TARA Akshar+ Neo-literates Celebrated World Environment Day 2020

Neo-literates of TARA Akshar+ adult literacy programme, of Development Alternatives, celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2020. These women dedicated the day to spreading awareness about the importance of a clean and green environment. They planted trees on this occasion in Bhagwanpur Block, Haridwar District in Uttrakhand.

The neo-literates along with the TARA Sahelis and the Supervisory team planted more than 200 saplings in 6 villages, namely HalluMajra, Nawada, NagalPalooni, Dadapatti, KhediShikohpur and Sikraudha in Uttrakhand. The participants of the plantation drive also followed all prevention measures for COVID-19, such as wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing.

As the lockdown had put a halt to activities across the country including the TA+ classes, which provides numeracy and literacy skills to women using ICT based technology, and the Gyan Chaupali, a six-month post-literacy initiative that imparts livelihood preparedness skills. The CSO partner of Development Alternatives in Bhagwanpur - Village Development Society organised this plantation drive to celebrate Environment Day and also to get the momentum running for future classes.

In this plantation drive 50 saplings of Guava, Peepal, Neem, Banyan, Tulsi, Arjun Jamun, and Mango trees were sourced by Village Development Society from a local nursery. The block coordinator Paras Sani and senior supervisors Mueed Alam, Ankur Satyendra, and Vinesh also donated 10 saplings each. The rest of the saplings

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which included Guava, Peepal, Neem, Banyan, Tulsi, Arjun Jamun, Mango, Mahogany, Oleander (Kaner), and Pomegranate and Eucalyptus trees were arranged by the TARA Sahelis and the Neo-literates themselves.

The main objective of this activity was to create awareness around Environment Day among the women and to infuse enthusiasm for the classes and Gyan Chaupal aimed at the mission of adult literacy. The event was also covered in various local newspapers.