



Registration of birth & death and its impact on Nation building

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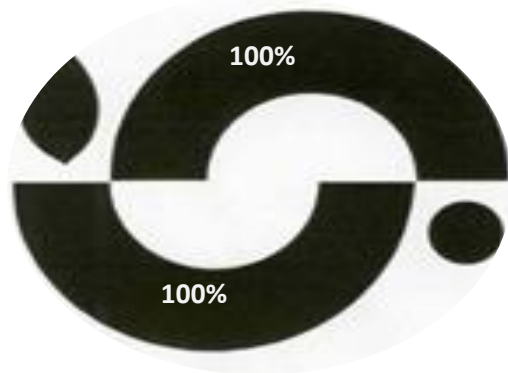


About Civil Registration System (CRS)

- ❑ CRS is universal, continuous, compulsory and permanent recording of vital events such as Birth, Death and Still Birth
- ❑ CRS under Concurrent list (sr. no. 30) of the Constitution
- ❑ Done under a central Act “**Registration of Birth and Death Act (RBD), 1969**”, enforced from 1st April 1970
- ❑ The Act is administered by Central Government and implemented by State Governments
- ❑ Based on the model Rule providing forms & procedure, each state has prepared its own rules for implementation of the act in the state
- ❑ Registration of birth and death is mandatory and uniform throughout the country

VISION 2024

Universal Civil Registration by 2024



India is signatory to the UN convention of child rights. Article 7 of convention mandates compulsory registration of birth to acquire a nationality

Universal Civil Registration is a part of the Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs) -2030

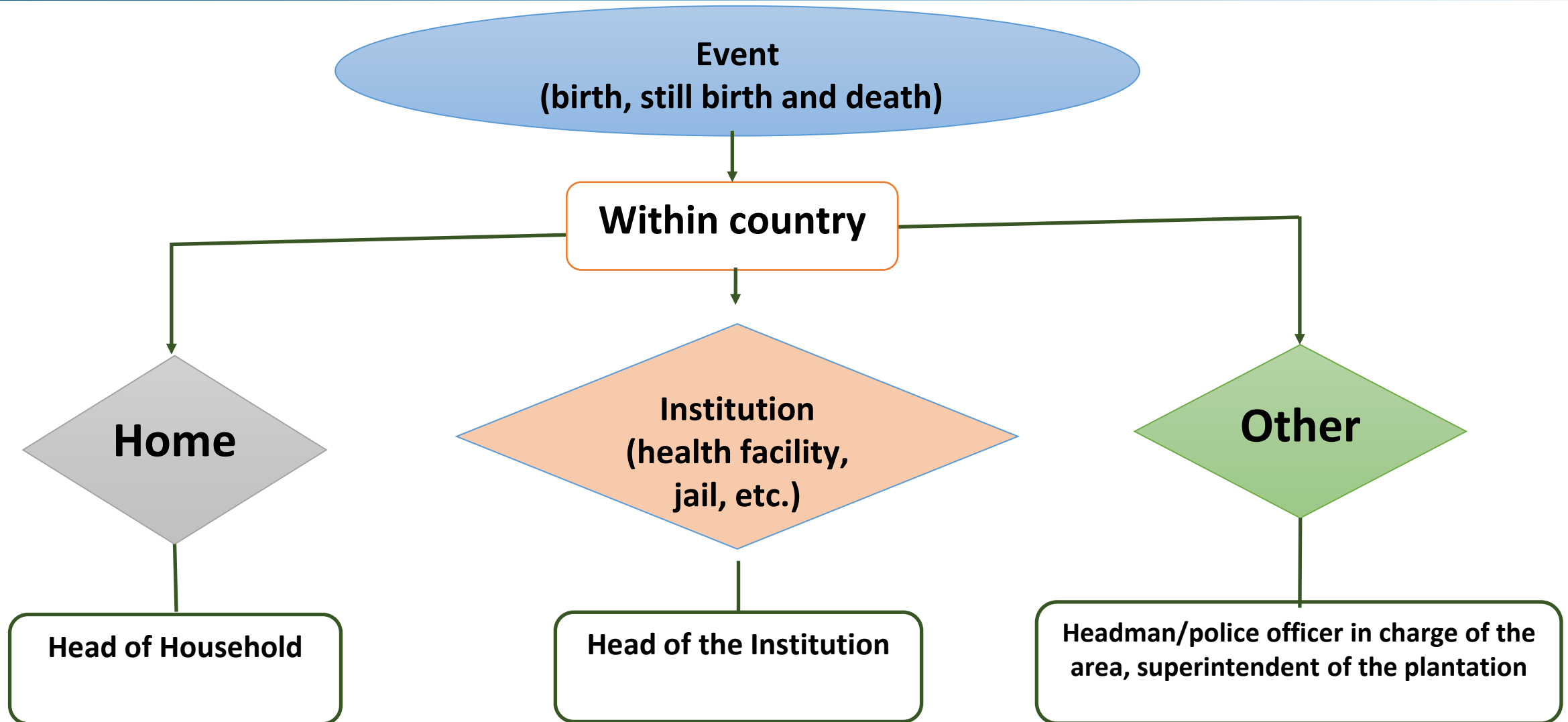
But, our Vision document envisaged by ORGI - 100% registration by 2024

Registration Status - as per latest report 2019

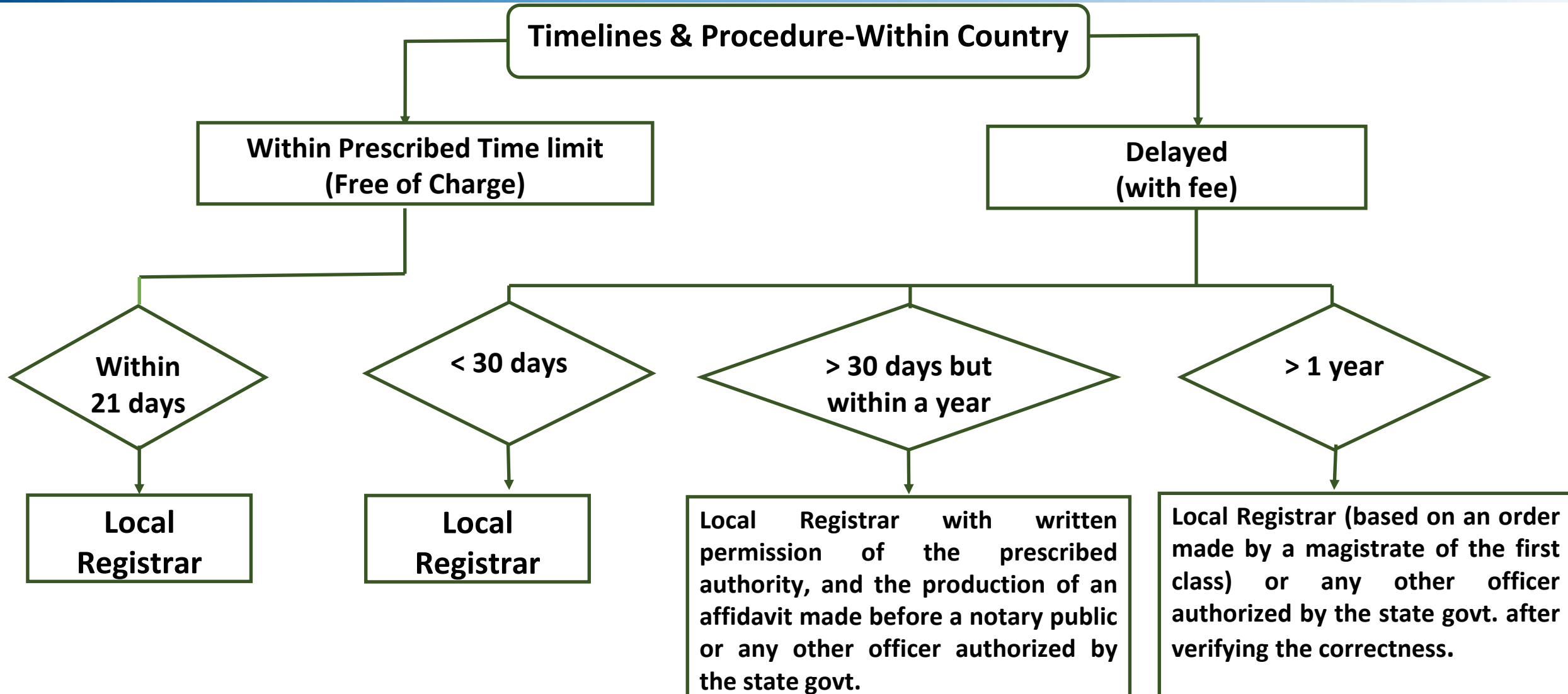
- Total Registration Units:
At national level: **2.85** Lakh, Uttarakhand: **8232**
- Level of Reporting:
At national level: **94.3%**, Uttarakhand: **64.6%**
- Level of Registration:
At national level: Birth: **92.7%**; Death: **92.0%**
Uttarakhand: Birth: **100%**; Death: **95.6%**
- Level of registration within prescribed time limit:
Uttarakhand: Birth: **45.5%** Death: **50.7%**



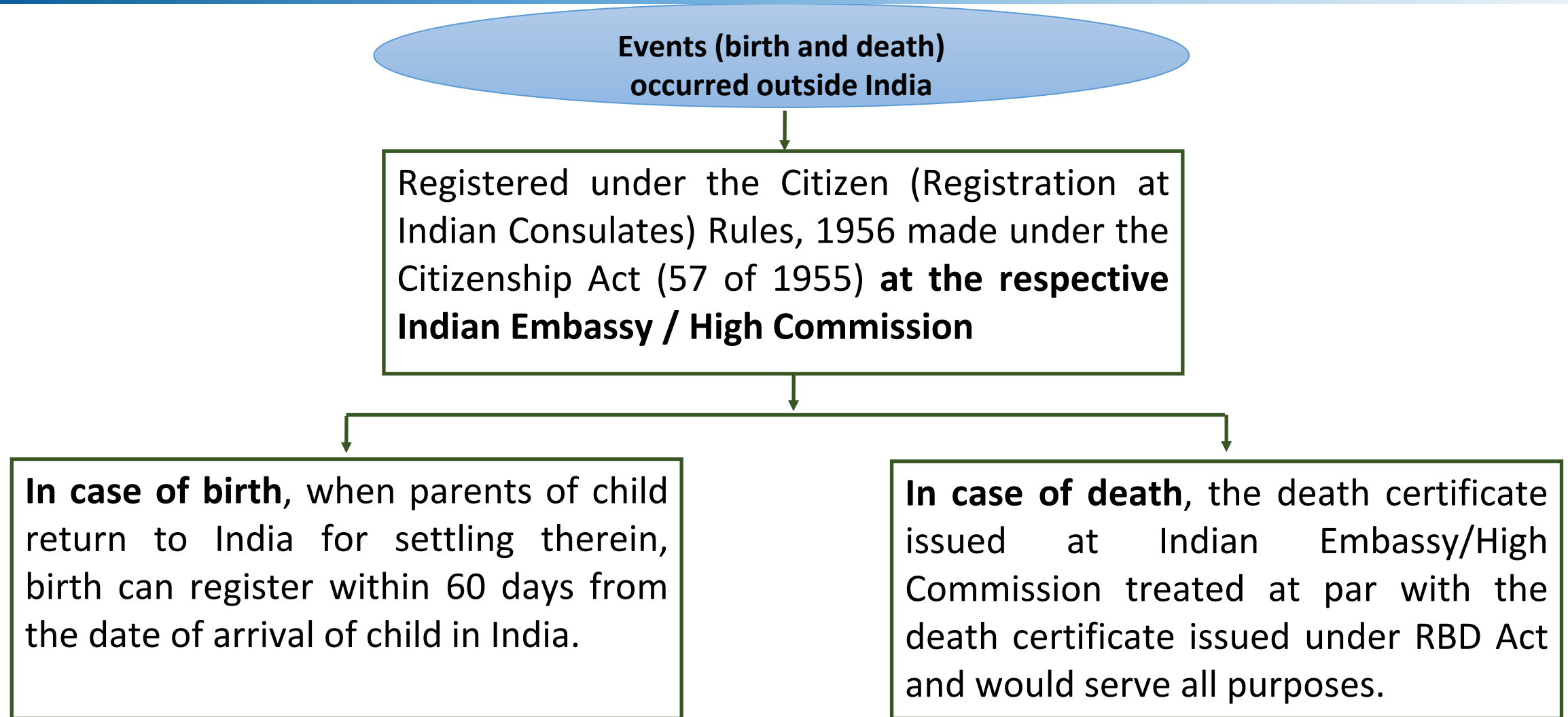
Procedures of Birth and Death Registration: An Overview



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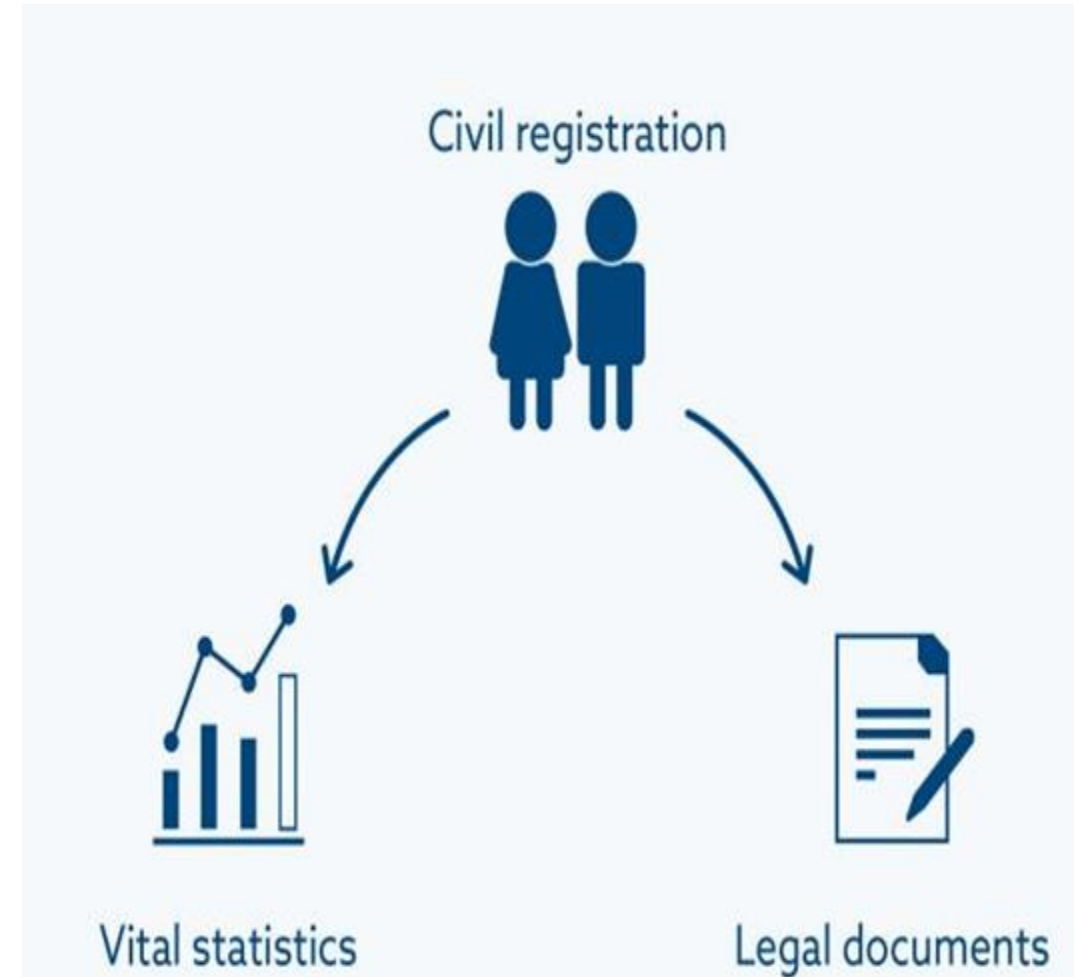


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Uses of Registration records

- The registration records are useful primarily as legal documents and secondarily as a source of Vital statistics.
- **Vital statistics** generated from civil registration significantly contribute to the formulation of effective and efficient evidence-based policy across multiple sectors-Health, Education etc...
- **Legal Document** for place and date of birth/death and have evidentiary value under Indian Evidence Act, 1872



Few examples of uses of registration records:

Birth certificate:

- Identity of a child
- Legal proof of age
- For admission to schools
- For proof of age at marriage.
- To establish age for purpose of enrollment in Electoral Rolls, insurance purposes, for employment, passport, ration card etc.
- All purposes where the age has to be established, for instance minimum and maximum age limits at certain examinations, entry into service, issue of driving license, passport etc.

Death certificate:

- For the purpose of inheritance of property
- For claims relating to insurance, post office, banks, etc.

Importance of Registration-Health Sector

- The health sector has a particularly strong need for functional CRVS systems
- Main source of information on mortality, causes of death, to facilitate health planning; and
- Tracking the progress of strategies to reduce the levels of child mortality, maternal and cause-specific mortality
- Similarly, monitoring the spread and distribution of Communicable and non communicable diseases in any region – can only be achieved with reliable Civil registration systems that count all deaths and reliably certify their causes

At least 15 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) require CRVS Data

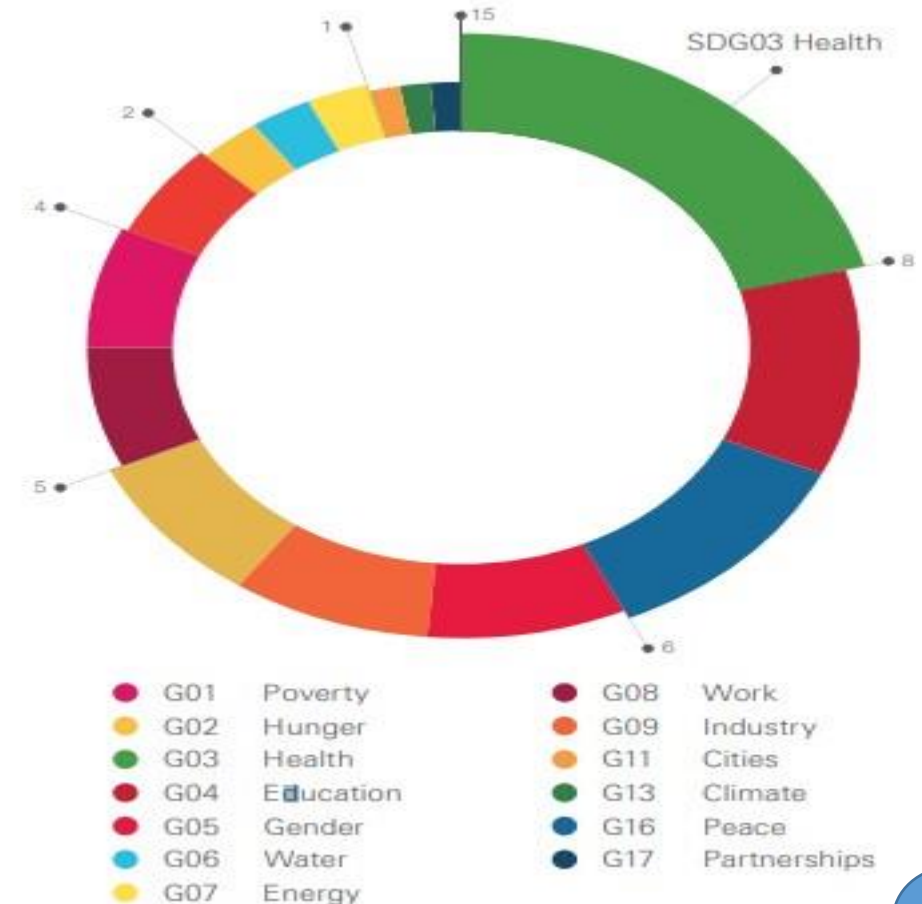


Civil Registration and Sustainable Development

Well-functioning CRVS system is:

- ✦ Essential for **planning and implementing SDGs** related to social inclusion, health, education, good governance, etc.
- ✦ Best source for continuous and timely data to **monitor SDGs** related to maternal mortality, NCD related deaths, etc.
- ✦ source of 72+ of 230 SDG indicators

Figure: SDG indicators that have source data from a CRVS system





Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Target 16.9

By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration

Indicator 16.9.1

Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age



Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

Target 17.19

By 2030, build on existing initiatives to develop measurements of progress on sustainable development that complement gross domestic product, and support statistical capacity-building in developing countries

Indicator 17.19.2

Proportion of countries that (a) have conducted at least one population and housing census in the last 10 years; and (b) have achieved **100 percent birth registration** and **80 percent death registration**

Benefits of registration for Nation

- Registration is vital for national planning.
- Source of demographic data for socio-economic planning, development of health systems and population control
- Data on fertility and mortality is essential in understanding the trends in population growth and is used for population projections
- Birth certificates contain a wealth of data that are important for national surveillance, research, and directing public health prevention and intervention strategies.
- The cause of death data from civil registration systems are vital for pinpointing the diseases and injuries that are cutting lives short and for planning preventive services to avoid premature mortality.

Benefits of registration for Nation Contd..

- Cause of death data is also useful to inform governments about outbreaks of fatal disease
- Modernization(Digitization) of Civil Registration also speed up progress of associated sectors as Information technology is used to improve access, collect and store birth and death registration data and cause of death information
- Construction of life tables

Advantages of CRS in generating Key data

- CRVS systems produce data (fertility and mortality) on a **continuous** basis – unlike surveys, which are conducted at intervals
- CRVS systems produce data that are **consistent and comparable** – both over time and from place to place, because such systems are based on standard definitions of vital events that are applied uniformly
- Vital statistics from CRVS systems are **complete** because registration covers the whole population. Special efforts are made to ensure that all groups are covered, even those living in remote areas. This is very important for identifying inequities between different geographical areas and population groups

Advantages of CRS in generating Key data

- Vital statistics from CRVS systems are more likely to be **correct** than those from other sources because vital events are recorded as close as possible in time and place to where they happen. The facts are carefully checked because of their importance in producing legal documentation.
- CRVS systems are **cost-effective** for producing statistics because the data required are produced as a by-product of the established administrative and legal registration system. In some settings, resources for this purpose are generated by charging individuals for certified copies of vital event documentation.
- CRVS systems can produce statistics on cause of death for all deaths. Deaths that occur in health facilities or under the supervision of a health worker can be medically certified and coded in accordance with the ICD.

Conclusion

- Nation Building is process of developing a developed nation through collective, united and systematized efforts.
- Registration of Births and Deaths helps others keys sectors of the economy and therefore assist in Nation Building.
- Vital Statistics collected through CRVS is used for policy, planning and programme implementation also for its monitoring and evaluation.
- Indicators generated through CRVS helps in identifying States/Uts that are lagging behind and are targeted to improve performance.
- Effective CRVS helps achieving Targets especially in Health sectors and other disease specific programmes.
- Overall CRVS activities helps in nation building

Thank You for attention