Rehdi Patri Ekta Zindabaad
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रेहड़ी पटरी एकता ज़िंदाबाद
जुलाई, 2017
1. EC Meeting

Two day executive meeting was organized at Tivoli Garden Resort Hotel (Chhattarpur Hills, Near Chhattarpur Mandir, Mehrauli, Chhattarpur Road, New Delhi on 13th and 14th July, 2017. The meeting started with action and views from the states, (EC Members presented states reports on membership and also status of ACT in their state). Coordinator Report, Financial Report (March 2017 – June – 2017) and Audit report 2016 – 2017 was also presented. Future Action Plan was also discussed. Mr. Sanjay Chopra from Uttarakhand; Ms. Rajjanna from Karnataka are the new EC members. Ms. Sonal Sinha from Bihar has resigned. The Bihar Committee has recommended name of the previous representative – Ms. Chandrawati Devi which the EC accepted. Mr. T. Venkateshwar from Andhra Pradesh had also resigned and recommended name of Ms. Bantu Pilli Latha. She is also the new EC from the Andhra Pradesh.

The new elected office bearers are:

- Arbind Singh (National Coordinator)
- Manali Shah (President)
- C. P Singh (Vice President - North)
- Bhaskar Urs (Vice President - South)
- Tiger Singh (Secretary – North)
- M. Mangeshwaran (Secretary – South)
- Kamalesh Kumar Upadhyay (Treasurer)

The major decisions taken were as follows

- Work on campaigns – development and political.
- Take "Cleaner Markets – Waste Disposal in Market Campaign" first. Need to plan the campaign properly. Have strategy and format and share with all members for the success of campaign.
- Have strong membership.
- Form Cooperatives in states for financial inflow.
- New Membership fee will be discussed in Office Bearer Meeting and share with all in next EC meeting.
- Invitation to concerned Govt officials in TVC trainings. NASVI will send trainer and material in these trainings
- NASVI should approach State Govts for providing financial resources for training. This will lead to sustainability of NASVI.
- Competent lawyer in NASI. List out the lawyers state wise who will feed information
Arbind Singh also suggested forming an email and WhatsApp group of EC, State President and State Secretary to send report. Also we will send an SMS to confirm.

2. **Eviction of street vendors in Delhi** - Using a nondescript High Court order for removal of encroachment, the city authorities have been evicting street vendors from every nook and corner of the city. 45 markets have been evicted and their goods were seized. Vendors were not shown any letter or directive in this regard. However NASVI came to know that vendors are being evicted because of court order W.P. (C) 4999/2017 dated 30.05.2017 Manu Sharma vs Govt. of NCT of Delhi & Ors. Hearing that Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi has ordered for the removal of encroachment and decongestion, a delegation of NASVI met the LG who clarified that the order was for removal of encroachment and not removal of Street Vendors. He wrote the Delhi Govt to examine the complaint. Two Meeting of vendors Leaders was also conducted in this regard in Delhi office. The leaders decided to protest against the inhuman behavior of the officials. They decided to protest on 3rd August, 2017 at Civic Centre (office of North Delhi Municipal Corporation and South Delhi Municipal Corporation), New Delhi.

The vendors are demanding the following

a. Define encroachment for each road or street before harassing and evicting vendors
b. Follow section 3.3 of the Street Vending Act

c. Give receipts of confiscation of goods and carts and lower fines.

d. Set up Grievance Redressal Committee as per the Street Vending Act.

e. Stop interference of Police in Street Vending in Delhi

Meeting regarding the same matter was held in NASVI office on 22/07/2017 and 25/07/2017.

3. **Protest Preparation – Auto Campaigning, Press conference** - Auto campaigning was carried out in Delhi regarding the protest of street vendors against the municipal corporations. Four teams of Delhi Leader along with NASVI member visited different markets of Delhi.
Press conference was also held in Plus Club of India on 1st August, 2017 and the current situation of street vendors was shared with media persons.

4. **TVC in Jabalpur, M.P** - Town Vending was Committee was constituted in Jabalpur. Executive member – Mr. Gopal Lodhi is also TVC member.

5. **Collection of tax of street vendors in Jabalpur** – Jabalpur Municipal Corporation was planning to outsource the collection of tax to external agencies. NASVI wrote the letter against the collection of tax by private agency. Mr. Gopal Lodhi met the Commissioner regarding the same and told them that whenever such outside
agencies take over collection of tax, they become mafia and become another element in the extortion of street vendors. Further as per the Street vending Act, any decision of the street vendors has to be first recommended by TVC. We requested them not to involve outside agencies rather involve street vendor leaders in the collection of tax.

6. **Launch of Swachh Bazaar, Safal Rozgar** – As decided in the Executive Committee Meeting, a campaign will be launched every six months for the betterment of vendors. The EC decided that the campaign “Swachh Bazaar, Safal Rozgar” will be carried out first to clean the market areas.

7. **Swach Bazar, Safal Rozgar in Ludhiana** – Ludhiana Rehri Phari federation launched Swachh Bazaar, Safal Rozgar in Ludhiana at Dugri Chowk, near sitla Mata Mandir. Additional Municipal Commissioner Mr. Kulpreet Singh was the Chief Guest of the program. Vendors were given dustbin, caps, aprons and gloves. They were also told the importance of keeping their market area clean.

8. **Distribution of card in Bihar** – Distribution of ID cards of street vendors in under process in Bihar.
9. SDO visiting the market for vending zone with khagaria Town Level federation

10. Mr. Laxman Yadav was invited to talk about the street vendors in the program organized by the Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), the Telangana Advocates Joint Action Committee and the Human Rights Forum.

11. Telengana State street Food Vendors Training was organised by FSSAI, GFMC and MEPMA on 5th July, 2017.

12. Street Vendors meeting organized by Bruhat Bengaluru Beedhi Vyaapari Okkuta at Malleswaram Ground Palace on 02/07/2017. Federation president Mr. Rangaswamy was also present.
13. Coalition of the Greater Bangalore Street Trading Organizations (R) Coalition’s Committee met at Maleshwar Chouk Shakar Azad Maidan. The Federation leaders took part in the meeting on 10\textsuperscript{th} - 30\textsuperscript{th}, May, 2017. Mr. Rangaswamy preceded the meeting.

14. Meeting of BBMP & Bruhat Bengaluru Beedhi Vyaapri Sanghatangala Okkuta. President Mr. Rangaswamy and team met BBMP on 13/07/2017. BBMP NULM is going to conduct survey and issue ID cards in all 198 BBMP wards.

15. Meeting at NASVI office Andhra Pradesh. The meeting was presided by Mr. Laxman Yadav.