

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF SCHEDULED CASTE WOMEN THROUGH SELF-HELP GROUPS: A STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Self-help groups is a way of organizing the poor and the marginalized to come together to solve their individual problem. Through this method thousands of poor people in the country are building their lives; promote income generating activities for their families and society. But rural poor women are still far from empowerment, the majority of them are illiterate, unemployed and lack of social recognition which creates inequality in the society. Presently the Self Help groups mushrooming in a rural area of Assam and play an important significance in providing opportunities for women to make them empower economically and socially. The present paper mainly discussed on rural women got the scope to be empowered through engagement in SHGs in a rural area of Assam with special reference to the schedule castes women's SHGs in Chabua of Dibrugarh District. The present study is descriptive in nature and consists of primary data.

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