

## **Turning Waste to Wealth- Through Vermicompost**

**Mrs. Rukmini Munday** of Village Bagbudi aged 35 years always dreamt to become an entrepreneur in agriculture. She came to know about this technology from the scientist of this KVK in the year 2020-21. This has propelled her to utilize her farm waste into wealth.

She started with a minimum investment with support from KVK which gave her portable polythene vermin-beds with which she started her passion for creating organic environment friendly agri-input i.e. vermicompost which has got recognition and demand in the local urban market of Rourkela. Now she has established 10 nos of beds, generating 20 quintals of vermicompost by which she earned net profit of Rs. 28000 /- during last year. Additionally she is selling “earthworms” which gave her a bonus income from this enterprise.

She has a vision to expand her unit and give employment to at least 10 youths and train them to become future entrepreneurs. Her experience of “Learning by Doing” taught by KVK Scientists seems to be bearing fruits for generating future prospects in income generation through Vermi-compost