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Monthly Report for the Month of May, 2017

A. **MAY Day Activities:** On the occasion of the May Day, vendor leaders from different parts of the city gathered and decided to take concrete action to attract the attention of the top Decision Maker of the country and state to draw their attention to the continuing plight. The leaders brought, from their respective markets, thousands postcards written by the vendors and all these postcards were posted. The leaders also vowed to make all the street vendors of their areas write such post cards to the PM and the CM. They also vowed to take the battle for their livelihood to a dignified settlement, lamenting the old styles of functioning of the Municipal Authorities, the leaders said that enough is enough and will not let harassment and eviction continue anymore. The National Association of Street vendors of India (NASVI) launched a nationwide campaign to attract the attention of Prime Minister and the respective Chief Minister to the continuous eviction and harassment which is increasing day by day. As part of the campaign, street vendors from all across the country began writing and posting postcard to the Prime Minister on MAY DAY. The campaign will continue for the entire month of May with each vendor being appealed to write one such letter. It must be noted that MAY DAY also coincides with three year of enactment of the Street Vending Act – 2014. It was on this day three years back that the street vendors got the historic Street vending Act adopted by the government of India.

B. **Guwahati:** Bhangagarh vending zone, created by the Municipal Corporation of Guwahati, was wrongfully being evicted on 4th May, 2017. Police started evicting the vendors without giving any prior notice. Street vendors were naturally against it. Unfortunately police arrested Mr. Debajit Senapati who is vendor leader from Guwahati and also Executive member of National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) from Assam state.

C. **Mount Abu Problem:** On the 15th May, 2017, TVC meeting was organised in Mount Abu. In the meeting, the street vendors were told that Mount Abu is an Eco Sensitive Zone (ECZ). As per 2009 Rajasthan High Court order that in ECZ Mount Abu, all the structure along road will be removed. So the MCD said those structures will be removed. On 17th May even after assurance given by MCD in the TVC meeting, they evicted the vendors from Nakki Jheel Footpath, Mount Abu area on the pretext that it is non-vending zone. The vendors went to meet Municipal Commissioner that this order bypass S 3(3)
of Street Vending Act – 2014 which mandates that no street vendor shall be evicted, or relocated until the Survey as specified under S 3(1) has been completed and Certificate of Vending (COV) is issued to “all street vendors”.

D. **Survey of Street Vendors in Ludhiana:** On 23rd May, 2017 event was organised for the start of survey of street vendors in Ludhiana. Mayor – Ludhiana and Municipal Commissioner – Ludhiana were present as Chief Guests. The inauguration was done by Mr. Tiger Singh Rehri Phari Federation President and EC member of NASVI.

![Image of survey event in Ludhiana](image_url)

E. **Training in Bhopal under DAY NULM:** The two-day workshop of street vendors, organized by "National Association of Street Vendors of India (Nasvi)" in collaboration with the Municipal Corporation of Bhopal on 29th - 30th May 2017 in Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Bhavan, E-5, Arora Colony, Rajiv Gandhi Chowk, Bhopal. Mr. Shurinder Nath Singh (MLA – Bhapal Madhya) was the Chief Guest. On the occasion of the launch Mr. Harendra Singh - Community Organisan Zone No. 9, Mr. Durgesh Tiwari - NULM officer - Municipal Corporation, Mrs. Basanti Malviya – NASVI State President - Madhya Pradesh, Mr. Pawar - Ward Parshad Zone-9, Mr. Hariom - Ward Parshad Zone-9 were also present. On this occasion - Shri Shriminder Nath Singh addressed the Street Vendor and said that the city government is determined to work for the welfare of all sections of the society. On the second day the chief guest was Shreemati Sushma Baisa (Ward Parshad). NASVI Supervisor - Shri Arvind Shukla and Mr. Jai Kumar Chaurasia were also present on this occasion. In the workshop, the trainer, Mr. Vishal Anand, trained the street vendors on the rights and duties of the vendor, Act, rules and policies, TVC, health and hygiene of street vendors and capacity building etc.
F. **Andhra Pradesh Workshop**: One-day State level vendors workshop was organised in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh on 22nd April, 2017 in which 100 of street vendors participated. The commissioner of Guntur was present as the chief Guest in the event.

G. **State level workshop in Bihar**: Two-day capacity Building program was organised by NASVI under the National Urban Livelihood Mission - Bihar Government on 17th – 18th May, 2017. Shri Chaitanya Prasad, Hon’ble Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department, Shri Arbind Singh National Coordinator, Town Level Federation (TLF) Vice President Mrs. Chandrakala Goswami, State Level Federation (SLF) President Shri Nandlal Ram and NASVI National Coordinator - Shri Arbind Singh were present as Chief Guests. Shri Chaitanya Prasad informed that survey work has been completed in Bihar. ID card distribution will start soon. Distribution process has been delayed due to code of conduct during elections. He further added that 135 vending site plan are ready and 400 vending sites has been identified. He focused on the importance of forming street vendors’ organisation. He said he will also give directions to ULBs for regular TVC meetings.
Shri Arbind Singh explained the regulations of Town Level Federation (TLF) and State Level Federation (SLF). Training was given to street vendors on leadership, capacity building, TLF operational manual, financial literacy, and financial management and TVC regulations. Street vendor’s organisation also made a one year work plan which included registration of street vendors, financial literacy and financial management, government liasoning etc.
H. **Registration of state level cooperative in Bihar:** state cooperative of street vendors got register under the cooperative Act 1996.


I. **Delhi High Court ask State government to frame rules fast:** The Delhi High Court has asked the AAP government to consider grievances of street vendors in the national capital while re-visiting the rules and schemes meant to regulate their activities. A bench of justices G S Sistani and Vinod Goel gave the direction after some NGOs, traders’ associations and Congress leader Ajay Maken alleged that the law on setting up of town vending committees has been violated by the government as these do not comprise vendors’ elected representatives. According to the act, the government shall constitute a town vending committee under each municipal corporation. This means, Delhi will have five town vending committees – one each under the East, South and North corporations, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and Delhi Cantonment Board (DCB).

The validity of a hawker’s certificate will be for nine years from the date of issue, after which they will have to submit fresh applications to the town vending committees for renewal.
J. **Distribution of certificates of food vendors:** Around 4500 street food vendors from Delhi received their training certificates from FSSAI which was organised last year. They received certificate, skill card and health kit from FSSAI.

![Distribution of certificates of food vendors](image1.jpg)

K. **World Street Food Congress 2017 in Manila:** World Street Food Congress was held in Manila, Philippines from 27th May to 6th June, 2017. Mr. Arbind Singh and Mrs Sangeeta Singh along with four vendors i.e. Dalchand and Rekha from Delhi and Ashok Kampti and Dinesh from Bihar travelled to Manila to represent India in this International food festival. Mr. Arbind Singh was also invited to talk regarding the food festivals in India. Aalo Tikki was a great hit in the event and it was praised by many there.

![World Street Food Congress 2017 in Manila](image2.jpg)

L. **Training in Goa:** Training programme on Health and hygiene was organised by NASVI in collaboration with Nestle and FSSAI. 500 street food vendors from Goa participated in this training. Mr. Arbind Singh went to Goa and had a meeting with local leaders. He explained Street Vending Act, National Policy to them.
M. **Training in Varanasi:** Under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY), 1300 street vendors have been trained in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

N. **Notification of rules of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh:** Government of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh has notified rules of the street vending act - 2014.

O. **Progress in Regional Focal Point (RFP):** Asian Regional Focal Point (RFP) Monthly Skype conference with all affiliates was scheduled on 24th May, 2017 at 1:00 P.M (Indian Standard Time). Chet Bahadur Kumar Sapokta (GEFONT - Nepal), Oksana Obboud (Streetnet), Poeum Kao (IDEA – Cambodia), Arbind Singh (NASVI - India) and Wajiha Aziz (NASVI - India) attended the Skype Call. The Agenda for the Skype conference call for the month of May, 2017 was:

- Discussion on May Day activities of all Affiliates.
- Discussion on the upcoming events in every organisation.
- Upcoming World Street Food Congress to be help in Manila in June, 2017.
P. **NASVI received Award from FSSAI:** NASVI received award from FSSAI for "Clean Street Food" project as "Safe and Nutritious Food Ambassador" Early Adopters. Sangeeta Ma'am received the award on the behalf of NASVI at National Summit "Transforming the Food Safety and Nutrition landscape".