

IMPACT OF SHGs ON TRIBAL WOMEN: A STUDY IN VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

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ABSTRACT

Development of women is the most significant approach in their empowerment and overall well-being. Empowering women helps them in gaining rights, self-development, decision-making, and self-confidence. Women in tribal society lack the privilege to hold power and assets in order to make decisions on their own. Due to vulnerability, they often face problem in their day-to-day life and lack secured livelihood or a regular source of income. When women are economically strong they can create good leadership and possess better decision-making power. Self-help groups were formed for poor rural women to fight poverty through social mobilization and active participation in the development process. The tool called self-help group aids financial assistance and sustainable development in eliminating poverty and creating effective socio-economic empowerment to the beneficiary. In context to tribal women and SHGs, this paper highlights the study and understands the impact of SHGs on tribal women in Paderu and Pedabayalu mandals of Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh.

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