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## **Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)**

Fishnet making: by Om sakhimandal-Navibandar.



**SGSY: sun of hope rises**

Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is an initiative launched by the Government of India to provide sustainable income to poor people living in rural areas of the country. The scheme was launched on April 1, 1999. The SGSY aims at providing self-employment to villagers through the establishment of Self-help groups. Activity clusters are established based on the aptitude and skill of the people which are nurtured to their maximum potential. It was launched as an integrated program for self-employment of the rural poor.

The SGSY was somewhat intended to provide self-employment to millions of villagers. Poor families living below the poverty line were

organized into Self-help groups (SHGs) established with a mixture of government subsidy and credit from investment banks. The main aim of these SHGs was to bring these poor families above the poverty line and concentrate on income generation through combined effort.

## **Success story of SGSY scheme of Porbandar district:**

Navibandar is a village in Porbandar district about 35 km away from district head quarter. Porbandar has about 80 km long sea coast. Navibandar is situated on coast of the Arabian Sea at western side of Gujarat. Navibandar has population of 1100. Major community is 'Kharwas' who are engaged with fisheries activity.

## **Group formation: Om sakhimandal**

Om sakhimandal was formed before five year on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009 with 15 women of village Navibandar. It is a BPL woman SHG. Women started regular meeting of their group and also started regular savings of Rs.50 per month per member. They were given revolving fund of Rs. 10000/- (ten thousand) at once. They have used revolving fund for their needs and savings for internal lending to group members. They also used revolving fund for Capital formation with the help of skill development training.

## **SHG join Mission Mangalam:**

Mission Mangalam is a scheme working with the aim of women empowerment and poverty alleviation. After joining Mission Mangalam group increased their savings and started to follow ***Punch sutra*** (regular meeting, regular saving, internal lending regular repayment and record keeping). They learnt the value of group formation. They were given skill trainings also. They were guided for taking up economic activities.

## **Value addition training:**

Om sakhimandal have got value addition training from fisheries collage-veraval. They learnt how to make different fish products. How they can add value to product and sell it in market. They learnt to make pickles, wafer and powder from fish which they had seen never before.

## **Fishnet making:**



Fishnet is an important tool for livelihood of fisherman. Navibandar people were bought fishnet from Veraval and Okha which are far places from their village. They had to pay much for these fishnets. They had to pay transportation charges also. At that time fishnet was more costly for them due to unavailability in local market.

After joining Mission Mangalam, OM shg had started to make fishnet at their place. They got training for the work. Now there is no need to go outside for this fishnet. They fulfill not only their own requirement but also demand from outside. Women from SHG are now engaged with this work. All their manufactures purchased by local market. Now they are earning well with this economic activity.



## **SGSY benefit:**

Om sakhimandal got benefit of SGSY scheme for their self employment. They got Rs.2.5 lacks loan from bank with subsidy of 1.25 lacks from SGSY. They started to make fishnet with this amount. They all are working together for the purpose. In their spare time they are making fishnet at home or community place. With this work each working woman can get 2000/- to 2500/- per month.

With this earning women are being helpful to their family. Their capacity built up with the working together. They become able to fulfill their own needs. They got a new direction with sustainable livelihood.



*“Thanks to SGSY scheme for give us an opportunity to learn and earn our living.” - Om SHG- Navibandar. (Gujarat)*