

GRAMIN VIKAS TRUST, PURULIA, WEST BENGAL

Report on Inauguration of Skill Training Programme for SHG members under Muktidhara Project

The auspicious captioned program was organized by Garmin Vikas Trust (GVT), Purulia, West Bengal, in collaboration with West Bengal Swarojgar Corporation Limited(WBSCL)/SHG-SE Department, GoWB on 25th June, at BDO's meeting Hall, at Purulia -1 BDO Office, Purulia, wherein, Honorable Zonal Program Manager, GVT-East, Shri. B. B. Singh, Joint BDO- Shri. Tapan Bandyopadhyaya, SHG/SE Officer- Purulia- Ms. Bulbul Basu-, Block PRI representative, SHG Training Coordinator-WBSCL Purulia, SHG Supervisor-Purulia-I Block , Bankers, Sr. Regional Program Manager-GVT-WB, OR and 30 trainee SHG members and GVT Purulia staff participated in.



While welcoming the August gathering, Shri. Subrata Sarkar, Sr. Regional Program Manager-GVT-WB, OR, deliberated the basic objectives of the 48 days long Basic Tailoring and Garment making training, entrusted to GVT, by WBSCL/SHG-SE department, GoWB and gave a brief description of GVT's West Bengal intervention with special focus to Nonfarm, Skill Training program in ensuring improved and sustainable livelihoods for the marginalized community, as a cross cutting issues in WADI, Watershed Programme.



This was followed by the inaugural ceremony by lighting of Candle by the respected guests, and presentation of SHG Song in Bengali, by GVT Purulia staff wherein the core concept of SHGs based on Pancha Sutras (SHG Grading norms) - like Regular meeting, regular savings, regular internal lending, timely repayment and systematic Accounting/Record keeping etc were reflected for better understanding of the core concepts of SHGs.



While lamenting the key message on behalf of GVT East, Honorable Zonal Program Manager -GVT-East, Shri. B. B. Singh focused on the relentless and committed efforts of GVT in improving the livelihood status of the underprivileged communities'- *the least, the last and the lost*, based on Skill training program in the shape of DDU-GKY programme in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Vocational Skill Training program under L&T support at Bero, Nilagiri, Dhantari in Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh respectively, Rural Masons training Programme in Jharkhand, Gujarat in 13 States across the country. He also appreciated the effort made by SHG/SE department, the only State in India

–West Bengal of having separate department on SHG/SE and their support extended to GVT in imparting 48 days long Skill training basic Tailoring and Garments making. He also assured the Government Officials including WBSCL, SHG-SE officials, that GVT would not restrict the said programme only within Skill Training, but would try its utmost for optimum utilization of SHGs members potentials by transform them in to a vibrant Micro Entrepreneurs based on providing requisite handholding/escort services including Bank linkage support etc, so that they (trainees) could earn a remunerative income.



Ms. Bulbul Basu, SHG-SE Officer, Purulia, expressed her happiness in being present in such an auspicious occasion. She advised that the detail course contents-day wise –for 48 days should be circulated to each trainees for their ready reference. She also opined that at least five (5) members from each SHG ‘s would be an ideal scenario for the participating trainees in the Skill training Programme in view of taking up joint venture/Micro Enterprises during the post training period with the support of Bank Loan-SVSKP.



Joint BDO, Shri. Tapan Bandyopadhyay emphasized on periodic monitoring and follow up of the Skill Training programme and advised the trainees to attend the Skill Training classes regularly. He also advised GVT in providing requisite hand holding services in overcoming their impediments in getting Bank loans, procurement of Trade license, project preparation etc with the support from respective Project Asst (Prakalpa Sahayak) in the concern Block.



The IDBI Bank, Purulia Branch representative, Shri. Prasun Ghosh expressed his satisfaction by seeing the overwhelming response of the SHG members for Skill training. He appreciated the great effort of GVT, Purulia in this regard and assured the trainees that his Bank would extend the required loan support to the trainees against a viable business schemes to them.

The August meeting came to an end by extending vote of thanks by the SHG Upa Sangha leader, while she thanked GVT, WBSCL/SHG/SE department, Joint BDO, PRI representative in providing such a wonderful opportunity to them for establishing their livelihood based on Basic Tailoring and garment making.
