



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STREET VENDORS OF INDIA

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1. Obituary

Four deaths were a big set back to our movement . The friend ,philosopher and guide of NASVI ,DrSharitBhowmik , passed away in Bangkok where he had gone for a research on food vendors . DrBhowmik has been with NASVI since its inception in 1998 and was the member of the Task Force and Drafting Committee of the National Policy 2004.He gave the definition of street vendors which was incorporated in the Policy and subsequently in the Act

A major loss was death of ShriPramod Nigam who was shot dead by miscreants opposed to his beautification drive of the market . ShriPramodNidan had been a long crusader and voice of the marginalized sections of Varanasi and a progressive leader of the street vendors who had forced the Municipal Body to constitute the Town Vending Committee and identify vending zones in the city .

MrMajnoon Ali has been a very active member of NASVI from Odisha . A very committed leader suffered heart attach and passed away prematurely .His loss is a major setback to the local communities

A very untimely death has been of the loving son of our dynamic leader from Ludhiana, Mr Tiger Singh , in a motorbike accident . Mr Tiger Singh has faced the loss with courage and renewed vigour to help the vendors .

Santosh Kumar - A strong determine leader from BhumiVikas Bank of Patna suffered with diabetic and finally got multiple organ disorder. His loss is a major setback and Vacuity among the vendors of Patna

2.Implementation of the Act

The major focus of NASVI has been to push for the implementation of the Street Vending Act 2014 across the states .NASVI has been meeting

the concerned Ministers at the national level and also at the State levels. In this process NASVI delegation met the Union Cabinet Minister MrVenkiahNaidu , Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation ShriRoalnderjit Singh ,Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh ,Telengana, Delhi , Rajashthan, Bihar , Uttrakhand ,Deputy Chief Minister of Goa and Urban Development Ministers and Secretaries of many states. NASVI has also been writing to them for early and proper implementation of the Street Vending Act 2014 .

NASVI has been monitoring the implementation of the Act getting information from multiple sources – Central Govt ,StateGovts ,Municipal Bodies , street vendor organizations ,NGOs etc .It has prepared a spreadsheet and also prepared list of indicators on which to monitor .Needless to say there are many who look forward seeking information about the Act and we provide them the requisite information



Notification of Rules and Schemes

The first step in the implementation of the Act is notification of Rules and Schemes. Rules and Schemes are notified under the section 36 and 38 of the **Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act 2014**. At present Rules are notified in 16 states i.e. Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and in 6 Union Territories i.e. Andaman & Nicobar Island, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Delhi. Schemes are notified in 10 states i.e. in Andhra

Pradesh, Bihar, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Telangana, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and in 3 Union Territories i.e. Chandigarh, Daman & Diu and Delhi.

Delhi Dialogue : Faced with the difficult situation in Delhi ,with support from WEIGO ,we organized a Delhi Dialogue on 30th September where we invited Delhi Govt Minister along with representatives of all political parties.It helped to smoothen vending in certain areas



Town Vending Committee(TVC)

Under the Act “Town Vending Committee” means the body constituted by the appropriate Government under section 22 of the Street Vending Act 2014 .

The TVCs are new and bold experiments mandating participation of street vendors in decision making . The Courts have upheld the supremacy of the TVCs in several pronouncements across the states . It has reiterated that street vendors issues must be taken to the TVCs by the Municipal Authorities. Infact in some cities TVCs have been created after the instructions of the Courts More than 300 Urban Local Bodies have created the TVCs .However functioning of most of these are not satisfactory . Meetings are not being held and even when held are not held regularly . High Court has come to relief many a times asking State Govts and Municipal Bodies to to first constitute TVCs and also has referred many matters to the TVCs.NASVI has developed a manual for Training of the TVC members . The manual was prepared after taking

inputs by TVC members of various cities ..NASVI plans to print the manual .The manual is also being translated into English .

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GURUGRAM: Two vending zones have been allotted to NASVI to develop on Modern lines .NASVI has already surveyed the vendors and submitted the spatial planOne good aspect is that the street vendor organization have themselves learnt to use the various provisions of the street vendors act to thwart attempts of eviction .



3.Supporting Street Vendors in Crisis :

Aurangabad Case : A street vendor organization has approached us for support from Jalgaon . We helped to file case in Aurangabad bench of the Maharashtra High Court . We also helped them to file contempt case against the Municipal Authorities .NASVI has also linked them to other members from Maharashtra .

Calicut : Street Vendors from the Bus Stop were removed .NASVI helped with sharing information with them and writing letters of protest . Finally the vendors were back in their markets.

Mount Abu : Vendors from Mount Abu approached us when they were threatened with eviction . We provided information to them which helped them not only to get back to their market but also made the Municipal Corporation set up Town Vending Committee. The vendors have also organized themselves as an association and have become members of NASVI .

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Meerut :12 large markets of vendors were removed due to a PIL filed by an RTI activist . Livelihood of thousands of vendors were affected . Protests and demonstrations did not affect the administration. Finally NASVI guided the street vendors to file petition in the Allahabad High Court which has asked the administration to revisit the matter .We are following with the District Magistrate in Meerut

Bareilly : A mudra loan massive camp was organized for the street vendors . We are taking this forward to other areas

GHERAO BY STREET VENDORS OF NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: Agitated by inaction on the part of civic agencies, street vendors stated that the situation is worse in South and North Delhi areas where municipal officials are evicting hawkers with brutal force. “Our demand is that there should be no eviction of street vendors who have been there since 2014 and before when the Street Vendors Act was implemented.

Heading to their pleas, Commissioner of North Delhi Municipal Corporation P.K. Gupta issued circular immediately to protect street vendors who were vending at the time of enactment of the law in May 2014.

Follow up of details as suggested by EC was made. The details of the new members have been collected. A new MIS system has been developed by hiring an agency .The data has been fed into the new system. This membership data can be easily accessed.

New members are very important for the growth of any organization . NASVI team has been able to mobilize new organizations – thus in the July 2016 meeting 60 new organizations membership was approved by the EC and in the December EC meeting 40 organizations have joined .

Removal of inactive members is also going on simultaneously . Based on certain criteria's we are indicating the level of dormancy of the organization to the concerned Executive Committee member and based on his /her advice we do not upload details of such members in the new MIS .



5. Legal Interventions

Whereever there has been eviction or threat of eviction without the implementation of the Street Vending Act , Judiciary has been invoked for help . When lajpat Nagar vendors were threatened with eviction ,NASVI intervened and was able to ward off the threat .NASVI also became party to battery of court cases in Delhi High Court which led to the Chief Justice staying the faulty scheme of the Delhi Govt .

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BOMBAY HIGH COURT GIVES RELIEF TO JALGAON VENDORS

In PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 123 OF 2016 OF HONAJI HEMRAJ CHAVAN AND OTHERS VERSUS THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

The lawyer appearing for the vendors brought to notice of the Court the order passed at the Principal seat of High Court in PIL No.105 of 2015 dated 12.8.2015. It has been directed by the Court that, only those street vendors, who are entitled to be protected under the provisions of the Act of 2014 shall be protected by the Municipal Corporation in terms of the provisions of the said Act of 2014. Thus the Aurangabad Bench of the High Court ordered that the mandate of law must be observed. Direction issued by the Division Bench referred to above shall apply in the instant case also in Jalgaon.

Unfortunately, the Municipal Corporation has refused to comply with the orders of the Court. The leader MrHonajiChauhans been slapped with various sections when he led a protest and he has been forced to file a contempt petition in the High Court.

Gokul Prasad Gupta v state of Maharashtra

Protection to be provided to a street vendor only if he has supporting documents stating that he hawked in the same area prior to 01/05/2014.

Eviction of others to be carried out by due process of law. Constitution of tvc, framing of scheme and rules to be done.

6. INTERNATIONAL

5th STREETNET INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS:-

Lot of our energy and time was spent on organizing this event. Getting permission from three Ministries was a herculean task and our team put in best efforts to get this permission on time from Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA) ,Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). This also benefitted us as the Ministry and Minister came to know more about NASVI. Co-ordinating with more than a 100 delegates regarding visa permission was also not an easy task and we did that quite well .Similar was the arrival and departure of delegates which too went smooth and in fact one week after the event we were still dealing with departure as some delegates decided to stay back . However, all delegates appreciated our hospitality and we tried our best to give personalized attention to each of them. The hotel too was very accommodative and responded to needs of delegates including the kind of food being served. The Congress was successfully organized on 4th to 6th Oct. where 109 delegates from 54 countries participated. After the welcome formality, 5 members Panelists discussed about present context of New Street Vendors (Protection of livelihood & Regulation of Street Vending Act, 2014) implementation.



The panelists discussed the new Street Vendors (Protection of livelihood & Regulation of Street Vending) Act 2014. The panelists gave answers to every question of the international delegates in Congress, Everybody were satisfied with practical approach of NASVI in implementation of the Act in India. Street Net report was presented by Pat Horn, International Coordinator. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Souley Zeinabou.

A new International Council was elected

President: Lorraine Sibanda- Zimbabwe

Vice-President: Alberto Santana-FUTTEINCO, Dominican Republic.

Secretary: Arbind Singh NASVI, India,

Treasurer: Shikha Joshi, SEWA, India,

Asia Focal Point:- After the Congress we have started a pro active role in the Asian region collecting information about street vendor organizations across the Asian countries . The Asian Co-ordinator Oksana had gone to Laos as part of an Oxfam supported project which Street Net did in Vietnam ,Laos and Cambodia and we are making all efforts to increase affiliates in Asia

Vietnam: We have been flooded with requests for information about the Street Vending Act and its implementation after the StreetNet International Congress. We have been contacted by a researcher who is working on preparing Action Plan for the Vietnamese Govt. We have shared documents of street vendors initiative in India necessary permission from. The Congress went off successfully with more than 100 participants from over 50 countries. NASVI Co-ordinator was elected as the Secretary and Sikha Joshi of SEWA was elected as the Treasurer.

NASVI selection in FES 15 Global Best practice NASVI was selected by a Steering Committee set up by FES to document and publicize 15 best practices among organizations across the nations. Titled Change and Win, this process aimed to document and disseminate about these organizations and their strategies.

NASVI at First City Alliance Meeting. NASVI representative Sangeeta Singh focused on equitable economic growth in cities citing NASVI example of engaging all the stake holders from policy maker to the beneficiaries. Street Vendors Livelihood Protection Act 2014 is a good example to bridge the gap between city administrators and informal traders. National Urban Livelihood Mission is another example of fostering equity in cities.

7.MAKING ISSUE VISIBLE AT OTHER FOURMS

It has been our policy to use the various forums to articulate the issues of street vendors

FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India):-On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of FSSAI, a panel discussion on Street food vendors was organized where NASVI presented the problems to a large gathering of influential people increasing the visibility of street vendors. FSSAI has included street food vendors as part of 10@10 agenda of FSSAI. As a result, the multi member steering committee

they are setting up at state level will also have representative of NASVI in the committee. Further according to a report of FSSAI, there has been no census of street food vendors in the country. The union ministry of urban poverty alleviation has estimated that there are about 100 lakh street vendors in the country. About 20% of them (20 lakh) are expected to be street food vendors. The project aims to provide universal coverage of all estimated street food vendors in the country. In Phase I two lakh street food vendors in identified areas would be taken. These would include all metropolitan and major cities in the country, places of pilgrimage and tourist attraction.

SKA(SurakshitKhadyaAbhiyan):- NASVI continues to be on the Steering Committee of the SKA which is led by FACE – CII . The SKA has drawn an ambitious plan and are currently fund raising to meet the plan. CII has also included NASVI in its Safe Food program and was invited on the first anniversary to share issues before the Central Minister Shri Ram Vilas Paswan.

CII led Future of Jobs:-Similarly NASVI got opportunity to share experiences with CII for increasing employment opportunities in urban India .

India's Urban Future: Choice not Chance: The Nation Consultation was held at JNU on 10 October, 2016. The Consultation led to the “Delhi Declaration”, which was the Indian Civil Society contribution to Habitat III and was submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, GoI.

Human Settlement Institute:-Govt of India invited NASVI to interact with Govt officials from 32 countries who had come to participate in an International Event organized by Govt of India.

CII Award:- After training of Street food vendors on health, hygiene, food handling, food safety, personal hygiene, cart hygiene, cleaning and chemicals, pest control, garbage disposal, four street food Vendors are shortlisted for CII ([Confederation of Indian Industry](#)) award. Two from Lucknow, one from Bihar and one from Delhi.

8. Street food festivals

Chatkare Delhi ke: Nasvi has organized a Street food festival “chatkare Delhi ke” in collaboration with Navbharat Times on 21st to 23 October 2016 at Baba Khadak Singh Marg, Delhi where approx 80 different street food were served in more than 40 stalls .

National Street Food Festival 2016 : The national street food festival was organized on 23,24 and 25 Decemeber..This year saw major participation by Govt departments. FSSAI supported the event by taking up the cost of booking the venue while Ministry of Skill provided the training and kits along with advertisements in major newspaper .The Ministry of Tourism too pitched in . The Minister for Skills and Entrepreneurship, Govt of India, Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy announced that they will help NASVI organize International Street Food Festival next year .



World Street Food Congress, Manila

NASVI'S WORK ATTRACTS GLOBAL COMMUNITY

This was third consecutive year when NASVI was invited to represent at World Street Food Congress in Manila ,Philippines. The congress promotes street food through various interesting methods- one is Street food festival(JUMBOORE) where they invite 12-13 countries to put their

stall. NASVI has represented this year with two stalls .Another part of the WSFC is DIALOGUE ,bringing different speakers from diverse experiences which includes policy makers ,chefs, bloggers, media, activists ,curators etc. Sangeeta Singh, Head Street Food was invited as speaker. Her speech caught attention of every one. The work of NASVI was appreciated by all . Many of the later speakers quoted example of NASVI in their speech which was a pleasant experience. The struggle of NASVI and to getting 2.5 crore street vendors legalized was talked about through out the event .Participants at the event were

Tiger Singh, Vendor Leader

Irshad Ahmed, Vendor leader

Krishna kumar, Vendor

Arshad, Coordinator NASVI

Sangeeta Singh, Program Manager ,NASVI



9. SKILLING OF STREET VENDORS

Delhi : The Delhi Street Food Festival was noticed by the Ministry for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship ,Govt of India and FSSAI which led to a new initiative on 13th March 2016 in Delhi called the Clean Street Food Project. NASVI mobilized the food vendors to participate in the trainings which began across Delhi with 40 centers distributed in 10 Zones . Each batch was of 40 vendors

23,325 street vendors got training through the 40 training centres run for this purpose . The training included personal hygiene as well as keeping the cart clean and proper waste disposal . After the training vendors were assessed and 21511 vendors passed. The passed candidate will be issued certificate under the Food Safety Act as well as

Recognition of Prior Skill(RPL) under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship .Each vendor who has been assessed successfully will get a Skill certificate, a certificate under Food Safety Act , Rs 500 as incentive , and a dress including two apron ,a t shirt and gloves . Unfortunately only 200 vendors have received all.

Kanpur :On request of the Ministry of Skills and Entrepreneurship , NASVI with support from its affiliate Hind MahilaSabhaorgansied training of 500 vendors .Till date two hundred certificates have been issued and one street vendor has been lucky to receive the certificate by the Hon'ble Prime Minister ShriNarendraModi .

Varanasi: With support of the THSC of Skill India Mission , a training of all the food vendors have started in Varanasi .One thousand vendors have already been mobilized of which 430 have been trained .A competition among the vendors was also organized in which the winner got a push cart as award from the Hon'ble Skills Minister ,Govt of India Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy. Our local affiliates led by PheriPatriThelaVyavasayiSamiti ,

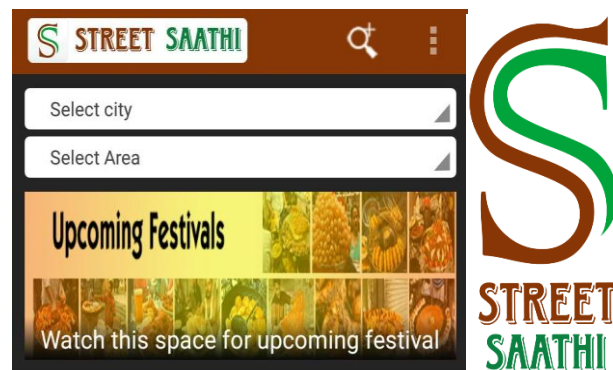


GOA : Food Safety and Standards Authority of India(FSSAI) along with the Food and Drug Administration(FDA) ,Govt of Goa supported the

Food vendors training program organized in Goa . The FDA designated senior officers attended and monitor each of the training and the certificate of training was also signed by the Commissioner FDA . A training module was designed by NASVI team .Trainers were identified and trained .The training program was launched on 2nd November 2016.The launch got good media coverage . 1027 street food vendors were trained through 28 training session organized in different parts of Goa.



NASVI is now uploading all the data of trained vendors on the Street SathiApp . It will soon begin organizing peer leaders meeting and weave all the street vendors of Goa into a strong organization .It has also pushing the implementation of the Street Vending Act 2014



Street Sathi App: The Street Sathi App has been revived with data from Delhi ,Varanashi, Dehradun ,Patna and Goa being uploaded on it . The idea is to upload data of all the vendors interested .

Demonetization: Demonetization hit the vendors badly .The business went down heavily . Every market there was the same story. Vendors

across India felt the pinch and it was a very difficult circumstance for them. As such we must make a strategy regarding this. We have been encouraging vendors to use mobile wallet and are still exploring better options.

10 .Executive Committee Meetings of NASVI

Two meetings were organized. Two day Executive committee meeting was organized in Delhi on 21st and 22nd July 2016 and another one was organized on 2nd and 3rd December 2016. Both the meetings reviewed the progress of the activities and laid down further plan along with reviewing accounts. The major decisions were

- Campaign for rule formation in states
- Advocacy on Railway vendors
- Women participation in TVC to be monitored.
- To prepare a status report on TVC
- NASVI website should be updated with rules, schemes, TVC formation etc.
- NASVI should intimate about activities and program to state representative.

- NASVI to support in legal interventions by connecting to pro bono lawyers and filing caveats/SLP
- State level conference by state affiliates
- Exposure visit of EC to other states
- States to identify people who can be helpful in pushing implementation of law
- Hotel management payments (IHM) to be settled
- Management Information System of membership will be developed.
- TVC manual to be printed
- TVC training to be organized in Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Tamilnadu
- 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
- Leadership Camps: It was decided to organize leadership camps in West Bengal , Assam ,U.P (Moradabad). A certificate of participation will also be given to participants.
- It is decided that there would be parallel sessions on leadership, TVC etc during the General Body Meeting
- To give a push to State level initiative it was also decided to form State level federation in MP, Tami Nadu, UP, Delhi, Uttrakhand, Punjab, Odisha, Gujrat,
- It was also decided to restart the Award/recognition program of NASVI
- The role of office bearers is not clearly defined by the constitution, therefore the Vice President Mr Chandra Prakash Singh was given the responsibility to define and bring
- It was decided to study the impact of the street food program
- MIS of the membership should be updated by end January
- The National Conference will be organized in March

11. CAPACITY BUILDING

NASVI has focused on developing capacity of the street vendors and their leaders on

- Leadership growth and organization development
- Financial and digital literacy
- Town Vending Committee members training

Training manual along with resource persons have been developed

LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN GUWAHATI

NASVI in collaboration with sSTEP and ASVA (Assam Street Vendors Association) organized a one day Capacity Building training at SIKHAK BHAWAN on 28th January, 2017. The main objectives of this program were to develop awareness and capacity among the leaders of Street Vendor of Assam. A total of 45 vendors attended in this program from Guwahati city and from 7 other towns of Assam. Simanta Sharma, Executive Committee member of NASVI initiated by welcome and introduction and Resource person was Mr. Baiju Shankar Giri Program Co-ordinator of NASVI

The resource person discussed mainly three major topics organizing , Leadership and Legal information/Awareness. Without a good leader or good leadership quality, an organization never can develop. Capacity Building, leader, leadership quality, organization and awareness are related to each other. Leader always tries to push his unit for progress, because good leader have lots of capacity and leadership qualities. So we can say that leadership is the art of leading others to deliberately create a result that wouldn't have happened otherwise. He discussed on various leadership qualities such as focus, confidence, transparency, Inspiration, passion, innovation, patience, empowerment, Self awareness, self direction, vision, ability, motivation etc.. After that he discussed on T.V.C because according to Act (Protection of livelihood and regulation of street vending act 2014) it is compulsory for all City/Town to formation of Town Vending Committee to maintain vendors and vending zones. He also shared formation process of T.V.C and thoroughly discussed on vending related issues like Eviction, harassment by police and G.M.C (Guwahati Municipal Corporation) or District administration, vending zone declaration, lack of unity and lack of social security etc.

Later on , he shared about the contribution of Street Vendor in urban areas. After that he told about the role and responsibilities of vendors according the act and also personal hygiene, customer relationship, good behavior of a vendor. Vendors do great contribution to society and economic system of country. Government gets taxes from vendors in different ways. He also discussed about establishment of NASVI, its work among the Street Vendors, its works related to street vendor act and so on .



Leadership training program , West Bengal

8th February, 2017, Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata, West Bengal:

Amongst the distinguished guest was Shri Ramen Pandey, President – INTUC, West Bengal, ShriSardarAmjad Ali – Former MP, Smt. Chandra RekhaPandey, Member Executive Committee – NASVI, WB, ShriRakeshTripathi – NASVI, New Delhi. About 80 participants were present during the training program.

The program started with welcome speech by Shri Ramen Pandey and introduction of ShriRakeshTripathi. ShriTripathi, used a PPT to put forth the ideas .

The post lunch session was interactive session, wherein questions were raised by the leaders present was dealt by ShriTripathi. ShriSardarAmjad Ali also delivered his speech and assured to extend all possible help in regard to litigations/ cases in support of hawkers.

After the daylong training an action plan was proposed and suggested by the leaders present, which are as follows:

Shri Rahul Pandey proposed the districts committees of NASVI be formed immediately, which was also proposed by various other leaders. Smt. Razia proposed that protection from police be given to hawkers and for purpose a delegation should meet the police commissioner. Smt. Nupur proposed that an area wise survey of vendor/ hawkers be conducted, and also group meetings be organised to generate awareness amongst them about their rights & duties.

Smt. Munmun Banerjee, told in Manglahat area around 5000 hawkers are present, but they have been threatened by the local political party having support from the administration to refrain from joining any other hawkers association. She proposed to unite them and also demanded for help/support from NASVI both legal & financial.

Shri Shankar Chakravarty, proposed that he will organize a Blood Donation Camp in market place to strengthen the organisation.

Shri Pasupati Adhikary & Shri Dulal Chakravarty proposed that immediately a deputation be given to DRM Sealdah & Nadia for resolution of grievances of the railway hawkers.

TVC training in Lucknow

On 14th July first training of all the members of the Town Vending Committee of different ULBs of Uttar Pradesh was organized in the meeting hall of the Lucknow Municipal Corporation. The event was graced by the Mayor and Commissioner of Lucknow Municipal Corporation. 70 participants from Lucknow, Varanashi, Allahabad, Moradabad, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Bareilly participated in the day long training program. Kanpur of Lucknow, Shri Dinesh Mishra, the Mayor inaugurated the training.



The Mayor outlined the various steps being taken by the Municipal Corporation for the street of Lucknow .He said he has already given his suggestions to the High Level Committee of SMART CITIES .He added that he has organized several health camps for street vendors .He encouraged the street vendors to get enrolled in Prime Minister life and accidental insurance schemes . . The Commissioner ,ShriRakesh Singh said that the TVC constituted under the 2009 Policy was very big and due to large number of members no substantial decision could be taken . He added that rules have been framed under the Street Vending Act and have just to be notified and then the new TVC will be constituted and the implementation will happen smoothly .

The participants highlighted that though the TVC has given them identity at the city level and a new voice , the TVC meetings were not held on regular basis defeating the continuity that is needed for implementation of the Street Vending Act .The participants from Meerut pointed about general cases were filed in the High Court without the knowledge of the Street Vendors and the Administration followed the orders without giving a hearing to street vendors .Vendors from Moradabad pointed out how the Municipal Corporations have involved them in decision making through TVC .

The training led to members getting a good understanding of the Law and functioning of the Town Vending Committee and the rights of the members of the TVC .They also got to know the practices that is being followed in different parts of the country . Lot of their queries also got answered .

Vendors day celebration in Bihar

This year Vendors Day celebration marked the achievement of Nasvi's long desired objective of Street vendors taking self initiative and making efforts to speak out their demands on their own.

On 20th January 2017 Vendors Day was celebrated in many cities like Midnapore , Delhi , Khagaria, Saharsa, Lakhisarai, Jamui, Hajipur, Siwan, Bettiah, Chapra, Ara, Begusarai, Sheikhpura, Purnea where street vendors organized Rallies, Dharna, workshops, sittings, etc. and invited

ULB officials , local leaders, Nasvi representatives, media representatives, etc.

A charter of demand was presented to the invited officials by street vendor delegation. It demanded for creation of vending zones, distribution of I Cards and vending certificates, prevention of eviction and fines, timely TVC meetings, survey list to be displayed in the ULB office for their knowledge and consent, proper and timely social security coverage, etc.

This year the Vendors Day celebration truly marked their growth as leaders who are really are cautious and grown sensitive enough to understand and handle their stand.



Vendors Day Celebration in M.P

On occasion of National vendor day 20th Jan Sewa MP organised Dharna an agitation and rally in 5 district of MP Around 50 to 70 vendor Women and men participated in Dharana raising demand to implement Central Law and sent Memorandum to Municipal Commissioner Media also gave coverage and Municipal Commissioners invited vendors for discussion.

12. Expanding resource and work base of NASVI Ludhiana /Mangalore /Jabalpur

In ludhiana despite being the lowest bidder the Municipal Corporation decided to give the tender to another agency .We protested and it was put on hold and subsequently cancelled . But the fresh tender went to the this agency only .We have applied in Mangalore and are waiting for

the results .We had also applied in Jabalpur but the tender was cancelled due to NASVI being the only agency . We have enrolled ourselves in a tender search agency and wherever we are getting opportunity we are applying Many Municipal Corporations are coming out with the criteria that only pvt ltd company having requisite experience can apply . We have tied up with a company called DMG for this purpose and infact have applied in Chennai .This will helpful both in our expansion as well as getting more financial resources .

13.CHALLENGES

Continuous involvement of the Central and State Govt :We see as a major problem as without their involvement it will not be possible to get the Act implemented . They know about the issues but avoid to get involved in it beyond a point

Municipal antipathy is the biggest problem – How to solve that ?Hundreds of examples of Municipal Corporation stalling even favorable steps. In Delhi case the South Delhi Municipal Corporation and the New Delhi Municipal Committee put up best lawyers including two Additional Solicitor Generals who argued vehemently against the vendors . In Meerut they gave 300 certificates and then stopped . In Dehradun , TVC has been functioning smoothly and issues of vendors are being addressed merely because Municipal Corporation is sensitive to needs of vendors

Urban Forces against Vendors are strong :Be it Market Associations or Resident Welfare Organization, forces collude using their money and contacts to stall any pro vendor developments. Many go to courts and get court orders for eviction of vendors without even mention of the Street Vending Act .

State Govt tendering mechanism is flawed . This makes participation of organization like us very difficult and the agencies that are being hired view many a times street vendor organization as hindrance to their work .Many Municipal Bodies do not allow organizations registered under Societies Act to participate

Street Vendors are running out of patience: Having got the Act and in some places court orders too , the Vendors are unable to understand where is the cause of their woes .

Demonetization: It has affected the business and consequently income of the street vendors and we need to formulate a stand and a strategy

Capacity Building of TVC members :More than 300 TVCs have been constituted but their capacity building is not happening and as such they are unable to articulate their needs .

Street Vendors organizing has to improve further :It is good that we have come to this stage but the organizing has to improve further with more deepening at the city level and functioning of committees at the state level

Vendors still unaware of the Act :It is sad that despite three years of passage of the Act many street vendors and their organisations remain unaware of the Act .

14 . ACTION PLAN for 2017-2018

Get more states to notify the rules and schemes :Our efforts must be to get all states to notify rules and schemes

State Level Committees to play active role :Until state level committees play an active role it is not possible for the Act to be implemented across the country . So their role needs to be speeded up and emphasized . Each state must have a WhatsApp group and there must be a position at the state level .

District Level : There must also be a district level position which will give the person more recognition and teeth to fight at the District level .

Railway Vendors ;Highlight the issues of railway vendors and get Govt to come out with some policy and relief of vendors

Watch on the PILs : As PILs keep getting instituted at the state level, it is very important to keep a watch on them .

Publication of training manuals : TVC, leadership and organization development manual has been developed and now must be published .

Capacity building :State level training programs are proposed to be conducted across the states

Vendors Day Celebration: Like every year ,this year too would be celebrated as Vendors Day on 20th January

Support in Crisis : This should be our most important action now as in some cities the crisis is increasing.

Create a Lawyer Forum :As more and more organizations are resorting to Courts ,it is necessary to create a lawyer forum

Expand Street Food Program ; The program has the potential to be expanded in other cities of India

Expand Street Food Festivals: FSSAI is all set to announce a nationwide scheme for organizing street food festivals across India . It is an opportune time to make it a nation wide event. This year we are proposing to organize International food festival in Delhi and Dubai

Social Security :With the Govt push towards the New Economy ,it is very important that we work on securing social security of the street vendors and unorganized workers

Update Membership MIS :MIS should be uploaded after deletion of the inactive members which we keep taking forward unnecessarily .

Expansion of Membership :There are cities and towns which do not have NASVI outreach and so it is important to reach out to those cities .

Digital Platform: NASVI must emphasize on digital literacy and use of digital platform for acceptance of payment

Better Communication with members :This is must particularly through the digital platform

Engagement with Media at the State level : We need to engage media more efficiently at the state level .

A Film on Street Vending Act : A film which captures the entire gamut of Street Vending Act and its implementation and the difficulties would be very helpful

Asian Focal Point :More Asian nations need to be roped in Street Net and Focal point to be more active

The End

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