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ARPAN

Association for Rural Planning & Action

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About us

Our Vision *A SOCIETY BASED ON SOCIAL & ECONOMICAL JUSTICE , EQUALITY , EQUITY*

Our Mission *COMMUNITY INSTITUTION BUILDING FOR SOCIAL CHNAGE & JUSTICE*

ARPAN — Association for Rural Planning & Action is a Right Based NGO , registered under the Society Registration Act 1860 on October 24 , 1996 .

The organization is based in a District Pithoragarh in the State of Uttarakhand , India , which lies in the Central Himalayan Belt and Pithoragarh lies at the tri junction of Nepal and Tibet with river Kali separating its Eastern boards with Nepal.

The organisation was set-up with the following objectives -:

- To Support Community Institutions in making them self-reliant and empowered.
- To revive the diminishing /shrinking space and values within the society.
- Socio-economic and socio-political empowerment of women through their capacity building to enable them to fight all forms of discrimination and oppression.
- Work in support and alliance with like minded institutions on National & International issues.

Moving on

The year 2019 -2020 has witnessed mainly developments . At the grass root level the community based organizations have been able to assert their rights to life and livelihood . They have been able to strengthen their capacities and work collectively on many fronts .

Our overall work involved – to Sensitize , Build partnerships , Facilitate , Advocate , Explore new ways and Document .

The year's progress has been reflected in the report through community accomplishments and challenges .

Major Issues of Concern :

Integrated development of the most marganilised to secure their basic human rights to life , livelihood and dignity .

Accomplishments of the year

Women Empowerment :

We believe that women can be empowered only through collective efforts , as it involves their cultural , social , economical and political empowerment . Women from the marganalised community were given space and opportunities to address their issues of concern . Support of their family members , society and administration helped them move forward individually and collectively . The organisation worked with , and amongst the community in 03 blocks of District Pithoragrh , namely Dharchula , Didihat and Kannalichhina .

The Impact of different activities organised for women during the year were as follows –

Women leadership workshops were organised for elected women representatives , the main objective was to enable women Pradhan , up-pradhan and ward members to participate and carry out their work effectively in all spheres of their life .

Leadership and skill development training , workshops and meetings were organised in 84 gram sabhas , and 240 newly elected women representatives were covered . Pre- panchayat election awareness programs were carried out through SWEEP (strengthen women in the electoral process) . Street plays , awareness through mobile van , phamplet and poster dissemination and small meetings , covered around 7000 people from the 03 Blocks . People were given information on the panchayat election process , Do's and Don't's pre , during and after polling and strengthen women to contest on their own decision .



Prospective leadership workshop



SWEEP campaign – street play



Elected Women Leadership workshop

Women farmers practising sustainable agriculture practices :

Women farmers from 15 villages of District Pithoragrh have increased their livelihood through sustainable agriculture practice . There has been a considerable increase in the production of vermin compost by women farmers and organic agriculture is giving good results in the production of vegetables . Women farmers were strengthened through trainings , workshops and exposure visits . The women cooperative members set up stall in different local fairs .



Organic vegetable cultivation



Vermi compost



Women spice unit



Marketing – women farmer stall

Our Partners in the change for a better Family and Society :

The accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of our donors , esteemed community leaders , government officials , civil society organisations and individuals . We would like to acknowledge them for their support and solidarity . We may not be able to name each and every stakeholder , but everyone with a positive and progressive thinking and action is important .

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