

30th January, 2018 (Havloc Road, Lucknow – U.P.)

Margdarshak's Clients Interface Meeting with British High Commissioner & DFID Head

It was a great occasion for *Margdarshak* when the British High Commissioner visited its the Micro-Finance Clients in the slums near Havloc Road, Lucknow and interacted with them personally. **Sir Dominic Asquith**, High Commissioner, UK, along with **Mr. Gavin McGillivray**, Minister Counsellor Development and Head DFID India, **St. John Gould**, Director Trade Economics and Prosperity and their team praised the activities being executed by the *Margdarshak* Clients. The slum colony is situated opposite to *Yojna Bhawan* in Hazratganj area. Most of the urban-slum-dwellers are below poverty line. They make their living by vending goods & services on the streets of Lucknow.

The Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom (UK), is providing funds and grants to the developing and the under-developed countries to escalate the living conditions of their people through income generation prospects. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is the implementing agency directly involved with them. They have already initiated projects on Digital Financial Literacy and Women Empowerment Up Scaling Programmes which *Margdarshak* actively covered the targeted clusters of UP.

Mr. Gavin, highly praised *Margdarshak* for assisting Micro-Finance Clients and becoming a partner in the development of the society. Mr. Rahul J. Mitra, MD & CEO Margdarshak, who was also present, apprised the growth stories of their clients. Mrs. Sonmani and Mr. Amarnath Gupta representatives of SIDBI also graced the occasion.



(At centre) British High Commissioner, **Sir Dominic Asquith**, (to his left) **Mr. Gavin McGillivray** DFID Head India, with the clients of Margdarshak.