



Somibhai Dilpu Jadav

Somibhai is always seen smiling, happy and showing concern about others. A woman who educated all her children to make them literates through craft is seen as a role model in her village by the other women.

Somibhai who is about 55 years old is a very interesting lady from Ahari Tanda was born and brought up in the same palce. She is an illiterate as her parents were illiterate construction labours and were unaware of importance of education. More over a girl's education was not given much importance. But she was thought all traditions so as to make her a good wife to her husband.

Somibhai grew up as a responsible lady and was married to Dilpu Jadav, a construction labour from her village at the age of 21. She grew up with poverty and was married to a labour where there was poverty. But life started getting tougher when she got two children. She was looking out for an income generation activity that she could from house and she could look after children simultaneously.

Sabala's intervention

Sabala had approached many women in Ahari Tanda for income generation through craft and Somibhai was one among them. Now it's been 12 years that she is working with Sabala. Her husbsnd did not support her work initially but he realised its importance and the need for her contribution for her family. She is a very brave lady who has been to various exhibitions throughout India which has helped her realise the importance of their craft and has given her confidence to speak. She takes leadership in every event that happens in Sabala and in her Tanda. She is looked up with lot of respect from her the people in her Tanda.

Today in her family she is the decision maker and she has the confidence to make decisions because of the knowledge she has gained.

Sabala has also trained her for bank accounts, savings, fair trade, gram panchayat, health and hygiene and also vermicompost to enhance her income. All the programs have helped her for all round development. Presently she is earning about Rs3000 and is very happy about it.

She is an active member of SHG from which is benefited and also the co-members of the SHG are benefited by her talks.

Observations

She understands the value of the education of the children and she encourages the other women in the village to educate their children. She is aware of the disadvantages of child marriage and dowry system. She speaks about them in the SHG meetings to make the other women learn about it. She makes all the decisions in the family. She has gained a lot of respect in the society.