

Initiatives taken by Uttarakhand State

(Department of Women Empowerment and Child Development)

Save the Girl Child Scheme; especially in the context of BBBP-

- 1. Nanda Devi Kanya Yojana:** This scheme is now known as '*Hamari Kanya Hamara Abhiman*'. State govt, is running this scheme with the objective of providing financial security for the future education of girl child and also stopping female feticide. Under this scheme girl child would be eligible to get an amount of Rs. 15000/- deposited in her name.
- 2. Success Story under BBBP:** The Poorna Shakti Kendra (PSK) scheme is being run at Haridwar District through SRCW under NMEW since April 2014. The PSK regularly organizes various activities at its centre, one couple Mrs. Reshma Khan w/o Mr. Salim Khan of village Bahadrabad, Block Bahadrabad, Haridwar started attending awareness meetings and convergence workshops by the motivation of village coordinator Mrs. Gulnazar. After 9 years of marriage (5th Nov 2006), Mrs. Reshma Khan conceived but in the last month of her pregnancy, the child died before the delivery. She had to undergo surgery to take out the dead child and save her life. Since then Mrs. Reshma Khan (40 yrs) could not conceive, and even after rigorous medical treatments, no solution could be found. However, she did not lose hope and prayed to God for a child. Simultaneously, she was frequently attending the events of PSK and from one of the workshop she got an idea of adopting a child of a poor family who is willing to donate. Shortly, she decided to adopt a girl child and on 29th August 2014, the biological father Mr. Mohammed Iqbaal and mother Mrs. Radiya willingly donated their girl child. Mrs. Reshma Khan gave her a very good name '*Mariyam*'. Mrs. Reshma Khan and her husband are very grateful to PSK and its field staff. She rejected all social oppositions & evils while following her inner soul voice who suggested her to adopt a needy girl child and give her a good upbringing so that she can grow up as a good human and have a chance to prove herself. Mrs. Reshma by adopting a girl child not only has found a way of happiness for herself but also she has done a good deed for the well being of the society.

3. Dishayen - Career Counselling of Adolescent girls: Adolescent girls of remote districts being made aware by providing information about various career options in various arenas through professional institutions.

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