



### Graduation Ceremony of TARA Akshar+ Neo-literates in Lalitpur (Uttar Pradesh)

**D**evelopment Alternatives' TARA Akshar+ Literacy and Numeracy programme is an extremely successful and cost effective method enabling illiterate people to read, write and do simple arithmetic. With support from various Government and Non-Governmental organisations, the TARA Akshar+ Literacy programme has been successfully delivered to over 2 lakh illiterate women at their door step. The programme has been delivered in more than 800 villages in 8 states of Northern India.

On 12th February 2019, a graduation ceremony was organised in Jakhaura Block of Lalitpur District to honour the TARA Akshar+ neo-literates who passed the literacy and numeracy examination during the Teaching Cycle 2 and 3, which were conducted from June to November 2018. A total of 1961 women received the TARA Akshar+ certificates. Shri Manvendra Singh (District Magistrate, Lalitpur) was the Chief Guest for the event; whereas, Capt. M. M. Baig (Superintendent of Police, Lalitpur), Shrimati Gazal Bharadwaj (Sub District Magistrate Lalitpur/In charge Basic Shiksha Adhikari, IAS), Dr. Pratap Singh (Chief Medical Officer, Lalitpur) and Ms. Pushpa Verma (District Program Officer, ICDS, Lalitpur) were the special guests. The certificates were distributed by the guests, Gram Pradhans, Gram Panchayat members, Anganwadi and ASHA workers.