

Nihal Women moving forward in bringing about tangible changes in children and community

Nihal Community women in Hatpipaliya Block of Dewas Districts are particularly disadvantaged due to low literacy and sociocultural norms that prevent their equitable access in raising their voice in Panchayats. The results include poor self-esteem and low self-confidence which has worsens the opportunities for women to participate actively in village-level PRI.

Fostering the capacities of Nihal women and empowered them at individual and collective levels to participate effectively as Community leaders in matters of child Protection, Education and village development. AARAMBH has transformed their capacity to take the collective action to advocates and discuss in Panchayat on child labour prevention, quality education, early child marriage issues and village level developments. It was like a miracle for them to seat in the Panchayat office and discuss on various issues in front of Sanpanch, Panchayat secretary and other stakeholders.

Through AARAMBH's various capacity building trainings and Community level meetings in a short period of two years has equipped Nihal Community women with information and skills to participate in the functioning of local PRIs and discuss on Government's flagship programmes such as on Child Labour Prevention, Early Child Marriages, health and sanitation and Drinking Water, School education by building their confidence and self-awareness along with developing their soft skills such as public speaking, negotiation, effective participation, conflict resolution, and more. Nihal Community women leaders also learnt about gender equity, Domestic Violence, participation in local institutions such as gram sabha, gram panchayat, and school management committees, and community monitoring.

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