

BridgelT Stories of Change

SurjyalataDalapati – Mohana Cluster, Odisha



My name is SurjyalataDalapati, and I am from Guburiguda village in Mohana Block, Gajapati District. I have completed B.A. degree. There are 6 members in my family. My village has around 200 people. Earlier there were no online services in my area so I thought the BridgelT Project would provide a great opportunity to serve my local community and nearby villages.

While I was at home a supervisor from the organisation PREM informed me about the BridgelT project. I attended the interview and was fortunate enough to be selected. I went through 4 months of Basic Computer Training by our Cluster Lead. When I joined the BridgelT project, I



was nervous. Earlier I had only seen a computer but had never touched or used one. I kept thinking I cannot do this! But after joining the BridgelT

classes, my fear of computers went away. In this day and age everyone must know how to operate a computer. It is essential. As I learnt to use a computer, fear was slowly replaced with confidence. This was

Surjyalata with her parents and sister

mainly because of our Cluster Lead, who taught us with much patience and kindness. Now I am enjoying my work and can handle a computer very well. I thank my Cluster Lead very much.



I am now so proud to be an entrepreneur for my GP. BridgelT gave me a lot of facility, opportunity, and scope to start my business. Apart from my monthly stipend, I now also earn a daily income from my business. My parents are very happy and proud of me. I can support them with a little income and provide services in my village. There was no provision to withdraw and deposit money near our village. Now people are able to come to me for all their Banking needs and I am able to help them with a range of online and offline services as well.

Surjyalata in her workplace

My future dream is to be a Business Lady in our area. I want to grow my business and eventually own a big shop in my GP. All this has been made possible only because of the BridgelT Project. I am very grateful to TCS, DF, and PREM for giving me this opportunity. Thank you very much.