11, with support from the Tribal Development Fund of NABARD, he approached Jankidevi Bajaj Gram Vikas Sanstha (JBGVS) for support under landless category.

Looking at the background of the family, the project gave him a female buffalo along with a one month old male calf. The buffalo was producing 8 liters of milk per day at that time. After feeding the calf and his family, Sudam used to sell 6 liters of milk to the village dairy. His earning was ` 150 per day and ` 4,500 per month out of which he used to spend ` 1,000 for animal feed and the balance amount of ` 3,500 was his Net Monthly Income. This regular income helped develop his sense of pride and confidence.

In 2010-11, his daughter *Pinki* passed SSC examination with 86% marks from Ashram School. Sudam was initially reluctant to send his daughter to Pune for higher study. The Project staff motivated and persuaded him and he agreed for it eventually. *Pinki* secured admission in Government Polytechnic Pune and successfully completed her Diploma in Computer Science. As Sudam now affords to pay his daughter's routine expenses and also maintain his family, he now wants his sons to go to college as well!