

Brief Report on the One Day Conference: Engendering Transformative Change – New Paradigm in SHG Federation

As we had originally proposed a workshop on the regulatory aspects of Micro Finance, this one day conference was convened in collaboration with Chaitanya Foundation.

Chaitanya Foundation is a developmental Organization, which has been a catalyst in facilitating the process of getting rural women out of the vicious circle of poverty. The organisation has been working tirelessly at the grassroots level through capacity building and research, networking and policy advocacy. At the core of their achieving various objectives has been the formation of Self Help Groups and Women at the forefront.

The one day conference convened created a platform for rural women who have been a part of mobilization of women into Self Help Groups and achieving the many social and economic objectives targeted. This conference meant to bring together on one platform 95 participants being – representatives of the SHG's, Organisation Leaders, Bankers, Consultants and Academicians. The SHG representatives were the presidents of village level/ cluster level federations.

Together they brought on table their perspectives, suggestions and thoughts on various issues. While the conference began with the release of publications, the daylong conference was held through on the following session themes –

Session 1	Milestones of SHG Movement in 25 years	Chairperson: Ms.Shraddha Joshi, Managing Director, MAVIM Dr.Sudha Kothari, Managing Trustee, Chaitanya Ms.Surekha Shrotriya – First President of GMSS Federation Ms.Sharada Korgaonkar, Advisor – GMSS Khed
Session 2	Leadership, governance and risk management in community owned institutions	Vijay Laxmi Das, CEO, FWWB Rama Laxmi – Consultant , APMAS Suvarna Gokhale- Jt. Secretary.Jnana Prabodhini Ms. Kusum Balasaraf – GMM MAVIM Office bearer of federation, Ms.Ranjana Dholi – Sahara GMSS, Sinnar Ms.Meena Bhad – Suryoday GMSS Wasai East Ms.Indira Phule – Tejaswani GMSS Warud
Session 3	Women's empowerment in micro finance – the missing evidence	Chairperson – Usha Rani, Head, CBIB, NMMU, NRLM Ms.Seemantinee Khot, Consultant Ms.Kalpana Pant, ED, Chaitanya Ms.Asha Patil, Nakshatra GMSS Shindkheda Ms.Ashiya Gavandi – Swawalambi GMSS Shirol
Session 4	New Paradigms for capacity building and financial inclusion in the era of digitisation	Chairperson: Dr.Lata Das, CLI, TISS Ms.Anand Bajpai, DGM, MCID NABARD Ms.Dipali Kalekar, Digital Sakhi, GMSS Khed Ms.Sunita Bhor – Sankalp GMSS Junnar
Session 5	SHG Relevance in the next decade – women centred design for sustainable business and empowerment.	Shri.H.R. Dave, DMD, NABARD Mr.R. Vimala, CEO MSRLM Dr.Sudha Kothari, Chaitanya Ms.Reshma Patil – Prerana GMSS Kudus Ms.Alka Kadam – Rajmata Jijau GMSS Parner

