



TARA Akshar+ Neo-literates are COVID Warriors for their Villages

In the wake of this pandemic, the neo-literates of the TARA Akshar+ programme have become COVID warriors in their villages. With the help of the Gram Panchayats the neo-literates from two villages in Babina Block of Jhansi District, Uttar Pradesh, namely KhajrahaBuzurg and KhajrahaKhurd, stitched masks and distributed them among underprivileged women.

The neo-literates have come together to help the District Administration and their community in the fight against COVID-19. In KhajrahaBuzurg, with the support of the Gram Pradhan, Harnam Singh, and under the supervision of TARA Saheli, Sonam Devi, TA+ neo-literate women, Rani Ahirwar and Bhavna Devi stitched 350 masks for their community. They have then distributed these masks to the women living below the poverty line in their village. They have also spread awareness on the correct usage of masks and their importance in these times.

Similarly, in the village KhajrahaKhurd, with the support of the Gram Pradhan, Seema Rajput, the neo-literates Shashi, Rajkumari, and Meena Devi stitched 300 masks which they handed over to their Gram Pradhan for distribution to the women living below the poverty line.

TARA Akshar+ neo literates are coming forward to the forefront to serve the society. At present, these women are providing invaluable help in protecting people from the pandemic by making masks. They get the material from the Gram Pradhans and are earning INR 4 for stitching each mask.

Awareness regarding the ways to prevent the virus is just as important. The Neo-literate women along with TARA SaheliesSonam Devi, Kavita Devi, and Ward Members Hari Om and YashwantRajpoot are committed to spread awareness among the communities and provide them with required handholding support on major aspects of hygiene and safe practices. They are communicating the importance of social distancing, and are also spreading the message to wash hands with soap at quick intervals, throughout the day but especially before cooking or eating a meal.

In doing so, these women are ensuring that their villages are better equipped to combat COVID-19. This initiative was coordinated by TARA Akshar+ Supervisor Ashish Yadav. He understood that in bleak times such as these require them to come together in unity. This activity has been appreciated by the District Administration and has been widely reported by the regional newspapers.