

IMPACT STORIES OF 2024-2025

Establishing a School for Waste Picker Children in Obula Naidu Peta, Guntur:

For over two decades, families in Obula Naidu Peta have depended on waste collection for their livelihoods, while many of their children struggled to access education due to the absence of a nearby school. Recognizing this challenge, DBRC facilitated the children in presenting their concerns directly to district authorities. Moved by their situation, the administration promptly intervened and approved the establishment of a government school in Ambedkar Colony. Two teachers were appointed, and today 45 children are attending the newly established school. This achievement has renewed hope among children and parents alike, demonstrating how collective action and advocacy can transform lives and create opportunities for a brighter future.



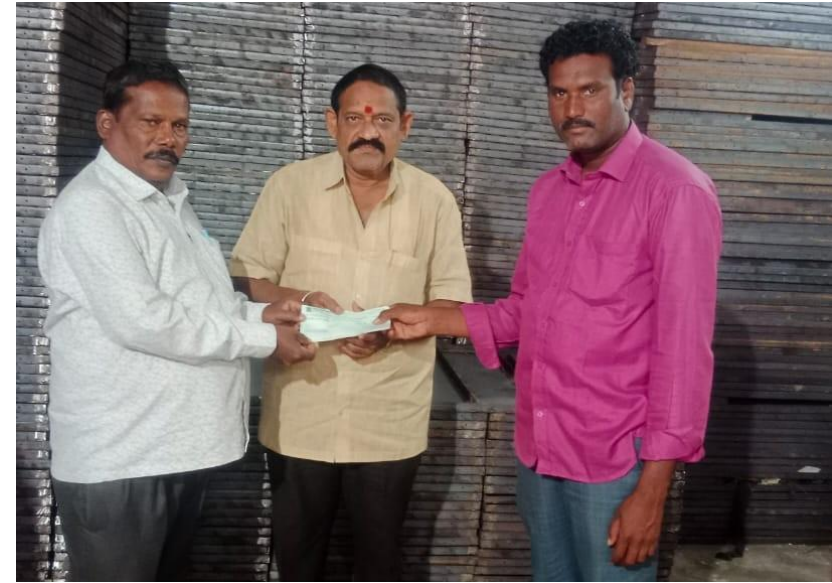
From Uncertainty to Stability: Dwaraka's Journey to Dignity and Security

Mididudla Dwaraka, a young Yanadi (ST) mother of three, struggled to support her family through waste-picking while caring for a husband with a disability. Living without essential identity documents, stable housing, or social security benefits, the family faced constant uncertainty. DBRC facilitated the enrolment of her daughters in a hostel, helped the family obtain Aadhaar cards, ration cards, and caste certificates, and supported them in securing a permanent home. The organization also enabled her husband to receive a monthly disability pension, providing much-needed financial stability. Today, Dwaraka and her family live with dignity, security, and renewed hope for a better future.



From Daily Wage Labourer to Entrepreneur: Pamba Ashok's Journey

Pamba Ashok, a member of the SC community from Nayudupalem village, worked as a daily wage labourer despite receiving skill development training. Recognizing his entrepreneurial potential, DBRC supported him in applying for a loan under the PMEGP scheme to start a centring wood business. Through persistent advocacy and coordination with the District Industries Centre and the bank, a loan of ₹5 lakh was eventually sanctioned. With this support, Ashok successfully established his business, transforming his livelihood from wage labour to entrepreneurship. Today, he not only supports his family but also provides employment to three other workers, demonstrating the power of skills, opportunity, and timely support.



Overcoming Infrastructure Challenges in Yadlapati Venkata Rao Colony

The Chenchu and Yanadi families of Yadlapati Venkata Rao Colony faced severe hardships due to a stream that frequently flooded and cut off access to their settlement. During heavy rains, residents were unable to reach hospitals, access transport, or obtain essential supplies, while drinking water pipelines were repeatedly damaged. In 2025, DBRC facilitated visits by government officials and helped the community present their concerns directly to the authorities. Through capacity-building training, residents learned to advocate for their rights, prepare petitions, and engage confidently with officials. As a result, their demands for road connectivity and restoration of water infrastructure received official attention, empowering the community to work towards lasting solutions.



From Despair to Prosperity: How a Power Sprayer Revived Nageswara Rao's Farming

Thalluri Nageswara Rao, a small farmer from Batluru Village in Palnadu District, struggled with low chilli yields due to pest infestations and the lack of a power sprayer for timely pesticide application. Mounting losses and debt pushed him to the verge of giving up farming altogether. Recognizing his need, DBRC coordinated with agricultural officials to help him access a subsidized power sprayer through a government scheme. With the equipment in hand, he was able to protect his crops more effectively and improve productivity. Today, his yields and income have increased significantly, restoring his confidence in farming and securing a better future for his family.



From Hardship to Self-Reliance: Kamala's Entrepreneurial Journey

Kancharla Kamala from Pathipadu struggled to support her family after thieves robbed their small business, forcing them to rely solely on daily wage labour. In 2023, DBRC provided her with a four-wheel vending cart, enabling her to start selling seasonal fruits and vegetables. Through hard work, savings, and guidance from DBRC, she gradually expanded her business and reopened a small shop. Today, Kamala and her husband successfully run both the shop and the cart, selling snacks, beverages, and fresh produce. Their improved income has helped them repay debts, continue their children's education, and build a life of dignity and financial stability.

