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Birth, death certificates available online

BANGALORE: You can now go online to get birth and death certificates from the BBMP. On Monday, the Palike said it would enable procurement of birth certificates signed digitally from hospitals registered with it on the same day a child is born.

"In case of death certificates, the person's relatives can collect it three days after he passes away," Shankarappa, joint director for statistics, BBMP, told reporters here.

Each certificate is pre-printed with a serial number, state and central government emblems, a 24-digit security code and BBMP emblem watermark to prevent misuse.

Stating that online registration available on the BBMP website () was earlier limited to the civic agency, he said it has now been extended to hospitals.

"The hospitals can now access the site and enter the details through the unique password given to them. The details entered are verified and the event is registered immediately at BBMP registration centres," he said, adding that these centres will send the certificates to the hospitals so they can issue it to the family before they leave the hospital.

The BBMP has provided 1,480 private hospitals with the unique password and also trained its staff.

The online registration system was launched on January 1, 2010 using software developed by the National Informatics Centre. Registration of births and deaths done within 21 days of the event is free of cost. From 21 to 30 days after the event, the Medical Officer Health, BBMP will certify it for a fine of Rs 50.

The Palike's announcement comes after some private hospitals like Manipal Hospital, MS Ramaiah Hospital, Sagar used it on a pilot basis.

Palike commissioner M Lakhsminarayana said that from February 1, all hospitals coming under Palike limits will provide certificates using the new facility. "BBMP is the first to introduce birth and death certificates with digital signature. There is a registration centre in each assembly constituency. Five major hospitals --Vanivilas Women and Children Hospital , Victoria hospital, Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital, Ghousia Hospital and KC General Hospital -- have also been declared as registration centres," he said, adding that about 1.6 lakh births and 50,000 lakh deaths are registered every year.