



Potato crop on reclaimed land at Neewan Farm, Literacy House, Lucknow.

In 1966 the Young Farmers' Institute was established to meet the need to relate literacy education to agricultural development. Focused on land development, its program aims to make young farmers and their wives functionally literate by teaching and demonstrating improved agricultural practices and agro-industrial techniques in hand with literacy training. The curriculum includes better use of water and land, use of fertilizers and improved seeds, maintenance of pump-sets, operation and repair of tractors and farm machinery, animal husbandry, carpentry and family life welfare.

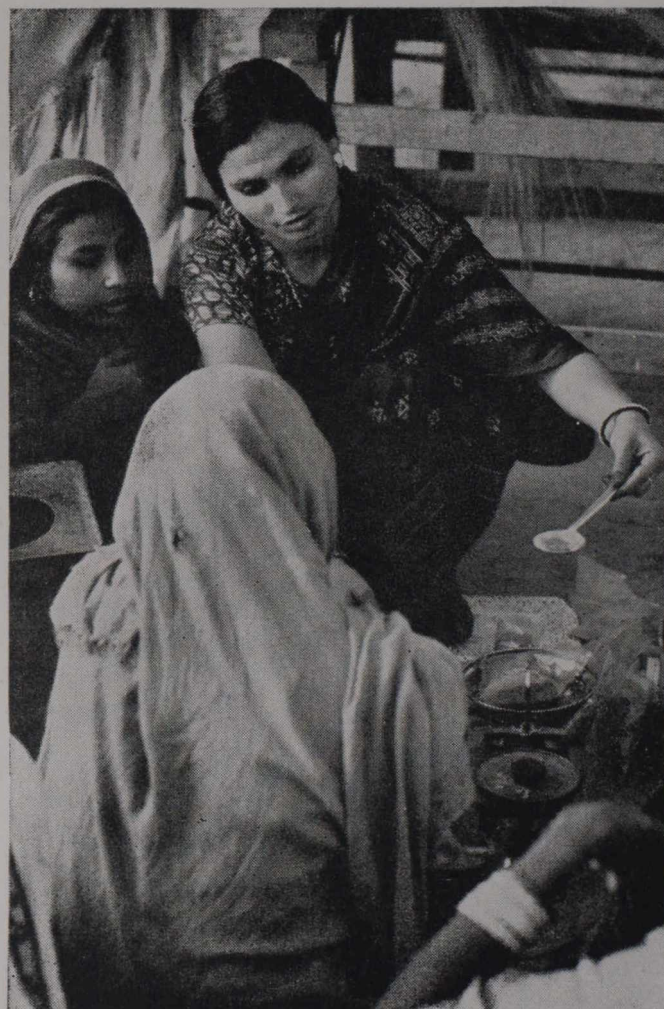
A Family Life Centre was started in 1969 to emphasize the three F's—Functional Literacy, Food Production and Family Life Education. The goal is to encourage smaller, healthier and better educated families. The women are taught family life planning, population education, nutrition, child care, home management, homemaker skills and trends in rural developments.

Bikaner Adult Education Association

World Literacy of Canada has since 1967 been supporting a program of functional literacy started in Bikaner, Rajasthan, in 1965, with the formation of the Bikaner Adult Education Association.

The program now involves sixteen women's education centres teaching sewing, embroidery and other crafts which will enable them to supplement family income, as well as basic concepts of nutrition, child care, health and family planning and hygiene. There are thirty-two rural functional literacy centres where men receive literacy training related to their crafts. There are also eighteen literacy centres located at famine relief camps and three adult education centres in Bikaner city.

A World Literacy of Canada grant of Rs. 100,000 given in 1969, enabled the Association to expand its programs into the rural areas. Further grants of Rs. 42,000 per year for four years are continuing to finance the program. These contributions have been matched by grants from CIDA.



A family life education class at Literacy House, Lucknow. (Photo: Dirk Halstead)