



Nature of leadership style prevailing in the self-help groups for the better performance of the groups

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ABSTRACT

A study was taken in Kolar district of Karnataka state to know the nature of the leadership styles prevailing in the women self-help groups organised by Grama Vikas and MYRADA, two non-governmental organisations (NGO), in the year 2001. The study results showed that in all the groups studied clearly indicated that the democratic leadership was prevailing in the SHGs studied. Further, under the democratic leadership, the participative type of leadership (90%) was seen in the groups organised by Grama Vikas. Whereas the groups of MYRADA, 85 per cent of the members perceived that participative type of leadership prevailing in their SHGs. Only 10 and 15 per cent of respondents of Grama Vikas and MYRADA, respectively perceived as consultative type of leadership styles were prevailing in their SHGs. These SHGs also acted as forum in shaping the women to perform the leadership role for the empowerment of the downtrodden. If the opportunity given to rural women with right kind of forum they can do wonders for the wellbeing of their own group and also the community.