

NGO gives financial help to armless girl

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BHARATPUR: Twelve-year-old Kirti, who lost her hands in an accident four years ago, will soon get artificial limbs and an opportunity to pursue her dream of becoming a school-teacher.

Lupin Human Welfare and Research Foundation, a non-governmental organisation working for rural development, has extended help to the family in Bhartapur's Lalita Mudiya village after Hindustan Times highlighted the story of the gritty girl in its August 29 edition.

The Class 8 student of a government-run upper primary school, Kirti lost her hands in 2012 when she accidentally touched a live wire.

Doctors had to amputate her hands and some fingers of right foot to prevent infection



from spreading to other parts of the body.

Despite physical disability, the girl learnt to write with her foot and studied hard to score first division marks in Class 6 and 7 exams.

"We will take her (Kirti) to

better hospitals in the country and get her artificial hands. The foundation will also provide financial assistance to the family for the child's education from time to time. The girl is very intelligent and Lupin Foundation will always stands



■ Kirti, who lost her hands in an accident four years ago. HT FILE

with her to see that she achieves her dream," Sitaram Gupta, director of Lupin Foundation, told HT on Tuesday.

The NGO handed over a ₹11,000 cheque to Kirti's father Hemraj on Tuesday.

When Kirti first heard about

it first, she broke into a lively little jig. "Although I had lost both my hands, I faced no trouble. My parents and friends were very supportive and helped me to carry on with my education. Now, I will study harder," she said.

Overwhelmed with emotions Hemraj said: "I am thankful to HT for highlighting my daughter's story. I am an illiterate farmer, but I am trying to support my four children to get a proper education... Our family went into a shock after Kirti lost her hands in a freak accident. But we did not give up."

School principle Vishanla Sharma also congratulated the girl.

"Kirti managed to score 64% in Class 6 and 69% in Class 7 by writing her papers with foot. Her handwriting is very clear, which shows her determination to excel in anything she does. With a little financial help, the child and her siblings can do well academically," he said.