Torchbearers of Good WASH Practices

A two-day training workshop on WASH was conducted in four villages of Manesar - Shikohpur, Navrangpur, Nakhdaula and Pathredi - on 21st and 22nd February 2018, under the project, "Unnati...Aao Sanwarein Apna Kal", by Development Alternatives (DA) and Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India Pvt. Ltd. The aim was to train the students on WASH and inform them of its importance and effects on their life. 65 students were selected as WASH ambassadors who would be involved in awareness activities in their schools and villages. The training was held through four sessions. In the first, the CLEAN WASH mascot was introduced, and the students were encouraged to adopt good water and sanitation practices. The second session, ‘Safe water – Healthy life’, acquainted the students with the different sources of water, the difference between safe water and contaminated water, and water treatment methods at household level. The third was a post-training evaluation session. The last session imparted knowledge to the WASH ambassadors on hand washing techniques. The workshop transferred the onus on these ambassadors for spreading awareness in the village on the process of hand washing technique. Each ambassador would be responsible for engaging five others, and would be given the charge of reporting on the water and sanitation facility in their school. The workshop was successfully carried out by Jyoti Shresth and Roopali Gupta, Fellows at DA. This intervention served the broader objective of mobilising every community member, and enabling them to pass on the water sanitation and hygiene practices to the future generations as well.