

Knowledge gain of women weavers on diversified carpet products

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■ **ABSTRACT :** The present study was conducted to impart knowledge regarding on diversified carpet products of carpet materials to rural women weavers. For this purpose, 50 rural weavers from four different villages in Hisar-1 block (Kaimri, Dabra, Nalwa and Balawas) were selected to impart training to create awareness regarding type of carpet products that can be made from carpet materials and need for improvement in existing designs. The knowledge related to use of carpet materials for making different diversified products by using different handmade techniques was imparted to these women by organizing five days training in each village. The information regarding training aspects was studied through interview schedule. Reasons for attending training and gain in knowledge of the trainees after training were studied. The finding revealed that 'to learn something new' was the most preferred reason for attending training as it got rank 1st (3.00) followed by 'to develop confidence in making such products', ranked II (2.85), 'preparing diversified carpet products is the best way to utilize carpet materials and unused textiles' ranked III (2.72). The t-values were found significant for all parameters of training which indicated that weavers gained sufficient knowledge. Parameters like carpet materials can be used to make diversified carpet products, making different creative carpet products, manufacturing techniques *i.e.* hand tufting, hand knotting, flat weaving, hand embroidery, combination of flat weaving and hand knotting and diversification of available carpet materials was found to be significant. All the type of embellishment materials that is lace, ribbon, colored thread and sequins work, piping were found significant at 5 per cent level of significance.

■ **KEY WORDS :** Diversified carpet products, Handmade techniques, Hand tufting, Hand knotting, Flat weaving

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