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### **Non Formal Education Center – Village Chali**



Dariya Kunwar Padiyar is eleven years old. She is a student of the Non Formal Education Center (NFE) in Village Chali. When she came to the NFE she was not able to read or write. But now she has acquired the ability to read and write and do simple calculations.

Dariya had passed class five from the Government Primary School a year ago. One day her father asked her to read something. To his surprise she was not able to recognize any letter (in Hindi). Dariya's father then asked her to do a simple calculation and she was not able to do it. His heart sank upon realizing that his daughter had not learnt anything in five years. Dariya's father shared this incident with Tej Singh who is a neighbor of theirs. He said to Tej Singh –“I want my daughter to be able to read and write and not simply to hold a certificate from the School”. Tej Singh encouraged Dariya's father to send her to his NFE.

Therefore, Dariya was admitted to the NFE in July 2007. In only few months she was able to read and write. She can also do simple calculations. She is very bright and Tej Singh says-“Dariya is now in 'B' grade and would be able to go to the 6<sup>th</sup> standard in only two years”.

Dariya's younger brother Devi Singh also attends the same NFE and is also a bright student. They both enjoy studying together in the same grade. Dariya's father is now extremely satisfied with her performance.



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