

## **JOINT EFFORT OF GOVT. AND DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTRE RESULTED INTO BIRTH REGISTRATION OF MORE THAN 1000 CHILDREN IN A DAY**

Strengthening Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in Gopeshwar town with the establishment of Urban Resource Centre. URC on one hand building the capacities of Urban representatives and sensitizing them on their roles and responsibility and development issues of town by organizing ward level meetings, campaign and interface between ward members, govt. officials and citizens on the other hand URC constantly discussing these issues with govt. and citizen leaders to build a pressure for action by the govt. Urban representatives. Since last quarter URC Gopeshwar is focusing on the issues of birth and death registration and formation of sanitation committee in the wards. For awareness generation on these issues various interventions are being done in a campaign mode During the ward level awareness campaign on birth registration URC felt the need of organizing a birth registration camp to start the birth registration process. For this detail discussions were held with sub divisional Magistrate, Executive officer Nagar Palika parishad and representatives of Urban local bodies. This idea was welcomed by all and all of them took decision to hold a birth registration camp on 21 Feb 2005 at Nagar Parishad Sabhagar in which more than 600 children were registered. SDM made necessary orders for concerned staff and E.O Nagar Palika took the rest of the responsibility to organize the camp.

URC Gopeshwar published the pamphlets on the importance of birth and death registration and also gave the information about the camp. These pamphlets were distributed among the people and pasted in public places of town like bus stop, tea stalls, PCO Booth, near temple, hospital etc. Ward members played an important role by motivating people of their ward to take their children to the camp and get them registered. URC staff also conducted meetings at various locations and informed the people about the same.

For 2 days the information about the camp was published in local news papers also. School principals were contacted to disseminate the information among the school children.

On 21st Feb 2005, The SDM of Chamoli, E.O, Nagar Palika and ward members were present in the town hall. People started coming for the birth registration of their children. SDM himself expedite the process by being present in the camp. He also requested the people to motivate their neighbours to get their children registered to avoid any inconvenience in future. Media also played an important role in spreading the information URC and DRC staff helped the people to fill up their forms. It was the first camp of its kind. People appreciated this effort of URC and administration, as all the formalities for birth registration were completed at one place. People raised the demand for organizing such type camp in chamoli for two days.

- One of the problems of the village was inactive village Sangathan. As a follow up of plan the Yuvak Mangal Dal was activated and this Youth group is doing "ShramDan" in manu development work of panchayat.
- One of the problems identified during the microplanning was unavailability of fodder grass. The deptt. of live stock made the seeding of fodder available to villages, and they have planted the seedling in their fields.
- One of the problems raised by the villagers during prioritizing the problems was lack of awareness regarding the horticulture. Deptt. of horticulture initiated farming farmers group in the village and this problem will be addressed through there groups.