

Work Participation of Women in the Self Help Groups: How does it Impact on Health and Educational Attainment of the Society?

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ABSTRACT Two of the major indicators of socio-economic development are educational improvement and provisioning of better health care facilities. To eradicate the poverty from the root of society, Government of India has introduced a number of poverty alleviation programmes. In this respect creation of self employment opportunities through group activities has gained ground over the years. These activities, besides generating income, are also desired to influence the social status of the stakeholders. The present paper aims to examine the impact of work participation of women through the self-help groups on their awareness of the requirements of educational and health & hygienic improvements of their children and the outcome derived therefrom. This awareness, if any, is evident from the behaviour of the working women when they spend a reasonable share of their income on their children's education, better nutrition and health practices.

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