

CASE STUDY

NAME	:	JEET ADHIKARY
SEX	:	Male
AGE	:	10 Years
FATHER'S NAME	:	DEV ADHIKARY
FATHER'S OCCUPATION	:	Driver
MOTHER'S NAME	:	MONU ADHIKARY
MOTHER'S OCCUPATION	:	Housewife
SIBLINGS	:	1 sister

Background

From infancy, Jeet stays in his maternal grandparents' home. His grandfather is blind and his grandmother works as a domestic help in people's houses. The reason why Jeet stays with his grandparents is that Jeet's father is an alcoholic. He contributes very less for the maintenance of his family and most of what he earns goes into the consumption of alcohol.

Intervention

During the beginning of 2011, Jeet was often found to be loitering in front of Mitra Sangha, the NFE Centre operated by Mass Welfare Society in the slums of Peyarabagan, Kolkata. The teacher at the centre one day asked him whether he went to school or not, to which, Jeet replied in the negative. Then the teacher contacted his mother who informed that they could not send Jeet to school due to acute financial difficulties. And they could not teach him anything at home even, since both she and her husband were illiterate. Then the teacher briefed her about the services provided by MWS through the NFE Centre and Jeet's mother agreed to send him to the Centre.

From 1st March, 2011, Jeet regularly started attending the classes at Mitra Sangha. After about a year he was ready to join mainstream education in a formal school and was duly admitted into South Calcutta National School, a government run school, in Class I. Jeet attended the school in the first half and regularly used to avail of tuition help in the coaching classes for school-going children organized in the Centre in the evening.

Current Status

At present, Jeet is studying in Class II in South Calcutta National School. The teachers at Mitra Sangha are aware that he receives little educational help at home, and so try to give him maximum support and guidance.