

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT - SELF HELP GROUPS (SHG)



*SHG Members with International Scholar in  
Community Development Studies*

The Sacred Heart College Society's initiative for women's empowerment focuses on bringing women together to establish a foundation of trust and support. As an outgrowth of the Women's Empowerment programme, the Self Help Groups (SHGs) allow women to save small sums of money each month (Self Help

Groups). They take out small loans from their SHGs, which helps them break their dependence on conventional lenders for small-scale credit needs. The SHG also enables female entrepreneurs to launch modest businesses. In addition to giving these women financial independence, the SHG gives them a forum to talk about social issues. It increases their sense of unity, boosts their self-assurance, and gives them a place to vent and think through answers. Currently, we manage this initiative in collaboration with Indian Bank and Other Nationalized Banks and NABFINS (NABARD Financial Services Pvt. Ltd.). Our SHGs have worked in businesses such as creating coir yarn, coir mats; small millets value additions, masala powder, milk value additions, vermi composting, leaf plates, detergents and cleaning supplies, petty shops, and snack production and other businesses.

S. No.	Particulars	Total									
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	Total No. of Groups	186	372	484	611	772	952	952	982	782	750
2	Total No of New Group Formed	56	112	127	161	180	225	225	124	124	67
3	No. of Women	3630	7260	9165	11580	12532	14280	14280	14124	16948	20332
4	Loan Linked Groups	69	137	168	221	270	352	352	293	190	282
5	No. of Differently Abled SHGs	2	03	04	4	4	4	4	4	4	0
6	No. of Differently Abled Members	17	34	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	0