Advocacy is one of the effective tools for systems to work in a responsible manner. At the same time, untiring efforts are needed to mobilize all stakeholders to bring the desired positive change. Believing in the strength of advocacy, MBT decided to advocate Education for All, improvement in quality of education and against continuous absenteeism of the teachers at primary and middle school by mobilizing various stakeholders like parents, district education department etc. and succeeded to some extent by engaging in following activities:

EMPOWERING PEOPLE, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

बच्चों ने दिया स्कूल चलो का संदेश

'स्कूल चलो अभियान' के तहत बच्चों ने बुधवार को सेक्टर-8 से रैली निकाली।

एनबीटी न्यूज ॥ नोएडा

शहर के कई स्कूलों के बच्चों ने बुधवार को स्कूल चलो अभियान के तहत रैली निकाली और स्कूल ना जाने वाले बच्चों को स्कूल जाने का संदेश दिया। इसमें करीब 2 हजार बच्चों ने भाग लिया। स्कूल चलो अभियान के रंग में रंगे बच्चे स्लोगन और बैनरों के माध्यम से लोगों को जागरूक कर रहे थे। नोएडा स्टेडियम से सुबह 10 बजे रैली की शुरुआत की गई और सेक्टर-8, 9, 10 और कई सेक्टरों में होते हुए नोएडा स्टेडियम पहुंची। रैली का शुभारंभ सीडीओ डॉ. सारिका मोहन ने किया। उन्होंने सभी बच्चों को स्कूल जाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया और बच्चों को शिक्षा का महत्व बताया। बीएसए ने बताया कि रैली का आयोजन ऐसे बच्चों के लिए किया गया है, जो स्कूल नहीं जा पा रहे। खासकर झुग्गी में रहने वाले बच्चों को इस रैली का माध्यम से जागरूक किया गया।

SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN RALLY — 28th July 2010

Moser Baer Trust effectively collaborated with the District Education Department and organized a district level rally under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in which one thousand children from seven government schools participated. Moser Baer Trust provided caps to all the children carrying the message of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. Dr. Sarika Mohan, the CDO of Gautam Buddhnagar district flagged off the rally, which started from Noida stadium and covered Sectors 5, 9, 10 and 12. Mr. Dharmveer Singh, the Basic Shiksha Adhikari of Noida was also present at the occasion.

The Rally titled – *School Chalo Abhiyan – Sab Padhe, Sab badhe* echoed the call to build a literate society, and especially focused on the girl child who has been the most deprived of this right.

Moser Baer Trust staff had handmade posters and slogan boards that made the rally colorful and very appealing. Slogans like *padhi likhi ladki, raushani ghar ki (a literate girl is the light of the house); aadhi roti khayenge phir bhi padhne jayenge (even if we eat half bread, we will still go to school); shiksha hai anmol ratan padhne ka sab karo jatan* buzzed all over and reiterated the call to spread awareness about importance of education and bring all illiterate children to the school.

The most significant participation in the rally was of Nayee Roshni peer leader boys' team that led the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan rally and carried the banner with the call to bring all children to the school. The peer leader boys managed the entire show from the start till the end. While leading the rally, the peer leader called out slogans on the mike, encouraging all children to voice louder and louder.

The boy's active play displayed their vigor to bring positive change in the society and their conviction on their capacities. After the rally was over, the officials from Education Department congratulated the peer leaders for their energetic involvement and praised their efforts. Such results show change in these youth, who have emerged as proactive leaders of the community, and are confident of their ability to speak out for a cause. The continuous reinforcement of new thoughts and ideas through regular engagement of the youth has led to the birth of new perspectives among the lot and cultivation of responsible behavior. Moser Baer Trust's exclusive focus on the development of the youth envisages an empowered future for these communities.

महरूमों को स्कूल लाने की कवायद

नोएडा, सं। सर्व शिक्षा अभियान के तहत शिक्षा से महरूम बच्चों को स्कूल लाने के लिए विभाग ने कवायद तेज कर दी है। झुग्गी-झोपड़ी में रहने वाले अभिभावकों को जागरूक करने के लिए स्कूली बच्चों की रैली निकाली गई। रैली में आठवीं तक के एक हजार बच्चों ने भाग लिया। रैली को मुख्य विकास अधिकारी सारिका मोहन ने स्टेडियम से हरी झंडी दिखाकर रवाना किया, जो हरौला, सेक्टर 5, सेक्टर 6, रजनीगंधा चौराहा, सेक्टर 19 होते हुए फिर स्टेडियम पहुंची। आधी रोटी खाएंगे, फिर भी स्कूल जाएंगे। पढ़ाई हमें जगाती है, शोषण से बचाती है। पढ़ेंगे तो बढ़ेंगे।

शिक्षा विभाग ने रैली निकाल स्कूल जाने को किया जागरूक

पढ़ने में शर्म नहीं, पढ़ने की उम्र नहीं आदि सरीखे के स्लोगन लिखे तख्ते बच्चों ने हाथों में ले रखे थे। रैली उप बेसिक शिक्षा अधिकारी करुणा शर्मा के देख-रेख में निकाली गई। इस दौरान बेसिक शिक्षा अधिकारी डा. धर्मबीर सिंह भी मौजूद थे। सीडीओ सारिका मोहन ने कहा कि किसी देश को विकसित होना है तो शिक्षा का स्तर बेहतर होना चाहिए। सर्व शिक्षा अभियान का मकसद शिक्षा से वंचित बच्चों को स्कूल लाना है।

नोएडा में साक्षरता अभियान के तहत रैली निकालते स्कूली बच्चे। जागरण

MISSION ADMISSION 2010 — July 2010

Moser Baer Trust facilitated the enrollment of ninety children in the primary school. Of these, 29 girls are from Taleem centres. These girls, who either never went to school or dropped out faced stiff barriers from accessing education facilities. However, with the rigorous efforts of Moser Baer Trust staff, these girls have been repatriated to their age specific class.

A total of 35 children from Aagar community have been mainstreamed. Children from Aagar have been a severely neglected and sidelined group. Biases, both cultural and economic had created severe obstacles in allowing the children of this community in accessing education facilities. The attitude of the school authorities too was not at all favorable, and strategies like engaging children through satellite centres were adopted for preparing the children and their families for formal schooling. Continuous meetings with parents and school-teachers has provided these 35 children an opportunity to study and grow. The remaining children were from Kakrala Village, where persistent meetings and home visits throughout the year have helped in developing an acceptance to formal education. At the secondary level, the admission of 15 children has been facilitated, which includes two girls. It is now our challenge to ensure the retention of these enrolled students and develop systems of monitoring of schools by the community. Only then can these steps be sustained.

PARENTS MEETING WITH DM — 27th July 2010

Six women from Kakrala and Aagar along with three representatives of Moser Baer Trust went for a meeting with the District Magistrate of GB Nagar and discussed the problems in the village school that led to high dropout. The issues included low teacher-student ratio, issues of security and cleanliness, and unethical charging of admission fee. The women relayed their personal experiences and requested the DM to take measures to improve the quality of facilities available to the children. The DM immediately reacted to the complaint, and gave orders for the resolution of people's problems. This meeting led to a surprise visit to the village school where two teachers were found guilty of malpractices, and thus suspended. The incident has revived people's trust on the system, and more importantly on their collective power to fight for their rights.

दो टीचर सस्पेंड

एक संवाददाता ॥ ग्रेटर नोएडा: स्कूल से गायब रहने के आरोप में बुधवार को बीएसए ने 2 टीचरों को सस्पेंड कर दिया है। बीएसए धर्मवीर सिंह ने बताया कि काफी दिनों से बिसरख ब्लॉक के ककराला गांव के लोगों की काफी दिनों शिकायत मिल रही थी। इसके बाद उन्होंने ककराला गांव के जूनियर हाईस्कूल और प्राइमरी स्कूल में छापा मारा। इस दौरान पता चला कि जूनियर हाईस्कूल की टीचर मंजू सिग्नेचर कर चली गईं। उसके बाद उन्होंने प्राइमरी स्कूल में जांच की। इस दौरान स्कूल की हेड मास्टर प्रेमबाला गायब थी। आरोप है कि उन्होंने मिड डे मिल और किताबें नहीं बांटी थी। उन्होंने प्रेमबाला को भी सस्पेंड कर दिया है। जिले के सभी स्कूलों में छापामारी अभियान जारी रहेंगी।