

Participation of women in the activities of Adarsh Gram Yojana

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ABSTRACT

The present study was undertaken in Ambadvet village of Pune district. The list of Adult women was prepared by surveying the entire village and from this, a sample of 230 women was selected by using random method for the purpose of this study. About three-fifth of the women had medium level of participation while 18.26 per cent had high level of participation in the activities of Adarsh Gram Yojana. This indicates that the women had medium level of participation in the activities of Adarsh Gram Yojana.

INTRODUCTION

The human resources of the rural areas are our greatest potential assets which need to be cultivated for the betterment of our country. Adarsh Gram Yojana among the other development programmes has been implemented by Govt. of Maharashtra which aims at overall development of rural people with their active involvement in the activities for social, economical and environmental improvements. Participation of village people in watershed development programme, five principles and other developmental activities under Adarsh Gram Yojana is an important aspect for success of this programme. Considering the role of women in the development process, their valuable participation is extremely vital. Hence, in order to determine the participation of women in Adarsh Gram Yojana, the present study was undertaken.

Objective:

To explore the participation of women in the activities of Adarsh Gram Yojana.

METHODS

The present study was undertaken in Ambadvet village

of Mulshi tahsil which is located about 25 kilometers towards the west from Pune city. The list of adult women was prepared by surveying the entire village and from this, a sample of 230 women was selected by using random method for the purpose of this study. Interview schedule was prepared by keeping in view the objectives of the study in local (Marathi) language. After pre-testing of interview schedule, the data were collected from respondents (230 women) by personal interview method. Ex-post facto research design and statistical methods such as percentage, mean, standard deviation were used for the present study.

OBSERVATIONS AND ANALYSIS

The findings of the present study as well as relevant discussion have been summarized under following heads:

Participation of women in some general activities of Adarsh Gram Yojana:

The data of Table 1 clearly indicate that there was no participation of women in the general activities of Adarsh Gram Yojana which are mainly related to intimating the people about meetings, assisting in planning and organizing meetings, taking part in deliberations, giving suggestions and motivating

other people for participating in the programme. This might be due to the social norms governed by the society and psychology of the women.

Participation of women in Kurhadbandi :

Table 2 indicates that most (98.26 %) of the women had followed the principle of Kurhadbandi. However, most of them did not participate in the activities of motivating others to follow the principle of Kurhadbandi (93.91 %) and creating awareness among the people about Kurhadbandi. The women had never participated in bringing to the notice of the village level committee any violation about Kurhadbandi.

Participation of women in Charaibandi:

It was observed from Table 3 that most (94.78 %) of the

women had followed the principle of Charaibandi while most of them had no participation in either motivating others or creating awareness about Charaibandi among the people. None of the women had brought to the notice of village level committee any violation of Charaibandi.

Participation of women in Nasbandi:

Most of the women (86.09%) had followed the principle of Nasbandi while most of them either not motivated others or created awareness among others regarding Nasbandi (Table 4).

Participation of women in Nashabandi:

The data of Table 5 reveals that almost all the women had never participated in dissuading others (99.13 %) or

Table 1 : Participation of women in some general activities of Adarsh Gaon Yojana

Sr. No.	Particular about the statement	Level of participation (number and per cent)			Mean score
		Regularly	Occasionally	Never	
1.	Intimating the people about meetings.	-	-	230 (100.00)	1.000
2.	Assisted in planning and organizing meetings	-	-	230 (100.00)	1.000
3.	Participated in deliberations	-	-	230 (100.00)	1.000
4.	Gave suitable suggestions	-	-	230 (100.00)	1.000
5.	Motivated others to participate in the programme	-	-	230 (100.00)	1.000
				Mean score	1.000

Table 2 : Participation of women in Kurhadbandi

Sr. No.	Particular about the statement	Level of participation (number and per cent)			Mean score
		Regularly	Occasionally	Never	
1.	Followed the principle of Kurhadbandi	226 (98.26)	4 (1.74)	-	2.983
2.	Motivated others to follow Kurhadbandi	-	14 (6.09)	216 (93.91)	1.061
3.	Created awareness among the people about Kurhadbandi.	-	21 (9.13)	209 (90.87)	1.091
4.	Brought to notice of the village level committee any violations	-	-	230 (100.00)	1.000
				Mean score	1.534

Table 3 : Participation of women in Charaibandi

Sr. No.	Particular about the statement	Level of participation, number and per cent			Mean score
		Regularly	Ocassionaly	Never	
1.	Followed the principle of Charaibandi	218 (94.78)	12 (5.22)	-	2.948
2.	Motivated others to follow Charaibandi	-	17 (7.39)	213 (92.61)	1.074
3.	Created awareness among the people about Charaibandi	-	20 (8.70)	210 (91.30)	1.087
4.	Brought to notice of the village level committee any violations	-	-	230 (100.00)	1.000
				Mean score	1.527

Table 4 : Participation of women in Nasbandi

Sr. No.	Particular about the statement	Level of participation, number and per cent			Mean score
		Regularly	Ocassionaly	Never	
1.	Followed the principle of Nasbandi	198 (86.09)	-	32 (13.91)	2.722
2.	Motivated others to follow Nasbandi	-	20 (8.70)	210 (91.30)	1.087
3.	Created awareness among the people about Nasbandi	-	33 (14.35)	197 (85.65)	1.143
				Mean score	1.651

Sr. No.	Particular about the statement	Level of participation, number and per cent			Mean score
		Regularly	Ocassionaly	Never	
1.	Dissuaded others in getting addicted to alcoholism.	-	2 (0.87)	228 (99.13)	1.009
2.	Created awareness regarding Nashabandi	-	18 (7.83)	212 (92.17)	1.078
3.	Brought to the notice of village level committee any violation.	-	-	230 (100.00)	1.000
4.	Banned the sale of intoxicants in the village	-	-	230 (100.00)	1.000
				Mean score	1.022

Sr. No.	Particular about the statement	Level of participation, number and per cent			Mean score
		Regularly	Ocassionaly	Never	
1.	Participated in Shramdan	-	140 (60.87)	90 (39.13)	1.609
2.	Construction of sewage works.	-	31 (13.48)	199 (86.52)	1.135
3.	Construction of drinking water supply network.	-	263 (11.30)	204 (88.70)	1.113
4.	Construction of school building	-	105 (44.05)	125 (55.95)	1.457
5.	Construction of open air auditorium	-	103 (4.35)	220 (95.65)	1.043
6.	Construction of ladies community toilets	-	9 (3.91)	221 (96.09)	1.039
7.	Construction of gymnasium	-	4 (1.74)	226 (98.26)	1.017
8.	Construction of community hall-cum-temple.	-	106 (46.09)	124 (53.91)	1.461
9.	Construction of artificial insemination centre.	-	12 (5.22)	218 (94.78)	1.052
10.	Motivated others for Shramdan	-	27 (11.74)	203 (88.26)	1.117
11.	Created awareness among the people about the importance of Shramdan	-	29 (12.61)	201 (87.39)	1.126
				Mean Score	1.197

Sr. No.	Particular about the statement	Level of participation, number and per cent			Mean score
		Regularly	Ocassionaly	Never	
1.	Planting and care of trees	-	65 (28.26)	165 (71.74)	1.283
2.	Planting of grasses and care of grasslands	-	-	230 (100.00)	1.000
3.	Participated in health camps/shibirs	-	69 (30.00)	161 (70.00)	1.300
4.	Crated awareness among the people or participated in child vaccination programme.	-	96 (41.74)	134 (58.26)	1.417
5.	Donation towards national crisis and other social work.	-	202 (87.83)	28 (12.17)	1.878
6.	Participated in mahila melavas	-	72 (31.30)	158 (68.70)	1.313
7.	Participated in animal husbandry and dairy development training programme	-	10 (4.35)	220 (95.65)	1.043
8.	Participated in cleanliness of the village	-	230 (100.00)	-	2.000
9.	Created awareness and / participated in adult literacy programme	-	23 (10.00)	207 (90.00)	1.100
10.	Crated awareness and / participated in saving group	-	146 (63.48)	84 (36.52)	1.635
				Mean score	1.397

Sr. No.	Level of participation	Respondent women	
		Number(n=230)	Per cent
1.	Low (Score upto 50)	47	20.43
2.	Medium (Score 51 to 56)	141	61.30
3.	High (Score 57 and above)	42	18.26
Total		230	100.00

creating awareness among the people about Nashabandi (92.17 %). None of the women had brought to the notice any violation or banned the sale of intoxicants in the village.

Participation of women in development projects under Shramdan:

No women had regular participation in Shramdan. About three fifth (60.87 %) of the women had occasionally participated in one or other activities in Shramdan. Nearly half of the women had participated in Shramdan at school building and community hall-cum-temple. Most of the women had never participated in the activities of Shramdan related to construction of viz., gymnasium hall, ladies community toilet, open air auditorium, artificial insemination centre, drinking water supply, sewage water works. Also, most of the women had no participation in either motivating others or creating awareness about Shramdan (Table 6).

Participation of women in other development activities under Adarsh Gram Yojana :

The data (Table 7) in relation to participation of women in other development activities of Adarsh Gram Yojana indicated that all women had no regular participation in the development activities of Adarsh Gram Yojana. All the women had participated occasionally in cleaning of their own village. Most (87.83 %) of the women had occasionally participated in the form of donations towards national crisis and other social work while three-fifth of them had either created awareness about saving or had become the members of saving groups in the village.

Most of the women had never participated in the training programme on the subject of animal husbandry and dairy development (95.65 %) and also had not participated either in creating awareness or in attaining the adult literacy programme (90.00 %). Majority of the women had never participated in planting and caring of trees (71.74 %), in the health camps (70.00 %), in creating awareness or attaining the child vaccination programme (58.26 %) and also in mahila melavas (68.70 %). The women had never participated in planting of grasses and caring of grass lands.

Overall participation:

The data of Table 8 reveal that, about three-fifth (61.30 %) of the women had medium level of participation while

about one-fifth (20.43 %) of them had low level of participation and 18.26 per cent had high level of participation in the activities of Adarsh Gram Yojana. This indicates that the women had medium level of participation in the activities of Adarsh Gram Yojana.

Conclusion :

Most of the women had medium level of participation in the activities of Adarsh Gram Yojana. There was no participation of women in general activities which were mainly related to meetings in relation to Adarsh Gram Yojana and motivating others for participating in the programme.

Although most of the women had followed the principles of Kurhadbandi, Charaibandi and Nasbandi, they had not made any special efforts for creating awareness or motivating others to follow these principles. In respect of Kurhadbandi and Charaibandi none of the women had brought to the notice of village level committee any violations regarding these principles.

In Nashabandi, the women had negligible participation in dissuading others from alcoholism and in creating awareness or motivating others for Nashabandi. They had never involved in banning the sale of intoxicants and in bringing to notice any violation about Nashabandi.

There was no regular participation of women in the activities of Shramdan but had only occasional participation in some of the activities under Shramdan. They had made no special efforts for creating awareness or motivating others for Shramdan. Also there was no regular participation of women in other development activities of Adarsh Gram Yojana.

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