

Self-help group strategy to empower rural women

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ABSTRACT : The present study on the role of SHGs in empowering rural women was taken up during January 2014 in four villages of Dharwad taluka of the total 159 groups registered during 2008-09. Five had discontinued, 70 were in to only money saving and lending and 84 groups had taken up enterprise were selected and 2001 members formed the sample. Three aspects of empowerment of women were studied namely; socio-psychological, economic and politico-legal. The findings revealed a high socio-psychological economic and politico-legal. The findings revealed a high socio-psychological empowerment with an index of 73.72, followed by economic empowerment with an index of 65.57 and the least was politico-legal empowerment of 52.98.

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