



Fostering Self-Reliance through Livelihood Development

TARA Akshar+ has always inspired women to reach uncharted territories and has renewed hope for their future. Recently, 30 TARA Akshar+ neo literates of Bhagwanpur were provided with sewing machines under the provisions of the Building and Other Construction Workers Act, 1996, Government of Uttarakhand. Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board constituted by the Labour Department, Government of Uttarakhand and the Board's Welfare schemes are operated under the provisions of the Building and Other Construction Workers Act, 1996 for registered eligible construction workers employed in MGNREGA.

Through the Guest Speaker Sessions conducted in the Gyan Chaupali meetings, the neo literates involved in construction work were made aware of the schemes operating under the act. Thereafter, the neo literates were asked to register their names and were assisted in making their labour cards. Accordingly, they were able to utilise the benefits of the schemes and provisions of the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board. As a result, 30 neo literates were provided with sewing machines under this scheme. Out of these, 18 neo literates are from village Budhwa Shaheed and 12 neo literates are from village Lalwala Majbata. Sewing machines were distributed by the respective Gram Pradhans on behalf of Harak Singh Rawat, Labour Minister Government of Uttarakhand. These women have set on the path of self-reliance and would now be using these sewing machines for livelihood development.

In Jakhaura, a guest speakers' session was organised to spread awareness on washing hands with soap among 45 TARA Akshar+ neo-literates. The guest speaker session was conducted by Adesh Kumar Srivastava, District Coordinator, National Tuberculosis Control Program, Lalitpur. He stressed on the proper technique to wash hands with soap after blowing nose, coughing or sneezing, after touching an animal, animal feed or animal waste, after handling pet food or pet treats and after touching garbage. Furthermore, the Divisional Commissioner of Jhansi, Subhash Chandra Sharma (IAS); District Magistrate (DM) Lalitpur, Manvendra Singh (IAS); Chief Development Officer, VP Pandey and Chief Medical Officer, Pratap Singh also made a surprise visit to Dailwara to support the initiative.