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TRANSLATION:**TRAINING ON CANDLE MAKING AND HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS FOR WOMEN**

Darjeeling, 26 November: Hayden Hall Institute organized a three-day training programme aimed at economically empowering women through the production of candles, incense sticks, jam, washing powder, and other household products.

The training, which began on Tuesday, saw the participation of more than 60 women from various villages and communities of Darjeeling, Kurseong, Mirik, and the neighbouring state of Sikkim.

Two instructors from an agricultural centre in Ranchi conducted the sessions, where participants received practical training and demonstrated the preparation of the household products. Certificates were later distributed to the participants by Pastor Paul on behalf of Hayden Hall.

Following the training, Hayden Hall health workers have already begun preparing Ayurvedic medicines practically at the institution. Trained health workers including Bhumika Pradhan, Purnima Tamang, Anju Rai, and Dawa Lepcha are actively involved in the initiative. Additional health workers serving in remote villages of Kalimpong and areas such as Harsingh, Dabaipani, College Valley, Rimbick, and Alubari are also undergoing training.

According to the trainees, the herbal preparations are made using carefully measured proportions of herbal extracts and alcohol mixtures. The medicines are used for treating ailments related to cough, gastric problems, blood and urinary disorders, while herbal creams are prepared for skin-related conditions.

Dispensary In-charge Mani Chettri further stated that instead of marketing the herbal medicines commercially, the institution is making them available at affordable prices within the organization itself. Economically disadvantaged patients are also being provided medicines either at highly subsidized rates or free of cost.
