

# Jan Chetna Manch Bokaro



## Annual Report 2007-08

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# ***Jan Chetna Manch , Bokaro***

## ***Forum for People's Awareness***

**Jan Chetna Manch, Bokaro (JCMB)** continues to work for empowering the poorest and weakest section of villagers in the Chas and Chandankiari blocks of the Bokaro district.

We continue to facilitate the formation and expansion of the women's self help groups in Chas and Chandankiari. 'NABARD' has continued to support JCMB in the expansion of women's SHG in distant and remote villages.

JCMB received a great boost for its health programme this year with the initiation of a grant from the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust. This grant was for the continuation, expansion and strengthening of the health activities.

The issue of maternal health continues to be high on our agenda, and this year we launched an advocacy project to improve access to quality health care during pregnancy and childbirth, with the support of the Women's International Health Coalition; a study of the implementation of the government's programme 'Mukhya Mantri Janani Suraksha Swasthya Abhiyan' with the support of UNICEF, Ranchi; as well as being involved in the direct implementation of the MMJSSA in our area.

Literacy promotion and relevant training materials were helped by a grant from the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, which helped us to establish a library for members in Chamrabad.

We thank all these donors who continue to support our activities.

**Satyaban Bose**

Secretary

May, 2008

## Activities of 'Jan Chetna Manch, Bokaro': 2007 – 08

### Women's Savings and Credit Groups

The women's self help groups (SHGs) continues to be the foundation for many of the activities taken up by JCMB. This year these groups were increased and strengthened. The funding needed for the facilitation of these groups is largely born by the community itself. Members pay service charges to meet most of their accountancy needs. NABARD has also helped to improve the functioning of the groups with providing for training inputs, bank linkages and so on.



*Women arriving at 'sammellan'*

### Women's Health Programme



*Healthy mother, healthy baby*

Women's health continues to be high on JCMB's agenda. The 'Women's Health Centre' in Chamrabad provides rural women antenatal care, contraceptive advice and facilities, treatment for many common gynaecological problems, and care during childbirth. 187 women delivered in the health centre this year.

The need for expanding the women's health centre has been felt for the last couple of years, with the growing demand for services. The expansion of the building was initiated this year with a grant from the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust. The grant will provide for a double-bedded delivery room, operation theatre, a 7 bedded ward, and for equipping all of this.



*Expansion of the Women's Health Centre begins*



*'Swasthya sakhis' during training*

JCMB has continued to train village women health workers, known as 'swasthya sakhis' throughout the year. There are now 45 such women, many of them are traditional birth attendants. They have been trained to diagnose complications during pregnancy and childbirth, and refer to a higher level of care.

Apart from these health workers, trainee midwives and community health workers also come to JCMB for training and experience.

## **Women's Library**

The women's library, located within the 'Women's Community Centre' in Chamrabad, provides much needed resources to the neo-literate SHG members, 'swasthya sakhis' and trainee health workers from other areas and organisations. The library is being supported by the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.

## Advocacy and Research

JCMB continues to focus on women's health, in particular maternal health. Two projects we undertook this year were concerned with the poor status of maternal health in the state. We facilitated a study of the government's programme to improve maternal health, 'Janani Suraksha Yojana', with the support of UNICEF.

The report was the result of the cooperation of many individuals and organizations across Jharkhand, such as:

1. Fontal Development Foundation in Deoghar
2. Prerana Bharati in Deoghar
3. Lok Prerna in Pakur
4. Asha Seva Kendra in Bokaro
5. Zilla Mahila Samitee in West Singhbhum
6. Indira Adivasi Mahila Vikas Samiti in West Singhbhum
7. Ekjut in Saraikhela-Kharswan
8. Mr Sanjay Mishra and Ms Anupama in Palamau

Many of these organisations are members of the 'Jharkhand Women's Health Network', which JCMB is a member of.

### Documentation of Implementation of Mukhya Mantri Janani Shishu Swasthya Abhiyan, Jharkhand

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*Study of the MMJSSA*



An advocacy programme to improve maternal health care was initiated with the support of the 'International Women's Health Coalition'. Forum theatre programmes in all the villages where SHGs have been formed were held, and a CD of the songs was also produced.

