



### Skill Development Courses to Transform Lives of Girls

**D**evelopment Alternatives (DA), under the project 'Unnati... Aao Sanwaarein Apna Kal', supported by 'Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India Pvt. Ltd.', organised a graduation ceremony to certify the qualified trainees under skill development courses on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Manesar (Haryana). In all, 45 trainees enrolled under the Assistant Beauty Therapist (ABT) and the Sewing Machine Operator (SMO) course, were felicitated with National Skill Development Centre (NSDC) approved certificates. The participants were trained for three months under these courses in two villages of Manesar. A guest lecture session for both the courses was given to the trainees to build their understanding deeper and boost their confidence. After the completion of the training, examinations were held in both the villages in the presence of an expert after which the certification was conducted.

For both the courses, trainers were identified and appointed from the community itself so as to make the learning easily adaptable for the girls. For another set of training, the ABT centre at Nakhrola was inaugurated by the Sarpanch of the village, Ms. Sanjam Yadav, and SMO centre was inaugurated in Shikohpur by the Sarpanch, Mr. Lakhan Singh. The total students that have been enrolled for the next batch in both the courses are 35 in number and expected to increase once the centres will start running at full pace.

The Sarpanchs of both the villages have ensured that they will support the project till the end and encourage the girls to take part in the programme and learn. The Sarpanch of Shikohpur has also extended his help in providing livelihood opportunity to the girls. The project aims to transform the lives of girls from being perceived as a liability, to becoming leaders of change.