

## Monthly Report of March 2018

Various activities colored the month of March. Our experience of this month was, anything we do we must do with the firm hope that we will reach the target that we fix. We also took a step further and made the women to become aware that life is worthwhile if you learn from your own experiences, negative and positive. We made them to recognize this fact through the personality development training.

### Monthly Meetings at different centers:

These monthly meetings are one which unites the members in the group also enables them discover self and one another. Coming together always brings life in the group. This is also a platform where they can speak out their joys and sorrows also a time to encourage and appreciate their efforts. Women experienced growth in themselves by attending these meetings. One of the meeting one woman got up and said she was about to leave the group because she could not able to pay the monthly savings. But our encouragement enabled her to learn how to save money and she continued. Today by taking a loan from the group she could build a house.





### Beautician Course at progress:

We were surprised by the hard work and interest in these young ladies which made them to learn this skill very fast. Few of them are not much studied but they are blessed with different skill, therefore learning was very fast.



### Canara Bank Personnel's in a Village:

These personnel's came to introduce various schemes of the bank and how it will help them in their life. Few of them filled form to open individual account, Pension and LIC schemes.



### **Women's day celebrations:**

“Whatever glory belongs to the race for a development unprecedented in history for the given length of time, a full share belongs to the womanhood of the race” – Mary McLeod Bethune

When we celebrate the women's day, this is a day to honor our women with whom we work. It is a day of joy and happiness and thank for their remarkable contributions to our lives and society. As it said there is a woman behind every successful man. Woman has the power to create, nurture and transform. This day also remembers the voices of many women that go unheard.

Many of our SHG and other women had come to take part in this program. We had invited many dignitaries including the police officer of our area. In his speech he shared the day today violence happens against women in the society, and how to go about it, where to go to complain, whom to approach and how to proceed. It was very educational and women were happy to know it from a police officer. Others too talked about women's contributions and importance of SHG.

One or two women too came forward and shared about the effect of SHG in their life and family. Cultural programs added the beauty to it.

We also thank them for helping us to grow towards becoming a better person, for their caring and sharing, for their sensitivity, inspiration and above all their love to us.





As we had already shared with you that many of our SHG accounts are in Canara Bank. This is a nationalized bank and when women need more money, they help the women getting loans from their bank. This time Karuna SHG had applied for Rs. Five lakhs and they sanctioned it. This group had taken loan from the bank earlier and paid back the loan on time and kept good reputation. This time we had invited the Bank manager for the women's day celebration and during the function the manager presented the Rs. five lakhs to Karuna SHG.

#### **Beautician Course Certificate Distribution:**

In today's age of globalization, skill building is the important instrument to increase the effectiveness and quality of labor for improved productivity and economic growth. Skill building is a powerful tool to improve their social acceptance.

This time we conducted the Beautician Course in the village itself because many can attend this program if it is in the villages. In the beginning fifteen young women gave the name for it, but towards the end only ten able to come regularly and picked up the skill very fast.

Few of them are not educated but they were very fast in picking up this skill. On the last day we asked them to organize the program and other arrangements. They did it very wonderfully and we could see the real joy in their faces. Few of them already started getting the order and they felt proud to be a beautician.

We distributed certificate to all those who completed the course. News of conducting this program in the village spread like a fire and we are sure many more ladies will come forward to join for it. We too felt very happy to see the ten young beauticians.



### **Training of Personality Development at Tokpada and Nardholi Pada:**

This training was conducted in order to strengthen the SHG. In each village there are old and new groups and their perception of conducting and participating the meetings and other programs are vary from the other.

Showing the behavior patterns of few animals and reptiles, we brought the attention of the women to their behavior pattern. For this we took the examples of various animals and reptiles and narrated their behavior pattern. We asked questions to the women to recognize the animals with its good and bad behaviors. We then explained to the women how it affects others.

Then we shared with them these types of personalities are inherent in us and how it affects especially when we conduct our monthly meetings. For example, Lion who is picking up quarrels, frog which go on uttering the same thing, monkey which disturbs everybody etc. They enjoyed the training as we enacted the behavior pattern of women during the meeting also became aware of their own draw backs. We trust that this training may bring some changes among them.



Finally we come to the conclusion that hard work certainly pays. Focus on consistent improvements in our life, every day, no matter how small the step we take to be better person than we were yesterday.

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