

The two days training program (April 21-22, 2018) conducted in collaboration with **Swayamsiddha, Kolhapur** received good response from the women in and around Mithmumbari.

Below are the highlights:

Day 1: April 21, 2018

- The program started at 2 p.m. at Primary School, Mithmumbari
- Nature of the program and its objectives were introduced by Dr. Sunetra Dhere
- Kanchantai Parulekar discussed the concept of self-help groups, its functions apart from money saving and borrowing, need of active groups for self and village development etc. Songs were sung and small games were played. Overall, the session was educating.
- The next session was combination of practicals and inspiration for small business. It included demonstrations of variety of crafts and cooking based ideas such as wax items, *aakashdiva* and *raakhi* making, berries toffee, tamarind sauce/chutney etc.
- End of the Day 1 sessions by 6 p.m.

Day 2: April 22, 2018

- The training sessions were not only demonstrations but women got to participate in the processing. All minute details about preparing variety of food items including addresses to get raw material, way of packaging etc. were shared with the participant women during the training. Also, the copies of recipes were distributed.
- 9 a.m. to 12 noon: Training of *Bandhani* on cotton cloth.
- 1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Training of Dry Snacks: around 10 items; *Papad*: 8 types of *papad* including fish *papad*; Fruit processing: Jam, jelly, squash etc. from mango, guava, raw mango,
- At the end of training, women gave their feedback and unanimously told that the training was interesting and they would attempt prepare the items at home and would think positively to start business based on the same.

Observations: No. of participants: 63

All the preparations and communication for the training program was looked after by Dr. Sunetra Dhere.

Prof. Rashi Hirlekar attended both days training program as a participant and helped in the organisation.

Prof. S. B. Tayade, Prof. N.M. Wankhade, Prof. Ramakant Bandekar, Prof. Swapnil Walke, Prof. Ms. Tamhankar visited the training sessions.

The NSS students: Miss Monika Mumbarkar, Miss Latika Tari and Miss Dikshita Niromkar helped a lot during the program.

