

**Wine shop shut down
at Nagla Sumera**



SHGs not only contribute to enhance the economic condition, but also help deal with social issues of its members and of the village as a whole.

In the same group, there is a woman whose husband was a drunkard. He worked as a construction laborer and spent all his earnings on alcohol. Everyday he would return home and beat his wife. She tried to resist and avoid such circumstances which would lead to such abuse, but despite all her efforts, she could not succeed.

After much turmoil and reasoning with herself to disclose this problem to others, she gathered courage and shared this issue with the SHG group members, with a hope to receive some assistance. The group met her husband at her house and reasoned with him to utilize his earnings for the welfare of the family, rather than to waste it away on alcoholism. But, he preferred not to change. The group also instructed him, that if in future, he raised his hand on his wife and children; they would file a legal complaint against him and put him behind bars.

The women then, took the decision to close down the wine shop in the village. As a result, the man realized his fault and stopped drinking. Now he is providing for and taking care of his family. Sunita (name changed) is a happy women and free from physical torture, she is also able to contribute to the family income through the various SHG activities.

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