

### Income Generation through Napier Grass Sale

Himmotthan Society, Dehradun with the help of Shri Bhuvneshwari Mahila Ashram has been running Integrated Fodder Development and Livestock Project (IFLDP) in Block Ghat since 2008. In the beginning, 4 village panchayats were selected for the implementation of the project. Village Lankhi, Sarpani, Banjbagad, Narangi, Mathkot and Kurood were selected for the implementation of the project. After the successful implementation, 8 more village panchayats have been added to the project area between 2011 and 2014. The main objectives of the project were to produce good quality fodder for livestock, reduction in the workload of women and encourage people to build their occupation as a sustainable income generation source.

In June 2010, all the project villages formed a federation comprised of members from all the project villages. Federation was formed to connect the villagers with the market and to develop dairy business. Initially, a milk collector was employed who would collect the milk from 10 village panchayats and deliver it to road site. It was decided to pay the employee 50 paise per litre for milk collection and Rupees 1,000/- monthly to deliver it to road site.

Saradi Devi, village Narangi has been associated with Shri Bhuvneshwari Mahila Ashram/ Himmotthan Society since 2008 and is the President of village federation group "Mahadev". Saradi Devi is a widow having 4 children and did not have any source of income for livelihood. She also has a Father-in-Law whose complete responsibility is also on her shoulders. When federation was formed in 2010, Saradi Devi started working as milk collector and also got involved in fodder development program. She also built a nursery for livelihood generation purpose. Now she earns Rupees 1,000/- per month which releases a bit of financial pressure of her. Additionally, she sells 70 to 90 quintals of Fodder grass worth Rupees 28,000 to 38,000/- This project has been very helpful for Saradi Devi as she has now a better economical condition. Continuous trainings, orientations and information dissemination from Himmotthan Society and Shri Bhuvneshwari Mahila Ashram, she also bought a well bred cattle producing 4 to 5 litres of milk every day. On an average, she earns Rupees 3,750/- from sale of milk. If we analyse the overall situation, she is now better taking care of her children and father-in-law due to her hard work and involvement in IFLDP.



#### Average data of her earnings from Sale of Fodder Grass, Milk and Employment

S.N>	Income from Sale of Milk				Income from milk collection	Fodder Grass Sale	Total Income
	Everyday production	Monthly Production	Annual Production	Income in Rupees			
1	5	150	1800	45000	12000	36000	93000
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>45000</b>	<b>12000</b>	<b>36000</b>	<b>93000</b>