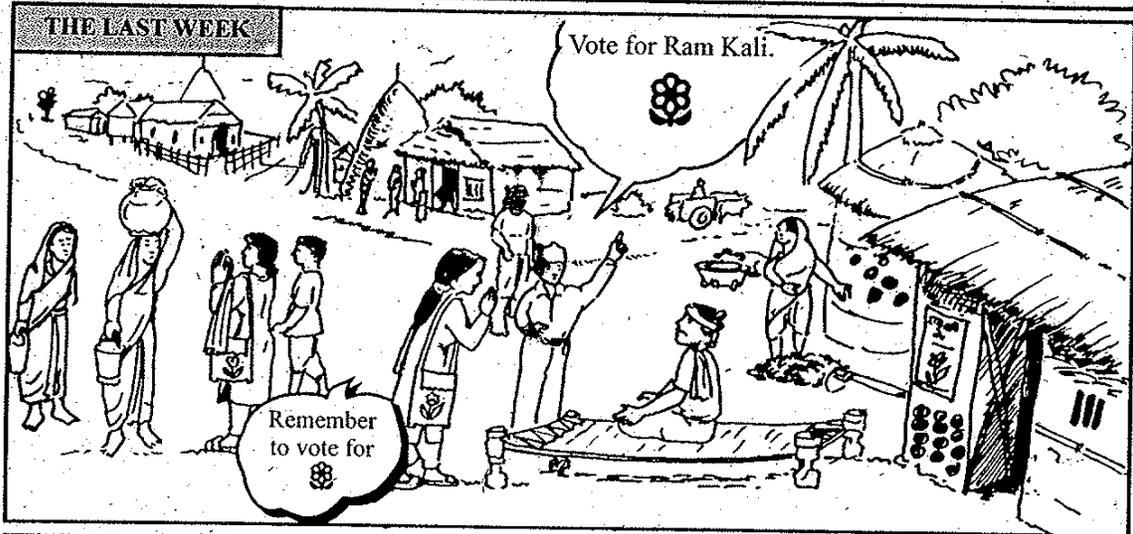
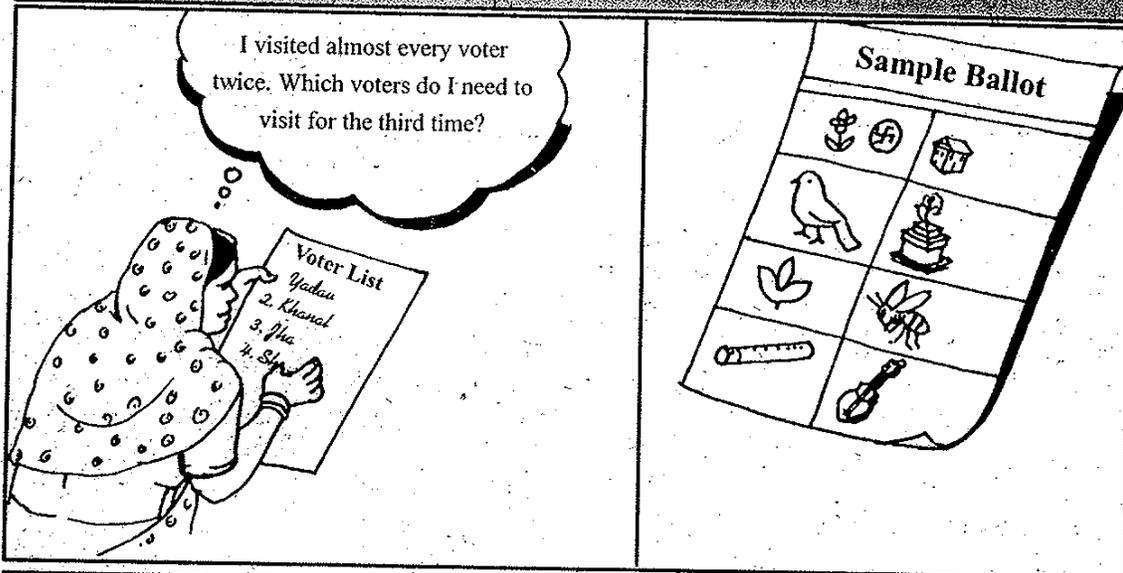


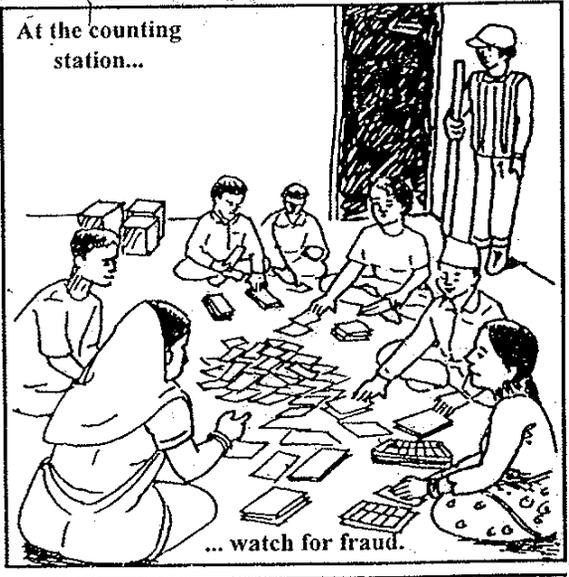
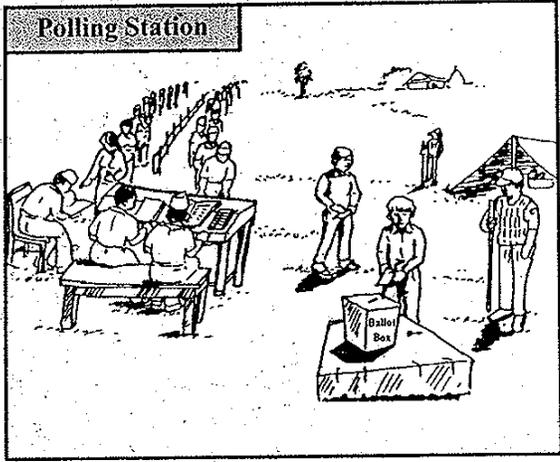
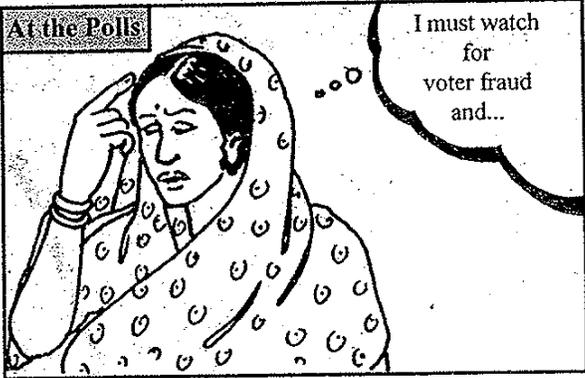
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Last Phase of the Election Campaign: The Home Stretch

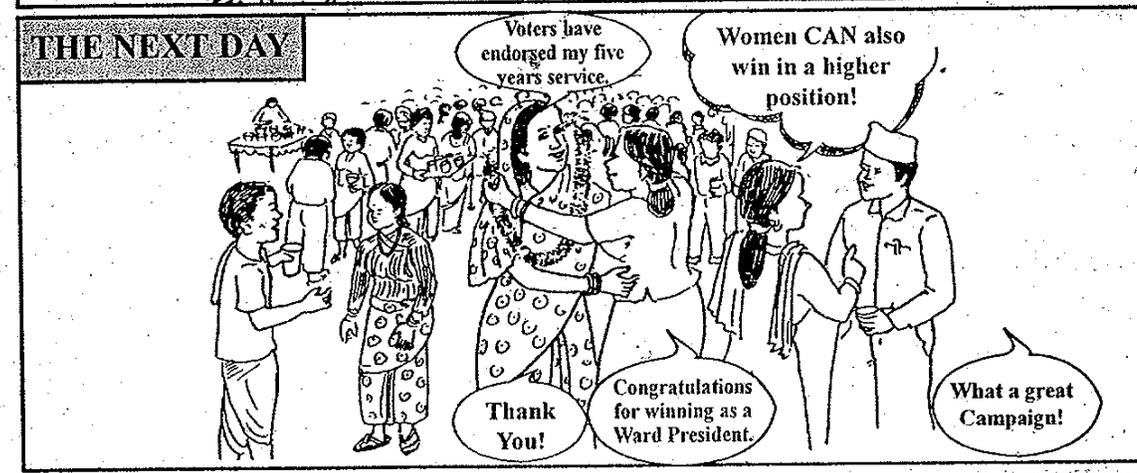


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THE NEXT DAY



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Mrs. Prabha Devi Poudel

"We only need courage and dedication to achieve success."



Why should women become involved in politics?

Women are always busy in their household chores, they are not aware of politics. They don't have any information on women's rights. In order to raise our voices and bring into practice the rights women have been promised in the constitution, women should get involved in politics.

Why did you become involved in politics? How did you first get involved?

I was involved in the Small Farmers' Development Group since 1981 and working for the development of the society. After 1989's people's movement I decided that I must give some time to my community. I got involved in politics in order to increase the women's participation in all community work by increasing their political awareness.

Name : Mrs. Prabha Devi Poudel
Home : Motipur VDC-5,
Chappar Gaon,
Kapilyastu
Age : 37
Marital status : Married, Two daughters, one son
Education : Class Nine
Political Experience : Since 1989
Office held : 1997-present VDC
Vice President,
Motipur VDC,
Kapilyastu
Party : Communist Party of
Nepal-United Marxist
Lennist
(CPN-UML)
District President,
All Nepal Women
Association (ANWA)

How did you get the party ticket?

I was active in the community and was sincere towards our party, so party's ward members recommended to the village area committee that I must get ticket for Vice President position. After that the village committee sent my name to the district committee through the area committee. Thus, the district committee nominated me for the Vice President position as because of my honesty and activeness towards my

party.

How did you organize your campaign?

First, I had a meeting with the party's village area committee and formed a campaign. After planning, I started campaigning in each ward of our VDC with the help of party workers and campaign committee members. Our party also opened one campaign contact office and through this office I did most of my campaigning.

How did you gain the support of men and women?

I got support from both men and women. All were involved actively in my campaign and with their support I won the election. They encouraged me throughout my campaign. Without their help, it would have been difficult for me to win the election.

How did you raise your campaign funds?

Our party's campaign committee collected membership fees from the candidates and spent that money for campaigning. Party also collected donations from the party workers for all candidates' nomination fees, pamphlets, flags, banners, and posters.

What is the secret of your success?

I was actively involved in our women organization (All Nepal Women Association-UML) from the beginning and was also popular in our village. In addition, I was also actively involved in election campaigns during previous elections. Thus, I believe the secret of my success is the strong support of my party.

What advice would you give a woman considering entering politics?

Women must always participate in the communities whenever time permits. It is very essential that women should take an interest in party's work and participate actively. If women do not understand party specific things like laws and regulations, then always ask party workers or village level political leaders. As a political leader, a woman should work for the interest of women and the village.

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What is the most important skill for a successful woman candidate?

First of all a women candidate must have self-confidence and tolerance. She should not be biased. She should have full information about the party which she is representing. She should actively participate in both party and community work. She should treat all voters equally.

How have you managed to balance your responsibilities as a social worker and party's representative after you got elected as a Vice President?

I did not have many responsibilities as a social worker but once I got elected as a representative I had so many responsibilities. I was representing my party but when I started working as a VDC Vice President, I treated all the party members equally. We worked together with all parties during our VDC's development work.

Did you have difficulties working as a Vice President?

I did not know anything about my roles and responsibilities in the beginning. It was easy to work as a social worker and as a party worker, but I did not have any information about working in the VDC. I faced many difficulties in the beginning but once I started working in the VDC, I slowly got experience about the VDC and other members of the VDC were also very supportive.

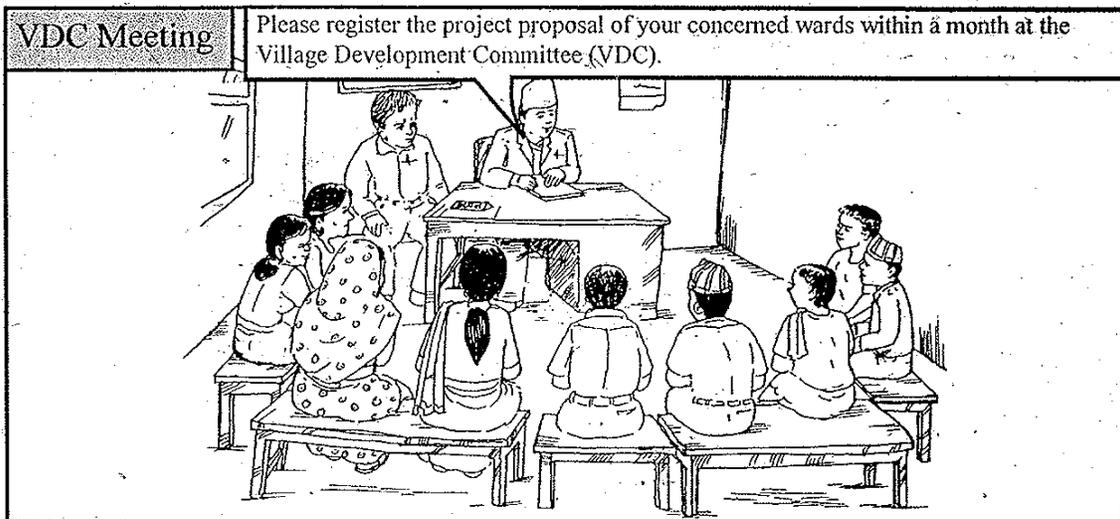
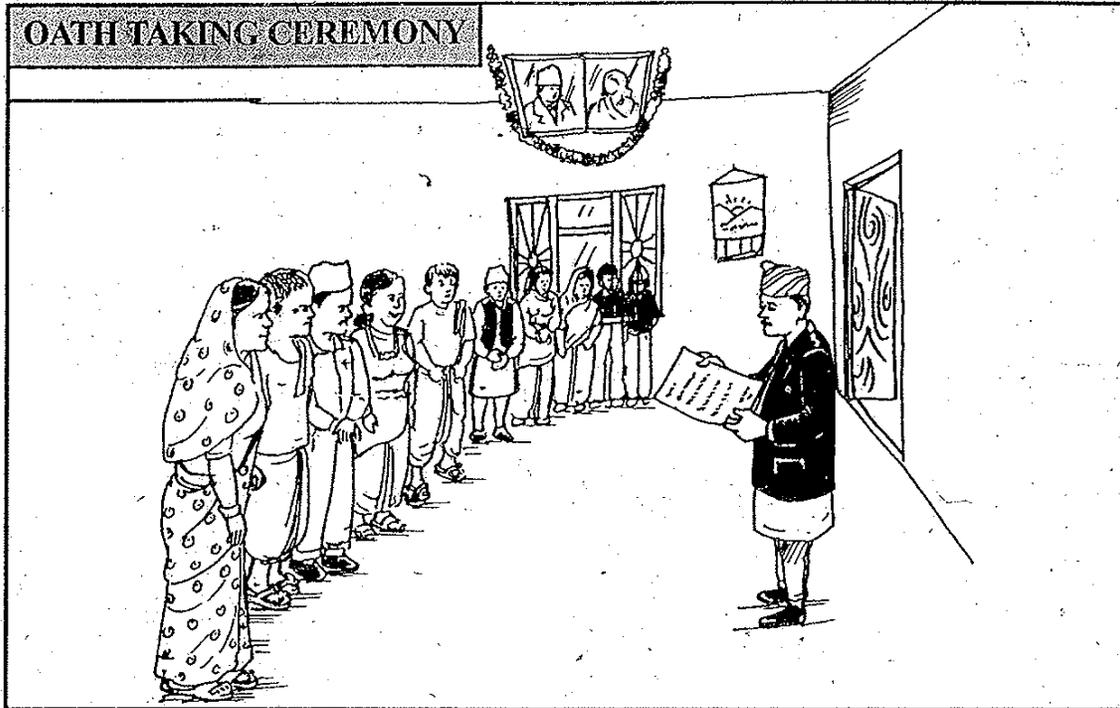
What is next for you in your political career? What other ambitions do you have?

I would like to go further in politics. I got ticket for the Vice President position and I won. Now I think I have the capacity to work as a VDC President and even in the DDC also. I would like to run for DDC position, if I get continued support from my voters and party.

These are NDI's specific questions – do you have any other comments?

Women's participation is very low in all decision-making levels in Nepal. Therefore, to increase women's participation all parties have formed their own sister organizations. There are not enough women representatives within the party committee itself. All Nepal Women Association (ANWA) is pushing for 33 percent seats for women in the party and they are working on it.

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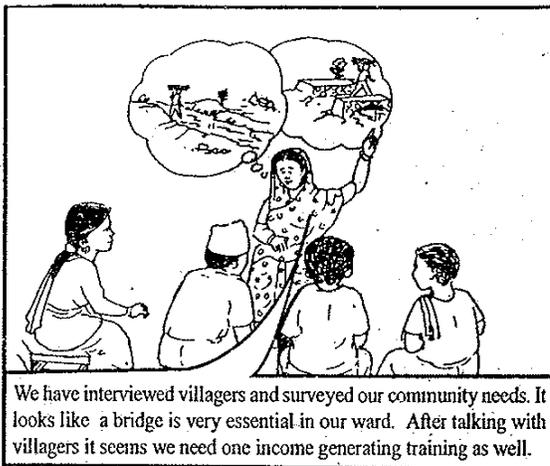


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IDENTIFYING COMMUNITY NEEDS



WARD COMMITTEE MEETING



We have interviewed villagers and surveyed our community needs. It looks like a bridge is very essential in our ward. After talking with villagers it seems we need one income generating training as well.

Resources Available in our VDC



- VDC's internal resources
- Contribution amount received from DDC
- Annual grants received from His Majesty's Government
- Grant, donation or the amount of assistance received from other non-governmental organizations and persons.

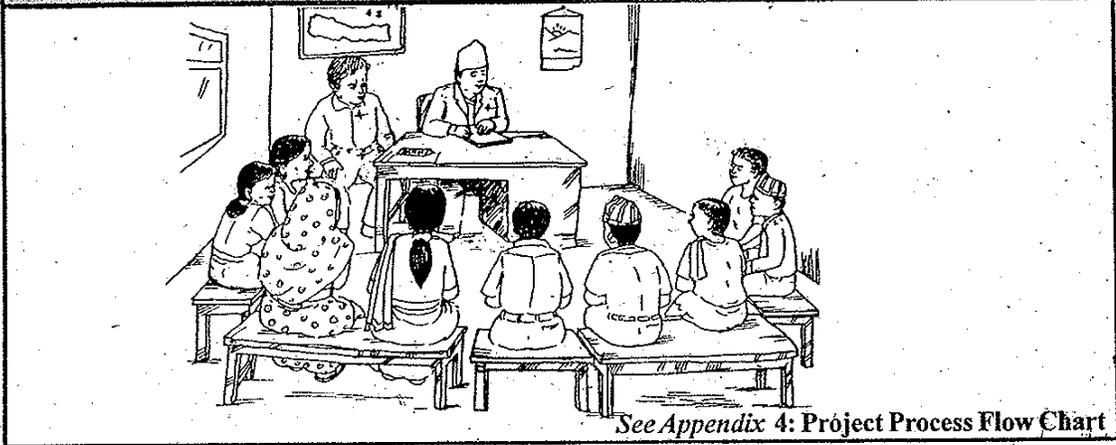
See Appendix 2 VDC Resources

DRAFTING PROJECT PROPOSAL



See Appendix 3 Project Proposal Form

SUBMITTING PROJECT PROPOSAL TO THE VDC



See Appendix 4: Project Process Flow Chart

VDC COUNCIL MEETING TO PASS THE PROJECT PROPOSAL

