

**Theme: Benefits and Importance of SHGs in the Communities**

**Village: Bishnubati Adivasipara**

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**Description of the Activity:**

The student social worker has organised a community organization programmes on the topic of benefits and importance of SHGs in the communities at Bishnubati Adivasipara village to promote the woman's participation in financial independency so that they don't have to rely on the male members of the family for their each and every small requirement. Woman play an important role in the overall development of any community irrespective of cast, class and religion. The Bishnubati adivasipara is a tribal village and most of the woman's were directly involved in agricultural activities to improve their livelihood. The student social worker was visited every house in the village and observed that the woman's were engaged in the SHGs but most of the SHGs were non-functional because their lack of participation due to their busy schedule. The student social worker also knew that few years ago some of the SHGs were got skilled development training from block office but in present situation they didn't get any type of training. The student social worker talks with every group leader and knew about their current situation that they are just depositing some money every month.

The student social worker was organized the community organization programme at the museum premises, at first the worker has gathered the member of SHGs and discussed about the importance of SHGs in developing their way of life. Apart from that, the student social worker emphasised on the full functionality of the SHGs, which includes maintaining of all registers i.e. meeting resolution, loan record and monetary transaction.

**Outcome of the Program:**

The community organization programme conducted by the student social worker successfully raised awareness among the women of Bishnubati Adivasipara about the importance and benefits of fully functional Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Through direct engagement and discussion, the women understood how SHGs could serve as a tool for financial independence, collective decision-making, and empowerment. The programme helped revive

interest and motivation among members, especially those who had become inactive due to their daily workload.

As a result of the session, SHG members showed willingness to re-initiate regular meetings and maintain proper documentation such as meeting registers, loan records, and transaction books. Group leaders expressed interest in requesting renewed skill development training from the block office to enhance their income-generating abilities. The programme also encouraged women to take ownership of their groups and to support each other in balancing household duties and SHG responsibilities.

Overall, the programme fostered a sense of unity and purpose among the women, promoting increased participation and functionality of SHGs. In the long term, this can lead to improved livelihoods, reduced financial dependency on male family members, and enhanced roles of women in community development.

