

## **Influence of Trainings on the Knowledge Level of Self Help Group Members**

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**ABSTRACT** The study was conducted during November-December, 2005 in Sandur *taluk* of Bellary district in Karnataka state, covering 100 SHG members to obtain impact of training programme on knowledge level and improvement in their economic status. The socio-economic profile revealed that majority of the members were middle aged (59 %), married (73.28%), illiterate (69 %), with nuclear families (78 %) and the main occupation was agricultural labour (62%). Many of them were below poverty line. The overall knowledge level of respondents before training was 48 per cent and the overall knowledge level after training was 56 per cent of medium knowledge category. Knowledge level on individual practices such as animal husbandry, goats and sheep rearing before training program was more than 50 per cent. Further, after training it was 67 per cent. Study also revealed that adequate credit and knowledge about the animal breeds were the major constraints expressed by the respondents.