

2000 women trained to be economically independent

Skill development trainings conducted by Nehru Yuva Kendra empowered the community women in Nizamabad

The strength of a nation depends upon on the level of community involvement in the development process; especially women whose involvement lays a strong foundation to ensure sustainable development. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has taken initiatives throughout the country to build the capacity of women by rolling out various vocational training programmes. This has not only made these women self-sufficient but have made them aware of their potential to steer through the difficulties they had to face because of gender discrimination and other social evils existing in our country.

Prameela Devi, a frail and shy woman, can display strength and unmatched dedication when imparting skill development training to her trainees. A 66 year old homemaker was one of the community volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra, Nizamabad, Andhra Pradesh, who served as an instructor in the vocational training programme for the last 30 years that made a difference in the lives of close to 2000 women.



In the district Nizamabad, Prameela Devi is like a messiah for the community women who got trained under her supervision in skill development training such as tailoring and stitching, leadership skills, communication skills and various other sports, games and cultural activities. Today these women who got trained under her are small time entrepreneurs; some have started their own Mahila Mandalis and have very efficiently taken over the baton that Prameela lighted long time back by imparting training to others. Her relentless efforts and dedicated service has shown a way of life to so many women in several parts of the Nizamabad district. She ensures that her trainees participate in cultural programmes and other literary activities that are organized from time to time by NYKS. Nehru Yuva Kendra, Nizamabad further collaborated with various organizations working for SC/STs and marginalized and bringing them to interact with the women to brief them about their departmental activities. Some of these organizations have also sponsored sewing machines to the trainees after the successful completion of the training programme.

Playing a vital role in the upliftment of the society, these women are no longer confined to the four walls of their homes. They are now engaged in economic activity outside their home. With the support of NYK, Nizamabad more than 2000 women benefited from a combination of employment and training programmes. These women were provided with training, technical assistance, and access to resources to start their own business.

Efforts were made to collaborate with a network of partners, including organizations working for the marginalized, government institutions and civil society to conduct training programmes to support women's economic integration.

Thanks to this initiative, women have been made capable to sustain their livelihoods and contribute to their family incomes; new jobs have been created.

Such efforts are being undertaken by NYKS in different parts of the country that is contributing towards the economic upliftment of the weaker section of the society. These women have gained a new found confidence and are foraying into domains that have been a male bastion so far.

Highlights

- NYK Nizamabad mobilized and trained women to sustain their livelihoods by imparting skill development training under Vocational training programme.
- Training sessions conducted on leadership and communication skills and other skill development programmes such as stitching, tailoring etc.
- 2000 women trained through this initiative are self employed.

Thanks to the money I earn through the skills that I gained during the training. I can send my kids to school

Savitri

I was enrolled in skills development training programme conducted by the NYK that allowed me to take up a job and take care of my family. I have gained immense confidence and the training has helped me move forward in life

K. Lavanya

