

Literacy is the best remedy

According to UNESCO, about 774 million adults lack the minimum literacy skills. One in five adults is still not literate and two-thirds of them are women. About 75 million children are out-of-school and many more attend irregularly or drop out. However, literacy is also a cause for celebration on the day because there are nearly four billion literate people in the world.



The UN General Assembly proclaimed a 10-year period beginning on January 1, 2003, as the United Nations Literacy Decade. The assembly also welcomed the International Plan of Action for the Decade and decided for UNESCO to take a coordinating role in activities at an international level within the decade's framework. On International Literacy Day each year, UNESCO reminds the international community of the status of literacy and adult learning globally.

“NCHD mission is to support the government by filling the implementation gaps and improve public sector delivery mechanisms to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and “Education For All” with focus on:

Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education

Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and empower women

Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality

Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health”

In this connection, HDSU Lakki Marwat, organized

a ceremony to mark the Opening of Adult Literacy

Centers Literacy Phase – II (2012 – 2013)



Background:

In order to sustain the liaison with stakeholders i.e. Elected Representatives, Government Line Departments, NGOs etc at the district level, Tahir Sharif, District General Manager and Alif Gul, DPML Lakki Marwat have been in close contact with Mr. Anwar Saifullah Khan (MPA & Provincial President PPP – KPK) and Chief Coordinator of Saifullah brothers Mr. Amir Mashal Khan respectively since the start of Literacy Phase – II (2012 – 13).

Keeping in view the Inauguration Ceremony of Adult Literacy Centers at the district level and the expected dissolution of Provincial and National Assemblies after completion of five years, DGM Lakki Marwat contacted Mr. Anwar Saifullah Khan through his email on March 6, 13 and invited him for the ceremony. He was kind enough and consented to participate in the event on

March 8, 13. In this way the activity was organized through unified efforts of NCHD team Lakki Marwat.

The Chief Guest Mr. Anwar Saifullah Khan (MPA) during his address, appreciated NCHD's efforts in promotion of adult literacy among illiterate female with in "chadar & chardewari" (with in the parameters of culture and religion). He lamented the low literacy ratio among the female population of district Lakki Marwat i.e. 8.16 %. He said that he would work for re-opening of closed primary schools in the district which were used by the influential people as "Hujras" (common place). He said that he intended to setup a Technical University in District Lakki Marwat if the government of PPP came into power again.