

STREE SHAKTHI PROGRAMME: A SOCIO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF MARGINALIZED WOMEN IN BENGALURU DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

Poverty, unemployment, indebtedness, and empowerment have been the primary issues in India. Many governmental schemes have been introduced to address the issues. Stree Shakthi Program (SSP) is one of the strategies adopted by the Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD) Government of Karnataka state to empower marginalized women socially and economically by forming self-help groups. The present study aims to examine the socioeconomic changes brought about through SSP among marginalized women in Bengaluru district of Karnataka state. The primary data was collected through interview schedule and other information required was drawn from secondary data available on the official websites of DWCD. The study revealed that the SSP has brought about socioeconomic changes in the lives of marginalized women.

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