

Monthly Report of April 2017

Freedom demands change. Those persons who are open to change exhibit their wisdom and are on the road to true freedom which leads to growth. This is the experience of month of April. Women of Saikrupa SHG are really come out in flying colours, because they had travelled a very difficult road and got the price for it i.e. growth. In spite of the hardships, they are inspired to form the group again. The same attitude we found in other women too. All the other programs one way or the other led the women and children to take one step forward.

Training on Account Writing:

Account writing is seen as the work of secretaries and animators. Women look at it as a foreign thing which is not their cup of tea. We want to give a positive approach about it to the women thus to remove the fear of account writing. We had called all the members of the group for this training because, often misunderstanding and quarrel happens due to lack of knowledge about the account. Women expressed their lack of time thus lack of concentration in account writing and book keeping.



Among SHG women only few are educated but they lack confidence to calculate the interest rate. I am not disappointed with the women; they are growing up in freedom and will definitely bring the change in them. The surprising thing is that the uneducated women were very sharp in calculations and gave the answers. During the training, we taught them how to calculate the interest rate also how to write the account properly. We showed them simple way of doing the account. Women were happy to discover their ability to think and calculate.



Training given by Canara Bank Manager



To make the women more up to date with the schemes of bank, government and more knowledge about loan, we called the Canara Bank manager to give training for our SHG women. She explained to them three LIC policies, such as Rs. 12 per year for accidental death, Rs. 330 per year, Rs. 100 per year for all those who are the members of SHG. This is not compulsory. She also explained pension scheme for all those who are below 45 years, Educational loan for the students and scholarship for the girl child who passed with 60% of mark.

She underlined the point that In order to have this scheme all have to start their personnel account in the bank. As usual women had many questions to clarify about the schemes. Many have decided to start their account in this coming week. Another point she made it clear that, those who take loan for the higher studies, need to pay back the loan, one year after they get their job. Women found the talk very useful. Ladies from other village too have asked us to have this talk in their village too.



Closing down the SHG:



We gave a real congratulation to the members of Sai Krupa SHG group. They are the first group who completed ten years since they started their SHG. Secretary of this group is really a strong lady and she knows the exact amount of each one, how much is to pay and what is the balance etc. They paid only hundred rupees per month, but money is circulated very much by each member taking the loan.

There was lot of problems like one or two women not paying the installments on time, this leads to quarrels etc. Finally, we took all the books from the secretary and carried on their meetings and account. Due to misunderstanding also quarrels they had told us that they do not want to continue any more as a group. On 2nd of April they withdraw all the money and came here to divide it according to their account. Some of them got almost 50,000 rupees and the joy and happiness they felt was very clear on their faces. During the meeting, they expressed the desire to start again the SHG among them. Though they were not ready to continue the group the joy of their hard work encouraged them to come again as a group. Echoes of their success story are already spread in other villages and other women were shared with me about it.



Monthly SHG meeting:

This is another group from Moolgoav wanted to close down the SHG. Group name is Sagar. In this group half of the members are from same family and they try to dominate in the group. Due to this, loan taking is always end up in quarrels. Now other members decided to quit from the group and planned to start another group with new members. They have already found the new members. We have given time till Month of September to pay back the loans which they have taken from the group and all agreed to it. We realized that one need a lot of persistence and self-discipline to work with women. Sometimes it is very difficult to know their interior purposes and motivations of their fights and dislikes. But the relationship and confidence we built with these women enable us to go forward to continue our mission.



Birthday Celebration with our Supplementary Children:

Smile and show people that you care about them even though you do not know them. This was our experience on April 1st evening with our supplementary children. One family came forward to celebrate their child's first birthday with children less privileged. With supplementary class students, they cut the cake and sang. Our students too sang with them. They distributed school bags for children who are regular for the classes and then gave snakes and food for all children. They brought a smile on children's face. This was also a push for the children to come regularly for the classes.





Summer Camp:

Summer camps are arranged in order to give them a chance to learn various things through games classes and activities. They are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.

Spoken English:

Whatever field we go today, English language is a must. Parents too start sending the children for English classes spending much money. We also gave them the taste of speaking in English.



Computer Classes

Children are so much taken up by the computer classes. Though they have the computer classes in the school but very little time they get it to practice. Since we have the computer lab children really make use of it to learn also to play some computer games. There is always rushing for the computer classes.



Activities for children:

Let them run, let them play, let them laugh and most of all let them be a child.
Now a day's some children miss this opportunities due to not having enough friends to play. We have to give the children the precious gift of childhood and allowing them to have it the way they want it. Being with children Let them run, let them play, let them laugh and most of all let them be a child.







Freedom is not static. It is a movement towards proper growth and progress.

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