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***“My training with IL&FS Skills has benefited me immensely. From an unemployed youth who was barely able to make ends meet, I am now able to feed my family and take care of their needs”***

I am the only child to my parents. My father could not afford to feed the family and send me to school the same time. Once I was capable of working I started doing odd jobs, but that was never sufficient. My life had no direction and I didn't know how I could earn money. My village too did not have many opportunities to earn a decent living.



It was through a friend that I came to know about the BALCO – IL&FS Institute of Skills, Korba. He told me about the skills training and the subsequent placement guarantee. I did not possess any skills before the training. They enrolled me to be trained as an Electrician. I was excited to learn the new trade in the 45 day training. On completion of the training I was placed at Texmo Industries, manufacturers of submersible pumps, at Coimbatore at a salary of Rs. 8000 per month.



It was my first time out of my village and away from my parents. They were not very keen but it was important for my career. This was my first step towards a brighter future. I joined Texmo and worked for a year. Thereafter, I joined Texmo Service Centre in Raipur, where I worked for 2 years and learnt the different types of general pump winding. Over the years, I grew confident in the skills I was trained for.

But at the same time I was being asked by my parents to return home and find a job closer to home since they were felt alone. So I decided to leave my job in Raipur and set-up my own business since our village didn't have a good electrician shop. I saw it as a great opportunity to be my own boss and at the same time be with my parents. Soon I setup my own pump and appliances workshop in my village. I now earn around Rs. 30,000 per month. I am now able to financially support my family and our lifestyles have improved drastically. The youth of my village are taking inspiration and at times crowd my shop to see me work on the machines. I am grateful to BALCO (Vedanta Group) and IL&FS Institute of Skills to have chosen me for the training and help me move out of poverty.

