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during the year 2007-08 SPARDHA successfully worked for the revival of *Naulas*, the traditional source of water in Kumaun region. Once there used to be around 350 *Naulas* in and around Almora town. The Chand rulers when shifted their capital from Champawat to Almora, they built these *naulas*. These *naulas* remained full of water all round the year and these were only source of water for drinking and other purposes in

that times. There was no scarcity of water but the scenario has totally changed now. There are only about 50 *naulas* at the most which survive today and rest 350 *naulas* are lying defunct. This is all due to the apathy of people.

Almora town and nearby areas are suffering from water scarcity and the situation becomes grim during summers. People ultimately have to resort to *naulas* for survival. People are dependent on piped water which comes from River '*Kosi*'. River '*Kosi*' is a rain fed it has abundant water during rainy months but gradually the water flow decreases and in summer it becomes completely dry.



To overcome this problem of water scarcity, in and around Almora town, is SPARDHA's objective. SPARDHA successfully renovated four defunct *Naulas* in the following villages:

Details of 'Renovation work of Naulas'

SI	Village	No of Naulas	Developmental Block	District	Sponsored by
1.	Railakot	2	Hawalbag	Almora	Peoples Science Institute (PSI), Dehradun
2.	Mumurchhina	1	Hawalbag	Almora	PSI, Dehradun
3	Syunrakot	1	Hawalbag	Almora	PSI, Dehradun

SPARDHA is committed to the socio-economic development of the Himalayan region mainly for the rural area. To achieve its vision SPARDHA has always been engaged in the activities which could make people self-sufficient if not to that extent they could at least add to their income. SPARDHA conducts training and awareness programmes for the economically weak villagers. The detail of training programmes conducted during the year 2007-08 is as follows:



Training/ Awareness Programmes Conducted by SPARDHA

SI.	Name of the Training	Venue	Sponsor	No of Participants	Date -Days	
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1	Bee Keeping training programme	Shail Anandpur, Hawalbag	Khadi & Village industries Commission	20	17.1.08 - 31.1.08	15

2	Bee Keeping training programme	Danya, Dhauladevi	Khadi & Village industries Commission	20 (One SHG)	20.2.08 - 6.3.08	15
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SPARDHA always invites dignitaries to its Honey Processing Plant at Pataldevi, Almora to know their feed back and to get inspired by their words of appreciation. SPARDHA seeks suggestions from guests and visitors to work in better way so that the villagers could get benefited. Since SPARDHA came into existence in 1994, many high profile persons have made their kind visit to the Honey Processing Plant and have appreciated the efforts of the organization. The detail of guest/ visitors during 2007-08 is as follows:

Guests/ Visitors

SI	Name	Place	Date	Purpose
1.	Ms Ila Imani, MBA, IMA-Calcutta	103, Kings Apartments, 10 th Road, JVPD, Mumbai-400049	5.2.2008	Organization
2.	Mr Shabbir Imanni, MBA, IMA-Calcutta	103, Kings Apartments, 10 th Road, JVPD, Mumbai-400049	5.2.2008	Organization
3	Mr. Aman Imani	103, Kings Apartments, 10 th Road, JVPD, Mumbai-400049	5.2.2008	Organization
4	Prof. DP Agrawal, FNASc	10, Jayanti Lal Park, Amla Bopal Road, Ahmedabad	17.9.07	Organization