WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN INDIA-MILESTONES AND CHALLENGES

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ABSTRACT
Rural women play a significant role in the domestic and socio-economic life of the society and therefore, holistic national development is not possible without developing this segment of the society. The self-help group model has been identified as a potential pathway to alleviating poverty. The number of poor women and men who are enrolling in SHGs all over rural India has been increasing remarkably. They are not only active in thrift and credit management but are also taking up other activities, such as natural resource management and development work, literacy, knowledge management, nutritional security etc. SHGs lay the foundation for self-reliance through building up of institutions, which have the capacity to generate employment opportunities for the rural poor, and the poorest, and lead to job-led economic growth."

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