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Correlates of empowerment of farm women in agriculture through entrepreneurship development

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Agriculture, Entrepreneurship, Economic Empowerment, Social empowerment, Political empowerment **SUMMARY:** Empowerment enables women to realize their potential and power in all spheres of life. The present study was designed to through light on empowerment of farm women entrepreneurs and reveal its association with selected independent variables. The empowerment was divided into three dimensions 'economic empowerment', 'social empowerment' and 'political empowerment'. The study was conducted in Sivasagar district of Assam. A total 120 respondents has been selected. The study revealed that age, annual income, experience, self confidence, education, sources of finance, sources of borrowing and training exposure were positively and significantly related at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability with economic empowerment. While social empowerment is positively and significantly related with annual income, self confidence, family type and training exposure at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability and independent variables like annual income, self confidence, education and training exposure is positively and significantly related with political empowerment at 0.05 and 0.01 level of probability. The correlation co-efficient in respect of rest of the variables were found to be non-significant which indicated that they were not deciding factors of economic empowerment, social empowerment and political empowerment of farm women entrepreneurs.

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