

NBSC, Lucknow

1st Programme on Digitisation of SHGs

The EShakti project for digitisation of SHGs, which was launched in the year 2015 as a pilot in 2 districts viz. Ramgarh (Jharkhand) and Dhule (Maharashtra). Encouraged by the excellent results, the project was extended to 23 more districts in 2016 under Phase II and then again to 75 districts in Phase III towards the end of 2017.

The project now covers 100 districts in 22 States and One Union Territory across the length and breadth of the country and is expected to digitise 4.5 lakh SHGs benefiting around 54 lakh rural poor. The Project has already started paying rich dividends in terms of deepening and widening the outreach of the SHG BLP programme.

In order to provide exposure to officers working in MCID and DDMs where the Project is under implementation, the captioned programme was specially designed by NBSC for officers so as to equip them to understand the nuances of the Project and the roles to be played by the various stakeholders, such as SHPIS, animators, ASP, banks, DDM, etc.

The 03-day exposure programme organised from 29 to 31 August 2018 at Nagpur, Maharashtra had 30 participants from 19 ROs, 02 HO departments, and 01 training establishment and included 07 DDMs.

The programme was inaugurated by Shri S V Sardesai, Vice-Principal, NBSC. Shri Tom George, DGM, MCID, HO briefed the participants about the progress made under the project, the issues in implementing the project and the refinements being considered by HO to improve the mobile based application. He also discussed about the need to expand the project to cover more districts in the forthcoming years and the steps to be taken in to account to do so.

A field visit was arranged to Hingana, a village about 25 km from Nagpur where animators and SHG members from groups promoted by Tejaswini Bahuudesshiya Sansthan demonstrated the use of the EShakti portal to the participants. Interactions with the Lead District Manager, General Manager Vidarbha Konkan Grameen Bank, bank managers from Bol and VKGB were also arranged to enable the participants to understand the bankers view point.

An interactive session was also arranged with the animators and SHGs promoted by Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal (MAVIM), a government promoted society working for development of women and also promoting SHGs.

Shri Dubbalwar, Retd AGM, NABARD briefed the participants about the importance of proper audit before the 'project can "Go Live"'. Shri Subrat Sahu, Programme Manager from YesTeam, the ASP that has developed the EShakti software demonstrated the salient features of the portal. A demonstration on the utility of various reports that can be generated from EShakti portal was also made for the benefit of the participants.

Shri U D Shirsalkar, CGM Maharashtra Regional Office, Pune presided over the valedictory session and exhorted the participants to give their best for the development of the poor in the country.

The programme was coordinated by Shri S K Jahagirdar and Dr Kanchan Rabra, DGM/ FMs. A few photographs of the programme are appended.



(Shri S V Sardesai, Vice Principal, NBSC, Lucknow addressing the participants)



(Participants engrossed in observing SHG animator use the mobile based EShakti app)



(A group photo of the participants)



(Shri U D Shirsalkar, CGM, MRO addressing the participants)