

## Official newsletter of FST

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## Be the Change: Community leaders paving their way

In backdrop of lockdown and Covid19 pandemic, FST has been working with urban poor community in Guwahati City.

The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 and The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Act, 1996 are the two Acts to protect the interest and rights of these two occupational groups. Lack of effective implementation, lack of awareness about the two Act is creating a gap in access to rights & entitlement by the two occupational group.

FST intends to work with both the occupational group on long term basis to mobilize and organize them into strong CBO/collective for accessing rights & entitlement for community resilience building.

Sensitization and awareness of street vendors rights and duties were initiated as part of the program.

Accordingly, organised street plays on "The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 in six different locations in Guwahati demonstrating their rights and duties. In collaboration with the All Assam Street Vendors Association (AASVA), Team FST initiated two training sessions where the street vendors and their union members participated.







To create favourable environment for girls to continue education, the project Ankuran - Young Girls Access to Education has been implemented in 12 villages under Barpeta district of Assam funded by Malala Foundation.

The overall goal of the project is to reduce the social barriers for girls in accessing higher education in conservative religious set up and contribute to promote young girl's feminist leaders and girl's collectives to create awareness on the needs of education, health and safety, WASH facilities at home and institutions.

Girls will take the lead in changing the attitude and actions of parents, influential leaders, school authorities to create favourable environment of girls to continue the education where FST is playing the role of enabler.

## ANKURAN

Orientation and community outreach has been initiated under the project in all the 12 villages

9 girl leaders under the age group of 20-24 has been identified to take the lead in bringing about changes within the community, followed by orientation to encourage and understand the project.

Organized 2 days' workshop on Feminist to bring in the feminist perspective and sensitization on various gender issues in the grassroots level.



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