



### Workshop on Sustainable Agriculture Techniques for 400 TARA Akshar+ Neo literates

A workshop on agriculture awareness for 400 TARA Akshar+ neo literates was organised by The Million Farmers School (*Kisan Pathshala*), run by Department of Agriculture, Government of Uttar Pradesh, in Lalitpur district. The four-day workshop was attended by 40 TARA Akshar+ Neo literates across 10 villages. From 21 to 24 October 2019, the workshop was held in Villages Madwari and Adwaha and from 4 to 7 November 2019 the workshop was held in Villages Sivnikhurd, Thanwara, Pataura Kalan, Bharatpura, Barauda Swami, Mainwara, Amarpur and Lakhanpura in UP.

Neo literates were certified for gaining training on various sustainable farming techniques. Important information was imparted on rabi crops, organic farming, soil health card, crop insurance scheme, agricultural diversification and use of advanced agricultural techniques. These have been valuable for the farmers as they are focused on increasing agricultural

production along with reducing the costs involved to ensure efficiency. An information booklet in the form of a handout was also given to each farmer who attended the workshop.

A Graduation Ceremony was held on 7 November 2019 to honour the Neoliterates who participated in the training at Village Sivni Khurd. Manohar Lal Mannu Kori, Minister of State Government graced the event as the Chief Guest and inaugurated 'The Million Farmers School' (Kisan Pathshala) programme to enhance the income of the farmers by the Year 2022. Santosh Kumar Savita, Deputy Director-Agriculture in his address at the ceremony highlighted that agriculture is the biggest contributor to the state's economy as agriculture employs 68 per cent of the state's population. Thus it is necessary to register with the Agriculture Department to take advantage of the government schemes for the farming community. Gaurav Yadav, District Agriculture Officer, Lalitpur stressed upon the need for organic farming and its benefits for the Neo-literates. To conclude the ceremony, the Neo literates' pledged to adopt the best agricultural practices as taught.