

## E-Rickshaw-An Initiative for Empowering PVTG Women for better livelihood

Name of the Village: Kendumundi

Name of the VDC: Kendumundi

Name of the Activity: -E-Rickshaw

Name of the SHG: -Dayasagar.

Category: - PVTG (Mankirdia)

Total SHG Members: - 10

Expenditure Incurred: - Rs 146487/-

In the financial year 2018-19, as per the provision of the AWPB in the sub component- livelihood enhancement and decision of **Village Development Committee (VDC) Dayasagar SHG of Mankirdia PVTG** community was supported by the VDC to run a Mobile Grocery Shop under **Income Generating Activity (IGA)**. The support

amount to the Group was Rs 30,000/-. Since March 2019, the SHG members have been selling their products in the nearby market by hiring auto and getting a good profit but the expenditure towards hiring the auto takes away almost half of their profit.



In the recent monthly VDC meeting, the members of SHG expressed about their concern on less profit margin due to major expenses in local transportation i.e. hiring of auto. So, they made an enquiry whether any provision exists in **OPELIP** to extend

them support in providing an auto so as to expenses incurred earlier. This will make them enable for extra savings and time as well. The group also shared that two members of their group namely **Gandhari Mankirdia & Champa Mankirdia** know auto driving. The VDC members expressed their consent on listening to their concern and commitment. But the VDC emphasized upon battery operated e-rickshaw which shall not only be cost effective i.e. runs through charging without fuel but also work towards pollution free environment. In this context, the VDC members took a decision to support the SHG for their betterment & economic upliftment and submit a proposal to MPA for its approval.

Following due procedure, the E- Rickshaw was delivered to the SHG with operational modalities including minimum maintenance techniques. It is expected that the SHG would proposer and not only become self-sustainable but be a paradigm for others. The members were very much thankful and grateful to OPELIP for such prompt support to them.