



### Graduation Ceremony of TARA Akshar+ Neo-literates

**T**ARA Akshar+, an ICT based Adult Literacy Programme of Development Alternatives, is being run in more than 8 states of India. The programme has made about 2 Lakh women functionally literate. Graduation ceremonies were organised at three locations - Aurai Block of Bhadohi District and Kachhauna Block of Hardoi District, Uttar Pradesh and Bhagwanpur Block of Haridwar District, Uttarakhand. More than 1650 TARA Akshar+ neo-literates were felicitated with certificates for successful completion of the 56 days of literacy and numeracy teaching cycle. The chief guest of the function at Aurai, was Shri Nand Kumar Maurya, Chairman-Nagar Panchayat Khamariya, Aurai Block; and Shri Sunil Dutt Dubey, Station Officer, Aurai Block was the special guest. The chief guest for the event at Kachhauna Block was Manoj Kumar, Director of RSETI from Bank of India. In the graduation ceremony at Bhagwanpur, Shri Pushpendar Singh Chauhan, Officiating Chief Development Officer, Haridwar and Shrimati Kusum Dobriyal, Assistant Block Development Officer and Shri Suresh Rathore, Assistant Block Education Officer, Bhagwanpur Block were the special guests. The TARA Akshar+ programme at Bhadohi and Haridwar districts are being supported by IKEA Foundation; whereas those in Hardoi district are being supported by HCL Foundation.