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Total Sanitation Campaign gathered momentum in Cuttack district in 2004. An attempt was made to make the programme community-based, demand-driven and people-oriented. The effort of previous years bore fruit and the inputs from the Project Co-ordinator came in handy in streamlining the programme. A strategy was chalked out and activities were undertaken.

District-level Workshop

A district-level workshop was organized, in which all MLAs of the district, Zilla Parishad members, Samiti members, Sarpanchs, senior officers and engineers participated. The Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Rural Development Department urged the District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM), Cuttack to take the programme to people and arrange similar programmes at the block and GP levels. He assured all possible support to make the campaign a truly people's programme. Later, sensitization programmes were held in all the blocks with active participation of the local MLA, Zilla Parishad members and representatives of panchayati raj institutions.

School Sanitation

A convergence approach was adopted for the school sanitation programme. Resources from Sarva Sikshya Abhiyan (SSA) were roped in to construct quality toilet blocks with provisions for separate urinals for boys and girls. It was also decided that in the



Rally in the Village

schools with provision for more than 250 students, larger toilet blocks could be constructed along with provision for water supply at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 40,000/-. A workshop was held jointly by SSA and DWSM and an Action Plan was prepared. In the first phase, 85 school toilets were sanctioned and the money from SSA was placed at the disposal of DWSM, Cuttack for the financial year 2004-05. For the second year, i.e. 2005-06, toilet blocks for 1000 more schools were sanctioned. The idea was not only to construct these toilets but ensure that these are actually used. To achieve this objective, it was decided to ensure the involvement of students and teachers of the schools concerned.

Other Sanitary Initiatives

Keeping in mind the need of the people, large community toilet blocks are being planned by the DWSM, Cuttack. One such block is under construction at Manguli Chhak at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.20 lakh. This initiative would be replicated in other crowded places depending upon the demand and feasibility.

Baby-friendly toilets are promoted in the Aanganwadi Centres to encourage babies and children to use latrines. The first such toilet has been made operational in Barang block.

Innovative IEC Campaign

DWSM organized debate, essay and General Knowledge competitions on the theme of sanitation.



Block level Meeting

