PVTG Girls Volunteer **COVID Awareness**

Niyamagiri is a hill range with full of Natural minerals. Dongaria Kandh PVTG is the native people leaving over here. Amid the Covid 19 pandemic the positive cases have got into the community. Dongaria Kandh people are being the firm believer of traditional way of medication through their village Niyamaraja (Baida) so it was a major challenge for the administration to do health screening and testing of COVID.

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This challenge was accepted by two Dongaria girl Sushanti and Bedu. They have voluntarily come forward to generate awareness among their community and make people understand regarding health screening. They have taken the responsibility of 218 Dongaria Households to defeat corona through their awareness and health screening.

Khambesi & Hutesi are two villages of Kurli Panchayat of Bisamcuttak block and Khambesi is the biggest Dongaria village of the block. A total number of 186 HHs with more than 500 population and Hutesi village 32 HHs with 130 population are residing in these two villages. In these two villages, Sushanti and Bedu are working as Community Resource Person under OPELIP and successfully carrying out different developmental works in their village but due to emergence of COVID, they are committed to keep COVID away from the Dongria people. Before COVID reach their village, these two girls have started Household wise health screening and different awareness campaigns like hand washing, Social distancing, use of mask etc. among the community. They are also spreading awareness through local songs. Every day they visit House to House with Thermal Screening device and Oxymeter to check the temperature and measures their oxygen level of Dongaria people.

Some of the symptomatic people were very reluctant to go for swab test but due to the efforts are Sushati and Bedu they agreed for the test and found negative.

Sushanti is a 24 year lady from Kandhamal and she has got married in Khambesi village in 2017. Since last 2 years, she has been actively working as a CRP for OPELIP. Bedu is also working as a CRP actively. Both of them are very known faces among the Dongaria community. People of both the villages are very much appreciating their responsibilities and dedication towards PVTG communities.