

Women empowerment through agri-clinics and agri-business centres scheme in India

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ABSTRACT

The present study assesses the effects of central government's sponsored scheme agri-clinics and agri-business centres scheme on women empowerment in India. Women empowerment includes the social, economical and entrepreneurial empowerment and evaluated in terms of participation, access, employment opportunities and decision making. The present study reviews the whole gamut of issues related with women empowerment for empowering women in the country through the agri-clinics and agri-business centres scheme. In analysis, it was found that southern states including Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Karnataka have very good status in women training and agri-preneurship comparison than north eastern states of the country. Government need to give special attention on the implementation of ACABCs in the northern eastern states of the country to improve the performance of the scheme in respect with trained women agri-graduates, agri-venture established by them and successful implementation of agri-clinics and agri-business centres scheme.

KEY WORDS : Empowerment, Entrepreneurship, Government initiatives, Decision making, Business opportunities

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