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**State Hub for Empowerment of Women Conducts One Week Program
for Women Empowerment**

The State Hub for Empowerment of Women (SHEW), under the Department of Social Welfare, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, successfully organized a one-week awareness and skill development programmes from 15th June to 20th June 2026 focusing on women's entrepreneurship, economic empowerment and development of sustainable livelihoods.

The first programme focusing on good health was conducted on 15th and 19th of June 2026 at Buniyadabad community hall & Bhatubasti Anganwadi -2 on 10% reduction in oil consumption in households. These two days program focused on the ill effects of refined oil and smart ways to reduce its consumption.

The second program on Government Schemes and Subsidies for Women-Led Businesses was conducted on 17th June 2026 at Bhatubasti. The session provided participants with comprehensive information on various government initiatives, financial assistance schemes, subsidies and support mechanisms available for women entrepreneurs. The interactive session witnessed enthusiastic participation from local women, who expressed keen interest in exploring entrepreneurial ventures.

Continuing the efforts to strengthen women's economic independence, SHEW organized a two-day hands-on training programme on "Preparation of Virgin Coconut Oil for Women Entrepreneurs" on 18th and 19th June 2026 at the ICAR-CIARI, Sri Vijaya Puram. The training focused on preparation of Virgin coconut oil, It's processing techniques, quality standards, packaging and marketing opportunities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Participants gained practical exposure to the preparation of virgin coconut oil under the guidance of Dr. Pooja Kapoor (Subject Matter Specialist, Home Science, ICAR-KVK- South Andaman). Smti. Pinkey Kumari (Training and Research Specialist, SHEW) delivered a lecture on commercial potential of virgin coconut oil and encouraged the participants to take maximum benefit from the government schemes available for women entrepreneurs.

Further promoting nutrition-sensitive farming practices, SHEW conducted a workshop on Establishment of Organic Nutri-Garden with Natural Farming concept on 20th June 2026 at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra- South Andaman. The programme emphasized on the importance of household nutrition gardens, natural farming techniques and the cultivation of diverse vegetables and fruits for nutritional security. Dr. Y. Ramakrishna (Head, KVK- South Andaman), Dr. Zachariah Geogre (Subject Matter Specialist, Animal Sciences) & Dr. Nitu Sindhu (State Mission Coordinator, SHEW) enlightened the participants by delivering lectures on Natural farming practices and encouraging them to adopt sustainable agricultural methods. The participants were encouraged by providing kits for natural farming which included: Neemastra, Jeevamrit, vermicompost and seedlings.

The State Hub for Empowerment of Women remains dedicated to facilitating inclusive development and creating enabling environments for women to achieve economic and social empowerment across the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The one-week program witnessed active participation of 203 women beneficiaries, who engaged in interactive discussions and shared their experiences. The programs served as a platform to reinforce the message that empowerment begins with awareness, unity, collective efforts and informed action.



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