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Nestled in the hills of Bhattedanda-02, Bagmati Rural Municipality, Shree Saatkanya Basic School witnessed something its students and teachers had never experienced before. As students lined up for their morning assembly, a colorful banner stretched across the stage read: "The Little Leaders — Book Launch."

Two young students, Dolma from Class 3 and Saajan from Class 4, were called to the stage; a moment that marked the beginning of something meaningful for their entire school community.

INTRODUCING THE LITTLE LEADERS HANDBOOK

The event was organized by Social Lab as part of its Financial Stimulation Model (FSM) with the collaboration with Books for Change, Switzerland; an initiative that brings financial literacy to young learners in underserved communities.

Social Lab's FSM Fellow, Pratik Karki, addressed the gathering, sharing the vision behind the handbook: "The handbook delivers financial literacy through a child-friendly approach, and students will get excited to learn new things on every page they turn."

The Little Leaders Handbook was developed to complement the FSM work already underway at the school, making financial concepts engaging, accessible, and age-appropriate for young minds.



Words from the School

The school's Head Teacher and English Teacher both took a moment to speak about the significance of this initiative highlighting how the handbook supports students not only in building financial awareness but also in strengthening their language skills. Moments like these, they noted, go a long way in broadening a child's perspective from an early age.

73 Students, One Shared Experience

A total of 73 students participated in the launch event. Following the assembly, students from Classes 3 to 8 gathered in the school hall, where teachers and the FSM Fellow oriented them on how to make the most of their new handbook; page by page, lesson by lesson.

For many in the room both students and teachers alike, it was a first-of-its-kind experience.

