

Press Release

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Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta group, tweeted, “6000 rural women made entrepreneurs by our Sakhi(women-empowerment) program. ‘Girls are equal partners in India's development@PMOIndia.”

India has about 40 crore rural women and the literacy rate is just about 69%. Though rural India has taken a giant leap towards literacy and has been progressing faster, about 9 crore rural Indian girls still remain illiterate.

To bridge the gap and provide a platform to motivate millions of rural and tribal women across the country, Hindustan Zinc, a subsidiary of Sesa Sterlite Limited, runs a CSR project named ‘SAKHI’. ‘Sakhi’ aims to strengthen social and economic empowerment for women in the rural and tribal areas so that they not only empower their families but also the nation. "SAKHI" is a symbol of friendship, commitments, teamwork, associations, and progress with dignity and self-respect.

Consider this - Eight years ago Lalita Choudhary joined a self-help group to make ends meet in the village of Gudli, in the state of Rajasthan. Today, this 30 year old mother of five children manages to bring home an income of Rs. 5000/- per month enabling to provide her children quality education.

Lalita is amongst the 6,000 odd rural and tribal women who have undergone vocational training in tailoring, handicrafts, agriculture, traditional crafts and liberal arts. With the success of this initiative, the group plans to further up-scale and expand this program across the country.

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