

WATER & SANITATION CAMPAIGN:

Water is precious and we have the first & utmost duty to preserve it. Similarly sanitation is a Mindset; it is the Identification mark of a Society or Civilization. Unsafe Drinking Water causes a series of diseases. Unhealthy, unhygienic and improper sanitation brings health hazards to us. Consumption of contaminated drinking water, improper dispose of human excreta, lack of personal & food hygiene & improper disposal of solid and liquid waste have been the major causes of many a diseases in our project area. Persisting high Infant Mortality Rate and high levels of malnutrition especially among the most vulnerable communities are also attributed to poor sanitation, repeated vector infections and water borne disease. There is a very close relationship, which exists between water, sanitation, health, nutrition & human well being. The activities done in this context are:

- ◆ A School level Debate competition was organised on use of safe drinking water and need of Sanitary Latrines in Schools. Certificates with Memento were distributed to the participants.
- ◆ Regular discussions with SHGs on use of household latrine & safe drinking water.
- ◆ Awareness programmes were organised on use of latrine users & safe drinking water users.
- ◆ Construction of latrine work already initiated in 2 GPs with the support of DWSM-Puri.