Skill Building is prerequisite for Women Empowerment

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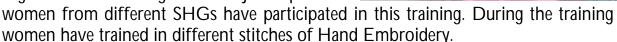
Fact: This is well known fact that development of society is not completed without development of women. Many initiatives are taking by different agencies for women empowerment. Self dependency in terms of finance is a important dimension and also a tool to evaluate women's empowerment.

Although Central & state Govt. are taking important steps for solving these problems, Bundekhand Package is a example of these initiatives.

TARA Livelihood Academy is working in Bundelkhand region with the objective that women should play a role in the Development processes, to fulfill this objective providing them training in different trades and link them with different income generation activities is a important part of TLA's strategy.

Process: TARA Livelihood Academy has organized 3 training programmes under NABARD's Micro-Enterprise Development Programme. These training were organized in TARAgram Pahuj campus & near by villages. Around 160 SHG women from 7 villages have participated in these training.

Fist training on Hand Embroidery was organized at TARAgram Pahuj campus. 55





Second training was organized in village Dhikoli. This is the 12 days training & on soft toys making. 50 women have participated in the training. During this training different skill related to soft toys making was taught to them.

Another training was on Artificial Jewellary making. This training was also of 12 days & organized at Village Rampura. 65 women got trained during



the training.

Apart from training these women in related trade, they also got trained in Soft Skills, Business related skills like how to start, run any business & other related skills.

Main aim to organize these training was not only to train these women in the skill they want to learn but also to motivate them for start a small business/Micro-Enterprise.

Impact: Apart from training to these women TLA team is also helping women SHGs to start their own enterprise and linking them with the different govt. programmes and financial institution.

After attending the training on Soft Toys making at village Dhikoli, women of Khatibaba Self Help group have started making & selling soft toys. Women of Radhakrishna SHG of village Rampura have also started making different types of Artificial Jewellary sets & by giving the sets on rent for marriage purposes within the village, they are earning something.

TLA's initiative to make these women self employed, will play an important role in increasing women's strong participation not only in the developmental processes but also to enhance their social economic situation in their communities.