



School of Women's Studies Utkal University organized One day Skill Development Workshop-cum-Training Programme for Women SHG members of Odisha on 24th September 2016.

The workshop was started at 10.A.M. in the conference hall of the Department of Computer Science. The welcome address to the guests, dignitaries and SHGs was given by Prof. Sabita Acharya, Director, School of Women's Studies. She had also discussed about the theme and objectives of the workshop.

Prof. R.K.Bal, Chairperson, P.G.Council, Utkal University, the key note speaker during his address emphasized on the latent potentials of women and urged for the self confidence to reach the sky.

Dr. Subrato Bagchi, Head, Odisha Skill Development Authority ,the chief guest of the inaugural session during his inspiring speech, he focused on the role of SHGs in promoting productivity, social and economic independence, sense of responsibility and accountability and self confidence among women which ultimately facilitate women empowerment. He also ensures all kinds of help from his side to improve the quality and marketing of the SHGs products. He had emphasized on the success stories of different SHGs of Odisha by showing through power point presentation to motivate them.

Prof. Ashok Kumar Das, Vice-chancellor,Utkal University, in his presidential remark praised and appreciated contribution of women SHG members to their families and society. He requested all the women participants to be vocal and clarify their doubts during the workshop.

Astitwa, the Students' magazine of School of Women's Studies,2016 was released by the dignitaries on the dias.

Inaugural Session came to an end with the concluding remarks about Skill Development of women and formal vote of thanks by Prof. K.K Basa, Director, SFC, Utkal University.

Prof. Swarnamayee Tripathy, Course coordinator, co-ordinated inaugural programme of the workshop.

Dr. Aliva Mohanty and Dr. Mamata Dash, the faculties of the School of Women's Studies organised the workshop with the student volunteers.

Resource persons and trainers Mr. Sujoy Kar, Marketing-in-chief, ORMAS, Dr. Pranati Jena State coordinator, WALMI, , Dr. P.V.Gouriprava, State Coordinator, OPEPA. Dr. Amiyabala Pattanayak, Chief Credit Officer, SMCS, and Ms. Gazala Shahin, Programme coordinator, CARE, India,Odisha addressed on various issues like capacity building, entrepreneurship, microfinance, leadership and Marketing strategies and interacted with them to know their problems. India Bhubaneswar addressed SHGs ,interacted with them in a two way processes.

The workshop was over by 5 o'clock evening.