

## **ROLE OF SELF HELP GROUPS BEYOND THE FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN: A CASE STUDY OF KUNDAPURA TALUK OF UDUPI DIST IN KARNATAKA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The world is developing in different dimensions. A number of new issues have to be addressed to effect social and economic progress of every nation. The most important one is women's empowerment because in many countries women are marginalized section of the society .In the beginning as a step towards women's empowerment, financial empowerment of women through microfinance programs were engineered by a few well thinking planners to generate income and employment and alleviate poverty especially in the developing countries. The approach is accepted by the World Bank and other financial institutions as an important tool for poverty eradication and enhancement of living standards. Moreover, microfinance has come to be regarded as a supplementary development tool that widens the financial service delivery system by linking a large rural women population with formal financial institutions through self-help groups.

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