

## Knowledge level of Devdasi women on selected income generating activities

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Knowledge entails access to information, resources, education, awareness building, training and capacity building. To raise women's knowledge and awareness of their own situation, social, economic and political forces of health, nutrition, reproductive rights and to make them independent, income generating trainings are very essential. Hence, the present study was conducted on Devdasi women in the year 2009-2010 in Hubli, Navalgund of Dharwad district and Nargund of Gadag district of Karnataka. The Devdasi women had appropriate knowledge index on candle making (78.17%), vessel cleaning powder preparation (57.20%), washing powder preparation (50%), phenyl preparation (71.73%) and Agarbatti making (47.75%). Majority of the respondents had high knowledge level in phenyl preparation (48.80%), candle making (43.80%) and Agabatti making (40.0%). Medium level knowledge was observed in vessel cleaning powder (43.80%) and washing powder preparation (51.25%).

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