



The Status of Food Security and Sri Technique used by Jeevika with Special Reference to Sherghati, Gaya

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Abstract : *The last four years shall be remembered for ages as far as socio-economic development of Bihar is considered. It is during this period that the seeds of Self Help Groups (SHG) sown by Jeevika took the shape of a very large Banyan tree, under the shadow of which numerous villages moved towards prosperity. This paper focuses on analyzing the changes in income and standard of living brought about by SRI and food security programme initiated by Jeevika. Jeevika symbolizes the changing face of Bihar and is facilitating a very silent revolution of empowerment which is led by none else but the women, otherwise considered as the weaker section of the*

society. This project is implemented by Bihar Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (BRLPS) with the objective of enhancing the social and economic empowerment of rural poor in Bihar and improving their livelihood by developing institutions of women like SHGs and their federations to enable them to access and negotiate better services and credits and assets from public and private sector agencies and institutions. Jeevika is taking an initiative to implement System of Rice Intensification(SRI) to ensure food security in the state where 55% of the population is still below poverty line. This step to secure food rights of the rural poor taken by Jeevika has proved to be a milestone in the development of Bihar. As Swami Vivekananda rightly said, "It is very difficult to teach philosophy to a man who is desperate to have a handful of rice", as it is very difficult to make a common man understand the concept of food security.

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