

## ASA puts a check on harm to dignity

Social boycott is the shunning of a person. The expulsion of a person from any community results to dignitarian harm if not necessarily physical or monetary. It can include obstructing an individual from practicing any social observance or custom, preventing the children of the family from playing together with children of specific other families resulting in to making the life of such member/family miserable.



Such is a story of Sonamuni Soren, who lives in Anthsor village of Jharkhand district. Her family was once socially boycotted. She along with her family was facing this plight since her marriage until 2015. In 2015, ASA started to initiate work in Anthsor village by mobilizing women in to Self Help Groups. They came across Sonamuni and her case. She shared her plight with us, through multiple talks and discussions with the villagers a common consensus was sought and Sonamuni became a member of the women self help group. This restored her dignity. With the help of the trainings provided to her on advanced agriculture practices and new techniques to agriculture, her socio- economic status got relatively enhanced in the society.

With the help of the technical training on good agriculture practices, in 2016, during Kharif & Rabi season she earned total of Rs 57,000, whereas, in summer season she earned Rs. 40,000. Today, she works as an active farmer; she is also the chairman of the SHG now. She's content.