



‘Grassroots Change Makers Assembly’

Jaipur, Rajasthan, India, August 18, 2008

Organiser: CUTS International

Established in 1983, CUTS is celebrating its silver jubilee year in 2008. To mark the occasion, CUTS is going to organise ‘A State Level Assembly of the Grassroots Change Makers’ *i.e.* the networkers at the Birla Auditorium Conference Hall (Second Floor), Statue Circle, Jaipur, at 11.00 a.m. on August 18, 2008. In addition to the representatives of the Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and Non-government Organisations (NGOs) who are actively associated with CUTS in Rajasthan, development professionals representing various sectors and areas will take part in the event. On this occasion, a session is made exclusive for the discussion on the subject entitled, ‘Role of Civil Society in Good Governance’.

On August 15, 1983, the seed of CUTS’ inception was sown with the publication of a wall newspaper, ‘Gram Gadar’. On March 15, 1984 this seed got sprouted, and today, in the 25th year, CUTS has expanded into a dense tree, with its branches spread out to the national and international levels, working incessantly for the rights of the common people. In this journey so far, CUTS has accomplished many dimensions in the area of consumer advocacy from grassroots up to international level by intervening on issues such as people’s rights, health, environment, infrastructure development, woman empowerment, and good governance.

Common consumer aimed publications, in English and Hindi languages that CUTS has come out, from time to time, proved to be worth guiding and supportive for its readers. At present, CUTS has its centres in Calcutta, Chittorgarh, Jaipur and New Delhi (India); Lusaka (Zambia); Nairobi (Kenya); Hanoi (Vietnam); London (UK); and Geneva (Switzerland). All these centres, in adequate coordination with each other, are functioning significantly for consumers’ rights, including various other areas of their development.