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Success Stories of ASSRA Students & Beneficiaries

A Brief Summary Report — Education, Skilling & Livelihood Transformation across Patamda Block, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand

Behind ASSRA's programme statistics are individual lives quietly rebuilt — a daily-wage worker's son within reach of an engineering degree, a young woman who cycled ten kilometres a day to train as a healthcare worker, a mother who turned a small roadside plot into her son's education fund. This report brings together ten such stories, gathered from ASSRA's Skill Centres and livelihood interventions across Patamda Block, alongside the aggregate outcomes of the Skill Centre at Lawa.

1. Education & Skill-Building Journeys

Pramod Gorai — *Lagla Mor, Chandankyari Block, Bokaro*

The son of a daily-wage worker, Pramod cleared his 10th boards with an excellent score and later scored 79% in his 12th, setting his sights on a full engineering degree through JEE 2027. Rather than a one-time scholarship, ASSRA sponsored his polytechnic entrance fees and then entrusted him to run its remedial class programme in his village — giving him a steady salary since 2024 that now funds his JEE preparation, while the children of Lagla Mor gain a bright, local teacher of their own.

Pratima Kalindi — *Village Gobarghusi, Patamda Block, East Singhbhum*

Every day of her training, Pratima cycled a 10-kilometre round trip to the ASSRA Skill Centre in Patamda to complete her General Duty Assistant (GDA) course. She graduated a certified healthcare worker and now serves her own tribal community directly — monitoring blood pressure and basic health indicators for families who would otherwise face long journeys to a clinic, and advising them on preventive care and hygiene.

Nepali Gorai — *Churda village — 11th-standard student*

Facing severe financial constraints, Nepali enrolled in the tailoring course at the ASSRA Skill Centre and was gifted a sewing machine on graduating. The home-based tailoring business she built funded her own study materials and school fees — and she went on to rank 2nd across the entire Patamda block in the Arts stream in her 12th boards. She now also teaches at the ASSRA Remedial Centre in Churda, extending the same chance to younger children in her village.

Nisha Mahato — *Patamda, Jharkhand*

The daughter of a vehicle driver, Nisha and her sister cycled long distances daily to complete the free GDA course at the ASSRA Skill Centre. Encouraged by her mentors to aim beyond a standard certification, she prepared for and cleared the Jharkhand Government Paramedical Entrance Examination in 2025, securing a seat in the Diploma in Anesthesia programme at a Government Medical College — where she is now nearing the end of her first year.

2. Livelihood & Entrepreneurship Journeys

Anjali Singh — *Village Barudhi, Patamda Block, East Singhbhum*

ASSRA provisioned the core stock for Anjali to launch a village retail store, which she has since run profitably for over two years, adopting digital, cash-lite payment methods along the way. She now also leads the ASSRA Women's Group in Barudhi, guiding a cooperative that turns locally sourced wild Kasi Phool grass flowers into saleable organic handicrafts, extending secondary income to other women in her village.

Maloty Soren (Sabar) — *Village Kundurkocha, Patamda Block, East Singhbhum*

After a spinal surgery in 2021 drained her family's savings, Maloty and her husband were left financially destitute. ASSRA identified that her village, Kundurkocha, had no grocery shop of its own — forcing residents to walk 2 kilometres each way for daily essentials — and set her up with a fully stocked retail start-up kit. Her shop, the village's first, has been profitable from its first month, generating roughly ₹4,000 in monthly profit that recently allowed her to fund her eldest daughter's wedding without falling into debt.

Niyati Singh — *Gobarghusi, Patamda Block, East Singhbhum*

Niyati's household depended on her elderly father-in-law's daily forest firewood collection and her husband's casual labour in Tata. ASSRA equipped her with a grocery retail start-up kit, and she now runs a small shop that has brought her father-in-law in from the hazards of forest foraging into a safer role managing the store. The business nets roughly ₹3,500 a month and funded a commercial refrigerator, letting her stock cold drinks and draw steadier local trade.

Gandari Soren — *Haludbani Village, Bota Panchayat, Patamda Block*

After being abandoned by her husband, Gandari returned to her mother's home with her 14-year-old son, determined above all to keep him in school. ASSRA helped her set up a roadside grocery-cum-stall on a strip of her mother's land, which now earns her an average monthly profit of ₹3,000 — enough to fund her son's education reliably and to rebuild a sense of stability and dignity after a difficult few years.

Niyati Sabar (Sabar Tribe, PVTG) — Ghurabandha Hamlet, Jorsa Panchayat, Patamda Block

Ghurabandha, a 20-household hamlet deep in forest terrain roughly 12 kilometres from Patamda's block headquarters, had no shop of any kind — every family lost the better part of a day's labour just to buy basic provisions. ASSRA supplied Niyati with a starter inventory and helped her convert part of her home into the hamlet's first retail point. Her shop now nets around ₹2,500 a month and has given her entire community doorstep access to daily essentials for the first time.

3. A Shared Journey — Four Women of Lava Village

Nepali Gorai, Ritu Mahato, Arpita Mahato, and Mithu Mandal of Lava village, Patamda Block, trained together in the tailoring course at the ASSRA Skill Centre and stood out as fast, dedicated learners. On graduating, each found her own path forward: ASSRA gifted new tailoring machines to Nepali Gorai and Arpita Mahato to start home-based tailoring shops, with Ritu Mahato joining Arpita's venture as a collaborative partner — turning one micro-enterprise into a small shared livelihood for two families. Mithu Mandal, meanwhile, was recognised for her command of the craft and appointed as a Tailoring Trainer at the Skill Centre itself, now earning a regular salary while training the next batch of rural women. Together, their journey turned a routine training-centre enrolment into a self-sustaining cycle of local entrepreneurship and mentorship.

4. Aggregate Impact — ASSRA Skill Centre, Lawa

Beyond individual stories, the free vocational programme at the ASSRA Skill Centre in Lawa — offering General Duty Assistant, Tailoring & Fashion Designing, and Basic Computer Education courses to marginalised rural girls — has produced consistent, measurable outcomes across all three streams:

Course Stream	Enrolled	Graduation Rate	Employed / Self-Employed	Avg. Monthly Income Increase
General Duty Assistant (GDA)	25	92%	72%	₹8,000 – ₹12,000
Tailoring & Designing	35	94%	68%	₹3,500 – ₹6,000
Basic Computer Education	30	90%	55%	₹5,000 – ₹8,000
Cumulative (all streams)	90 Total	92% Avg.	65% Overall Impact	Significant Regional Variance

Beyond the numbers, the Lawa programme has addressed structural barriers directly — countering early parental hesitation about girls' mobility through safety-focused

counselling, and partnering with self-help groups and micro-credit institutions to help graduates access sewing machines and computing hardware after training. Over 65% of graduates across the three streams are now actively earning, a tangible and growing break from generational financial dependency.

Each story here began the same way — with a young person or a struggling family ASSRA's field teams chose not to overlook. What has followed is not charity sustained indefinitely, but skills, assets, and confidence handed over once, and then carried forward by the beneficiaries themselves — as students, entrepreneurs, and now, in several cases, as teachers and mentors to the next person ASSRA will find.

Note: this report omits identity numbers (Aadhaar), contact numbers, dates of birth, and bank account details for security reason. The narrative and programme details are drawn directly from the individual impact stories and the ASSRA Skill Centre, Lawa project completion report.