

Khal to be Nirmal Gram

Khal Village is very close to be awarded for Nirmal Gram prize by the Hon'ble President of India. It is situated at 31 km from block headquarter of Bhilangana at Ghansali in Tehri Distirct and 2.5 km from Ghuttu which is a local market. Khal has only 30 households of scheduled castes.

Under ULIPH, Mount Valley Development Association the facilitating NGO formed 2 SHGs taking 16 members from helpless families. Before formation of groups one could see the village full of unclean garbage, overflowing, drainages, with dirty water. Consequently, very often than not poor villagers had to suffer with kinds of



diseases like diarrhoea, malaria, T.B. etc. A good amount of income thus was being spent on trialing such ailments. The hygienic condition of the villagers was getting worse when group promoters of Aajeevika Project from Mount Valley Development Association (NGO) visited the village and started talking about the Project. Initially SHGs were formed and pathetic situation of health and concerned hazards were widely discussed among the group members. A specific reflect circle was formed to disseminate information on health hazards and remedies. Simultaneously Project activities i.e. plantation of Napier, establishing vermi compost pits, cattle troughs were grounded in the village. As also, Micro plan for the village was developed and submitted for sanctioning under world food programme. The plan was sanctioned and consequently Khal village received Rs. 13 Lakh which is being spent through a committee of villagers. Subsequently 3 lakhs allocated for construction of sanitary toilets. Many of such toilets are also constructed by labour contribution. Project staffs discussed the issue of health and hygiene with the villagers and formed groups to ensure drainage and roads, water sources and surroundings are clean. Even the group of Children in the name of Bal Panchayat took the responsibility to clean the roads and they are doing it every week.