

## **An inspiration for many women-Babita Meher- A Mushroom Entrepreneur**

### ***Background of Entrepreneur:***

Babita Meher of village Sahajbahal under Binka block of Subarnapur district has studied Postgraduate Diploma and was doing job at an elementary school as Instructor for 7 years. Her monthly salary was Rs 8000 per month. She got married in 2014 to Samanta Meher who was into a job and was earning Rs 25,000 per month. After marriage, she could not continue her job at school and became a home maker. During this time, she wanted to do something on her own to supplement family income. She went to the local horticulture office to discuss about possible enterprise. They suggested her to take up mushroom spawn production unit as that would give better return.



### ***Convergence and support through MKUY scheme:***

In the year 2020 she decided to be an Agri-entrepreneur and started Mushroom spawn production unit under the Mukhya Mantri Krushi Udyog Yojana (MKUY), a flagship scheme of Odisha government. Her husband too left his job and supported her in this project. They took loan from bank of Rs.20,28,525 to start the project. The couple gave full time to this project and successful production started under the unit since 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Now the couple is making net profit of Rs 10 lakhs per annum and leading a better lifestyle for them. She set an example in her area as a successful woman entrepreneur.



### ***Enterprise Detail & Impact:***

The project of Mushroom spawn production unit with an annual capacity of 25,000 bottles and 90 beds of Mushroom production. She has employed 8 people in her enterprise. The project cost is Rs 23,86,500. Her aim is to increase the net profit to Rs 20 lakhs in 2 years.

The project got completed on October 21, 2022 and now it is in the stage of administrative comparison and subsidy release.