

# "Pragati"

## **Social Initiative By SDA**

## **Empowering women through Skill Development Program**

## **Project Details**

Introduction of the project "Pragati"	This is a project started by SDA Department of Poornima University in 2019, for empowering women for a better tomorrow. Under this project we have planned various strategies towards educating rural women and girls. We train or educate these women in different kinds of handwork which are very useful source of earning for them. At the end of the day we are focused on empowering women to work or startup their own setup to be independent.
Photos of the workshops	









**Objective** 

The project is basically for the women and girls of the rural villages involved only in household work having no financial role in operating families. These women are deprived of higher education and are dependent on others for their livelihood. All these factors pose challenges of facing Domestic Violence and Dowry, making these women's life miserable.

- To promote employment oriented skills and training to these underprivileged women and girls.
- To encourage self employment by providing experts guidance in workshops and different industrial visits.
- To work collaborate with more organizations like NGO's which can help us strengthen our training and placement opportunities for these women and girls.

#### Road Map plan

- 1.(a) Workshop / Exhibition: Under the equipped project "Pragati" have organized a workshop on quilting recently in Vidhani Vatika Village of Sitapura, Jaipur where about 20-25 women and girls were trained to do "Kantha" work on quilts, this work is highly demand in market and by learning this work women can create opportunities for them. This was successful workshop as of many women and girls participated in it.
- (b) As a part of endeavor under Our project "Pragati" we have also conducted exhibition in Tilonia which was based on the handwork articles prepared by the rural women and girls were train by our trainees in handwork like macrame, mirror work, applique work and many more, by using these techniques the prepared wall hangings, table covers, cushion covers, bed sheets etc. This effort turned out in a great success and about 30 to 35 women participated in this exhibition.
- 2. Centre for Training: In a male dominated country where women's and girls are not even allowed to step out of their house "Pragati" conducted training camps for the beneficiaries in the area itself. Camps

	in this area usually area organized in the Govt. Schools of village as it is easily approachable for all women and girls of the area. A panel of 3 to 4 expert guides and these women to be self confident and independent. Organizing of camps in these area which saves time, energy and hassle free.  3. Identification of new villages: In the process of identifying villages we conduct a survey in which we collect data regarding the ratio of uneducated women and girls in villages near Jaipur. A panel of 4 to 5 trainers conducts this survey and then according to ratio we select villages on priority list.
Outcome of Project	<ul> <li>An evaluation of long term impact of our project "Pragati" which started in 2019 is that every women and girl belonging to rural areas near Jaipur gets employment opportunities and can work as "skilled workers "in industries.</li> <li>This project will change attitudes of rural women and their families developing society and raising the living standard of people.</li> <li>In a developed country like India where still women are helpless in earning money in villages this project will approach and make them self confident and self motivator.</li> </ul>
Activity Organized ( 20 /9/2019)	The project "Pragati "is capable of bringing change and success in society. The point to support women through our skill training program proved to be very successful.
	20 rural women completed their training

under our workshops and got placed in industries within the six months of time frame. This is a big achievement for the project as we believe "to improve is to change, to be perfect is to change often".

### **Testimonial**



I sapana Choudhary resides in Vidhani Vatika Village of Jaipur, Iam 32 years old and married from last 14 years. I have two daughters; I have never went to school due to my family problems. Through

"Pragati "I discover my hidden potentials which helped me to earn money to support my family. Now I can educate my children for their better future and can proudly say that "Iam independent now".

**Future Target** 

To spread this program in all surrounding villages near Jaipur in collaboration with all other organizations this will help in creating employment opportunities and awareness in society. The project "Pragati " aims to provide women and girls of these rural areas their identification which can prepare them to face challenges of their life.

Currently we are working to launch this project in two more villages" Jagatpura" and "Sanganer" where we will conduct a survey to find out ratio of women and girls and will plan workshops accordingly. We are looking forward to train at least 200-300 rural women from these two villages to be financially self dependent.

### A picture of Roadmap of project, Outcomes and Achievements

