

1. Months: August - 2017 and September - 2017

2. Activities:

- Training in Jewelry Making
- Training in Panchayati Raj (Local Self Government)
- Village gathering
- Forming new SHGs and strengthening of old SHGs
- Finding scope for alternative means of livelihood
- Chicken Farming
- Goat Rearing

Training in Jewelry Making

Providing alternative livelihood is the main concern. As part of women empowerment the centre has target to train 60 women in Jewelry making. On 17th of August 17 participants and on 9th September 16 women were trained in jewelry making. The Kathkari tribe use lot of jewelry and ornaments for themselves. So instead of purchasing jewelry from the market for high rates they can make their own jewelry. This will help them to save some money and also supplement their family income. This training mainly focused on adolescents so that over the years they learn to make their own product and learn the technique of marketing. In the following months another 30 adolescent girls and women will be trained in Jewelry making.

Training in Panchayat Raj (Local Self Government)

On 13 September 50 participants from self help groups, and village leaders participated in the training. The main focus was on the different departments of the panchyat samiti and related government schemes. The participants were really active. Here they really

need the information and all the follow up is done by the people themselves. Specially they are confident to apply and avail government schemes. Even though they are illiterate they are able to grasp and build their confidence.

Village Gathering and Celebration

Uniting Kathkari Tribal is one of the objectives of the Organization. During the festivals at Ganpati and Dussehara the people and the personnel of the organization organized village celebration in 8 adivasi hamlets. The program consisted of dance, speech, singing, reciting poems and giving information on the Tribal rights of the people. During the cultural program invariably all the village people are present and it become much easier to disseminate the information on Tribal rights and the related government schemes. On the other hand children get beautiful platform to develop their self-confidence.

During the village celebrations we distributed 15 computer class certificates as the mark of successfully completion of three months basic computer course.

Forming new SHGs and strengthening of old SHGs

Within 2 months 4 new Self Help Groups have been formed. At present we have 26 Self Help Groups. These SHGs are for the empowerment of adivasi by way of creating livelihood opportunities and microfinance. The meeting is held regularly every month. During the SHG meeting mainly, concern of the village and the means of livelihood opportunities have been discussed. The result of the regular meeting is to help them to brain storm and make them think for the development of the village.

These SHGs have regular saving and from the saving the entire village takes loan with less interest instead of borrowing from the landlord. As a result the adivasis of the hamlets are saved from falling in the clutches of the landlords and moneylenders.

Usually moneylenders give them money and exploit them, they make them bonded laborers. Gradually there is change in the mindset of the people.

Goat Rearing and Chicken Farming

The SHGs are quite happy for group goat rearing and chicken farming. Both the projects are successful one. Group goat rearing and backyard chicken farming is helping them to supplement their family income. We have three proposal for chicken farming and 2 proposal for group goat rearing. Both the project will be implemented in the month of November and the following months.

Future Plans

- Training in Panchayati Raj (Local Self Government)
- Vegetable Cultivation
- Chicken Farming
- Goat Rearing
- Finding scope for alternative means of livelihood
- Forming new SHGs and strengthening of old SHGs