

# ADOPT

## NEWSLETTER

January 2006 to July 2006

1. **Heart Surgery** of 16 patients from very poor families of Uttaranchal at MAX Devki Devi Heart & Vascular Institute by Dr. Anil Bhan, Director of Cardiology was done.
2. **Free Heart Check Up Camp** held at village Chharba on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2006 & 14<sup>th</sup> May 2006 with the support of MAX Devki Devi Heart & Vascular Institute, New Delhi. Dr. Veeresh Mahajan, Dr. Pradipto & Dr. Dinesh examined more than 300 patients at these 2 camps. More than 20 patients were identified with serious Cardiac diseases. All these patients required urgent surgeries.
3. We have been able to generate funds for 14 patients who have also undergone Open Heart Surgery bringing the total to 42.
4. 26 years old Anil Kumar from Rishikesh was admitted on 16<sup>th</sup> June for AVR Surgery.
5. ADOPT made 226 toilets in 15 villages of Western Dehradun under **Project SUVIDHA** sponsored by Rotary International, Rotary Richland & Rotary Club of Delhi South End.
6. Presently in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of **Project SUVIDHA** work is going on to build 100 toilets in the same area.
7. ADOPT has started the 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase of the Project. Under this 300 toilets will be built for the Schedule Caste women of the area. The Department of Social Welfare, Government of Uttaranchal is sponsoring this phase of the Project.
8. Kishori Shakti Yojana girls were taken to Raj Bhawan, Dehradun in the month of March to see the Annual Flower Show.
9. ADOPT worked and created a new Mural at the Raj Bhawan, Dehradun in the month of May 2006. The size of the Mural is 26' X 10'.
10. **Kishori Shakti Yojana (KSY)** – ADOPT successfully completed the KSY Project. Under this Project we have selected 20 girls who are school dropouts in the age group of 11 to 18 years from Sahaspur Block and this intervention is focusing on their self development, nutrition, health, education, literacy and recreational skill formation.
11. There is a remarkable change in all the AG's (Adolescent girls) we trained at ADOPT. They are all very confident, computer literate, trained in various skills and know extensively about Health & Hygiene, Family Planning, Nutrition, Women Laws etc. and we are very proud of them.

12. ADOPT Chairman K.N.Banerjee, Executive Trustee Susheel Maity & Project Coordinator Alpana Mukherjee visited Grassroots, Ranikhet to attend the celebrations of International Women Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006.
13. They also visited Maneri Bhali Power Project site at Uttarkashi. ADOPT has been asked to see to the possibility of creating a Mural at the site office.
14. 14-year-old Shakir from village Nawabgarh in Vikas Nagar block came to ADOPT center with acute renal failure. His father is a marginal farmer. We appealed to H.E. Shri Sudarshan Agarwal for his free treatment. Presently he is getting free treatment at the Doon Hospital. He will be going through free dialysis regularly at this hospital.
15. Free Eye Check Up Camp was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 at Chharba with support of Ganga Mata Eye Hospital, Haridwar. More than 150 patients registered at this camp. 26 patients were taken to Haridwar by special buses and 25 of them received free cataract surgery. About 20 free spectacles were made to order and were distributed to the villagers.
16. Funds have been raised for the free treatment, tests and medicines for 8-year-old Sahida from village Chharba, who is a juvenile diabetic. Sahida's father Noor is a mason.
17. Another Free Heart Check Up Camp was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> July under the aegis of Max Devki Devi Heart & Vascular Institute. Around 168 patients registered at this camp. Five patients who require urgent surgeries were identified at this camp.
18. A two-day-old baby boy, yet to be named, came to us last month for urgent Heart Surgery. This baby known as "baby of Chitra" was operated on 1<sup>st</sup> August. He is still at MAX DDHVI Hospital and is doing fine.



Baby of Chitra

19. Rotary Club Of Delhi South End has confirmed that they will sponsor construction of additional 26 toilets at Purkul village in Dehradun district. The construction will start from the month of October.

20. Mr. Shiv Painuli from Doordarshan visited the ADOPT Center last month to film a documentary on our activities. He has been appointed by the Government of Uttaranchal to make documentaries on the various Social Work being done in the State.
21. ADOPT Project Coordinator has been invited by Three River Kids Foundation – Canada to speak at their Fundraiser Gala Event on 16<sup>th</sup> September. This foundation supports the surgery of sick and needy children from Guyana, South America.
22. We met Shri Nav Prabhat the honourable Minister of Forest & Urban Development, Uttaranchal in connection with our ongoing work & to discuss new projects
23. A 5-month-old boy called Irshaad was admitted at MAX DDHVI on 4<sup>th</sup> August. He urgently needed Truncus Repair Heart Surgery. He was operated upon on 14<sup>th</sup> August.



24. ADOPT trustees met Major H.P.S. Ahluwalia who scaled the Mount Everest in 1965, on 7<sup>th</sup> August. Major Ahluwalia is setting up a mobile medical unit which will be touring all over Uttaranchal & Himachal Pradesh on the same concepts as that of ADOPT.