

Our trip to Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), Thapathali

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On 10th of June 2010, Thursday, we all were really excited to visit the CBS which is located at Thapathali. As we were learning about population in EPH class, Poonam ma'am had planned to take us to the CBS to gather additional information which was indeed very useful. As we reached the CBS, we were taken to the conference room. As soon as we settled down, we were handed over a sheet in which the details of the CBS were given. After that, we were welcomed by Mr. Gyanendra Bajracharya, statistical officer of CBS. He cleared all our queries with a PowerPoint presentation.



We all participated actively in asking questions and answering the questions he asked. We had a trip sheet with us and some of us volunteered in asking questions from the trip sheet. The main function of CBS is to take census or to count population which is not an easy job. We learnt about the different steps involved. Mr. Bajracharya informed us that they had to visit each and every household in the country and hand out questionnaires for the census. As he told this, we were given samples of the questionnaires which we had to try out at home.



We also learnt different information such as why it takes ten years to carry out census, why not five years? It is because it consumes a lot of time, money and requires large number of manpower. We also learnt about the definition of census, methodology, concepts, and strategies. We were informed that the next census is going to take place in B.S. 2068 Asar 8, exactly a year from now. We learnt a lot of extra information from the CBS, which absolutely helped us in our EP lesson and it will be useful in future too.