

# Empowerment of Women in the State of Bihar: Role of Self-Help Group Contribution in Poverty Alleviation and Economic Development in the Region

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## **Abstract**

*This paper address about the women empowerment in the state of Bihar. The work of Self-Help Group in Bihar has contributed tremendously in the social and economic development. Empowerment of women have become the centre focus of the Bihar government. Bihar rural livelihood promotion society, also known as JEEViKA helps in social and economic empowerment of rural poor and improving their condition. JEEViKA has been significantly helping in eradicating poverty through financial inclusion. Number of projects and initiatives taken by the government such as Harit Jeevika, Harit Bihar, Satat Jeevikoparjan Yojana, Bank Sakhis, Didi ki Rasoi, Pashu Sakhi, Vidya Didi etc. these all initiatives have been bringing a new light in the development of Bihar.*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

There is a greater participation of women can be seen in the state of Bihar in diverse field such as economic, social, agriculture and business etc. According 2011 census survey of India it has been found that Bihar has the lowest literary rate as well as poorest state in India, lying at the bottom in the socio-economic dimension. But with evolving time a large difference can be noticed in current times in all sectors. These all have become more possible with the support from government of Bihar. Empowerment of women have become the centre focus of the Bihar government. Number of initiatives and programs focused on improving the condition and status of women in the state. Self-Help Group

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