

LITERACY PROGRAMME FOR MINORITY WOMEN

PROJECT NAI ROSHNI



Women perform multiform achieves along with their usual child bearing and child raving activities. With modernization the sphere of household work for women has increased but as regards decision making women in disadvantaged of society have little say. This is more noticeable in mentoring communities where women are participation in decision making of family or community affairs.

Since, it is the mother, who no wishes, nurture and mould the character of her offspring, it is very essential that women should be given opportunity to develop themselves, participate in decision making of family/community affairs, so that they can guide the future generation properly.

Realising this fact the ministry of minority affairs started a project “Nai Roshni” a scheme for leadership development of Minority Women. This scheme aims empowerment and increase confidence among minority women.

In the year 2014 – 2015, **Center for Catalyzing Community**, a state level NGO Since 2002, was estimated with the responsibility of persuading women from minority communities to move out of the confines of their homes and assume leadership roles to assest their rights, collectrely or individually in accessing services, facilities, skills and opportunities besides claiming their due share of development benefits of the government for improving their lives and living conditions.

After a lot of ground work CCC selected Bhadrak district of Odisha, which constricted a sizeable percentage (%) of Muslim population, for conducting the leadership development programme. Members of CCC along with two local influential persons of the locality Sk. Mairajuddin and Sk. Mustak Gahar identified 120 Women belonging to the Muslim and 5 women belonging to the other religion, in the age group of 18 years to 65 years. While interacting with the various services, facilities, skills and the various schemes and projects of the government for their benefit.

The women were motivated to undertake the leadership development programme so as to enable them to take up their grievances/problems to the district authorities relating to availability of basic infrastructure and services.

The next step for CCC was hiring of venue for exhibiting the training programme. A tutorial having 2 large halls, 2 toilets and a small room (For crèche) was taken on hire.

The training programme started on 04/08/2014. The trainees were divided into 5 batches, each batch consisting of 25 women trainees. Training materials contributing of a file, a note book, a pen and training modules (11 modules) for the 5 week training programme were distributed from the beginning after selection, among trackers. Two resource persons were engaged on every working day as per the schedule for imparting training on Health & Hygiene, nutrition, Immunization, family planning, disease control, drinking water supply, electricity supply, sanitation, housing, self employment, wage employment, skill training opportunity, crime against women, etc. as all the training modules also cover it.

Case study - 1

As the practical implementation is better than theory, we tried our best to bring one doctor of repute, Gynecology specialist, Dr. Kamalini Mishra, staying in Bhadrak, who very briefly elaborated the symptoms of disease and its prevention. She interacted with women regarding problems faced by these women in connection with treatment. She also assured to treat the women patients of minority community with utmost care. A gift of Appreciation was given to Dr. Kamalini Mishra along with Certificate on behalf of CCC.

Case study -2

Dr. Raghunath Parhi, a Retired Pediatric specialist of Bhadrak, was invited to give a glimpse of knowledge in relation to child and mother care. He interacted with these women regarding issues related to the children in different phases of growth. He also assured that in every Sunday he will do free check up to the children of these Minority women. Free Tiffin

packet will also distributed to these children on that specific day. A gift of Appreciation was given to Dr.Raghunath Parhi along with Certificate on behalf of CCC.

Case study - 3

Additional Block Development Officer visited the training centre and elaborated the issues related to non involvement in different Govt. mechanisms and little knowledge regarding the transaction of Bank operation. He appreciated the training programme on different modules to women of Minority community and he also gave the assurance of helping these women in Govt. and Non Govt. mechanisms. A gift of Appreciation along with a certificate was given to him on behalf of CCC.

Case study -4

Director, Elementary Education, Govt. of Odisha, visited the training centre in between the training programme of Nai Roshni. He spoke regarding the education system of Govt. of Odisha where the children of Minority community are reading. He elaborated the issues and its solution in relation to education system. A gift of Appreciation was given along with the Certificate on behalf of CCC.

Case study -5

President CCC, Dr. Pushparani Mohapatra elaborated the leadership specifications and also selected one leader from each batch who will act like a leader and will do the work of a leader. Finance Director Simantika Mohanty described the smooth financial management within limited budget.

Leaflets in relation to AIDS, Consumer Affairs, Health, disease and prevention along with precautions, were distributed among all women trainees present in the training session at Bhadrak District (copy of leaflet attached).

A very interesting quiz was conducted by Balaram Padhi and Bikas Kumar Das. Group discussion was conducted by Kundan Mohanty. Programme arranged by Siba Prasad Jena , Salini Patnaik and Kundan Mohanty.

The Additional Block Education officer inaugurated the Closing Ceremony. All dignitaries were present there. A Gift of Appreciation was presented to each Dignitary present there. Certificates were distributed to the Beneficiaries.

The closing ceremony was ended with cultural programme.