

*National Conference on
“Three Years of Street Vending Act: Taking Stock and Surging Ahead”
On 30th March*

Venue Aiwan-E-Ghalib Auditorium Mata Sundari Lane, I.T.O, New Delhi

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Inaugural Session

The NASVI in Collaboration with WIEGO, FES and Action aid India organized two-day’s National Conference on the theme **“Three Years of Street Vending Act: Taking Stock and Surging Ahead”** on 29th and 30th March at Aiwan-E-Ghalib Auditorium Mata Sundari Lane, I.T.O, New Delhi

The inaugural function was started with lighting of lamp ceremony by Mr. Pawan Agarwal - CEO, FSSAI, Mr. Patrick Reuther- Deputy Resident Representative, FES, Mrs. Mnali Shah- President, NASVI and Mr. Arbind Singh- National Coordinator, NASVI, Mr. Sanjeev Pandey NULM Bihar.



Mr. Pawan Agarwal, CEO- FSSAI



Mr. Patrick Reuther-Deputy Resident Representative,FES



Mr. Sanjeev Pandey, NULM Bihar



Mrs. Mnali Shah, President- NASVI



Opening Remarks by Mr. Arbind Singh -National Coordinator, NASVI

Mr. Arbind Singh welcomed guests, participants and members of the press. Denoting the house of people, he began his opening remarks by saying that it is really inspiring to see good number of participants presented to attend the national conference travelling so long from their respective states to contribute to the program. He highlighted the objectives of the conference; He further told that it is a national platform of sharing for respective officers, state representatives, leader of the unions and street vendors. He told that street vendors are in the critical position and for proper implementation of the street vending regulation act all should come together and make a pressure on state government for its proper implementation. He told the formation of Town Vending Committee (TVC) is a unique platform for all the street vendors to regulate vending in the towns. He also told that all the stakeholders should come together and work for strengthening of the TVC and make sure women representation in the TVC.

He told NASVI is a unique and responsible national network of street vendors. It provide space to its members to ask questions and NASVI happily response to its members and make sure accountability towards its members.

He further told that nowadays there are several challenges which street vendors are encountering in their course of work and consequently, it is important to understand these challenges and resolve them at regional and national level. He additionally, led the house to get the sufficient information from this national conference.



Welcome address by Mrs. Mnali Shah- President, NASVI

She showed her gratitude to all the present participants from across the states and welcomed the chief guest of the day **Mr. Pawan Agarwal- CEO, FSSAI** for his presence to the program as well as Mr. Patrick Reuther – Deputy Resident Representative, FES, Mr. Sanjeev Pandey NULM Bihar, She began by spreading her gratitude to Mr. Arbind Singh for organizing this National Conference. She thanked FSSAI to give identity to street vendors through its skilling program in Delhi. She told that it motivated street vendors for their profession and she further told that street vendors felt proud that government recognized them. She also thanked to Mr. Patrik for supporting this two days national conference and told that without their help NASVI could not organize such type of programs and events for the street vendors. She also thanked to Mr. Sanjeev Pandey for his active involvement in implementing the scheme in Bihar and for his trust on NASVI in formation of TVC and conducting survey in Bihar.

She said that this National Conference is another effort to provide a proper understanding of the different aspects of the act and its implementation status across the India. Lastly, she welcomed and showed her gratitude to all the present members in the house.

After this Mr. Arbind Singh invited Mr. Sanjeev Pandey for sharing his experience with Bihar government.



Mr. Sanjeev Pandey, NULM Bihar

He thanked to NASVI for inviting in the conference and sharing his experience with participants. He expressed his happiness that huge number participants came from across the nation. He thanked to Mr. Arbind Singh for his leadership and different association of street vendors and street vendors for advocating for the street vending act. He appreciated the work of NASVI and he told that NASVI's role never forgive for passing the Street vendors (protection of livelihood and regulation of street vending) act, 2014. He told that he has been associating with this work from last three years and found wonderful experience. He further told that vendors also ensured for their rights as usual all other occupations.

He told that Bihar NULM is exclusively working for street vendors and street vendors very much aware about the street vending act but credit also goes to NASVI that how it is working in Bihar. He further told that NULM collaborating with private organizations and working for regulation of street vendors in Bihar. He told that Chief Minister and Chief Secretary they both personally took regulation of street vendors is a serious issue. He further told that CM and CS refused rules and schemes before notifying because they both did not find it good for the street vendors so they both made some changes in the rules and then only government notified it.



Mr. Patrick Reuther- Deputy Resident Representative, FES

He thanked to NASVI for its partner organization in India. He briefed about the organization that The Friedrich- Ebert- Stiftung (FES) is a non- profit German foundation funded by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany. FES is committed to the advancement of both socio-political and economic development in the spirit of social democracy. He told that NASVI

is partner organization since 1996 and it is pleasure to work with NASVI for the street vendors and ensure justice. He furthered told that NASVI is beautiful example for all over the India and looking for same in future. He told that whatever they achieved it was not just their efforts but it was also vendor's efforts. He told that it was learning for them that how to strengthen the union of street vendors in India. He told that they are very happy to support for this type of event and program where vendors come from across the India and share their own stories and day to day life struggles. Lastly he wished all the best to all the street vendors and their associations, unions and different stakeholders form the government and non government organizations for collaborating in future.



Mr. Pawan Agarwal - FSSAI

He started by thanking NASVI for associating FSSAI with it from last one year. He said that he was very impressed by NASVI with the speed with which the project went for skilling 23,000 Street Vendors. The whole project was completed in just 6-8 weeks. He shared his experience that he himself used to visit the centers and Street Vendors really used to come there for learning. He said he was very glad to see that feeling of authorization in NASVI and street Vendors. He said that paperwork for Street Vendors is also an important aspect and one should also focus on it. He accepted the fact that making a database of street vendors is very difficult. He said that State and district levels are also very important if we want to work on street Vendors associations. He said that it is a common notion that Street Vendors are unhygienic and we want to change this notion. We want to change this notion by changing the behavior of street vendors and building their capacity.

He said that FSSAI wants to empower the Street Vendors and it wants to reach out to every street vendor in India. He said that repeat trainings are also important for Street Vendors. He proposed an idea that in next year's conference, we can do an assessment and probably we can recognize the top 10 Street Vendors Leaders here which will fill them with sense of belongingness. He said that earlier FSSAI used to associate itself to only big brands; it is just due to NASVI that they have been able to associate themselves with common man. He told that our main motive should be to keep alive the Indian traditional food. He stressed on the importance of State and National Level Food Festivals. He said that besides focusing on our rights we should also not forget our duties as well.

Lastly he thanked NASVI for inviting him in the conference and wished luck to everybody presents there to continue the struggle.

At last when he ended his speech, Mrs. Mnali Shah and Mr. Arbind Singh gave token of love to all the guests present there.



Session on

- **Status of Implementation of the Street Vending Act, 2014**
- **How States and municipalities are doing in implementation and what are the impediments.**
- **Analysis of Rules and Drafts prepared by states.**
- **How SMART CITY Campaign of NASVI impacted Vendors.**

Time- 12:00 PM, Moderator – Mr. Siddharath Mishra

Miss Wajiha Aziz, Program Coordinator- NASVI

The talk started with PowerPoint presentation of Miss. Wajiha, NASVI on comparisons of various states on Parameters of Rules, Schemes, meetings of TVC, Survey, and formation of town Vending Zones and distribution of ID cards. She shared the status of Street vending act across the India. she told that out of 29 states and 7 union territories, Rules have been made in 19 states and 6 union territories while schemes have been notified in just 15 states and 3 union territories. Besides this, in 19 towns out of 29 and in 2 towns out of 7, survey has been conducted related to Street Vendors which has been mentioned in the act.

While the Town Vending Committee has been formed in just 16 cities and 2 union territories. Vending zones are identified in 16 cities of different states and in one union territory. Also in 18 different cities, Vending zones have been created. This shows the poor implementation of Act which is very sad for our struggle.

Mr. Sanjeev Pandey , NULM- Bihar

He started by giving background on what we have done in Bihar. He told that how they replaced the act of 2012 when the act of 2014 came. He said that they made 142 TVC's in urban local Bodies of NASVI in 42 Towns and did a biometric survey of 60,000 people and tried to link them with Aadhar to avoid any duplication.

He said that Adhar Survey is better than other biometric survey. He said that in Bihar, ID cards of Street Vendors have been printed and they will be signed by president of respective TVC. Besides this, he said that they are also trying to make director of NULM (National Urban Livelihood Mission) sign on these ID cards so that he also has some onus of responsibility on his shoulders.

He said that it is difficult to create vending zones as the Municipal Corporations are not supportive. He said that we will show Model Vending Zones to government. He said that we will try to create vending zones that will have all the facilities like drinking water, urinals and electricity etc and this will be possible with support of NULM as NULM has a lot of funds. This huge funding has to be pushed through organization. This will require two things- sensitization of officials and a strong Political will.

At last he ended his speech by saying that things will move in fast pace if there is a positive will.

Mr. Chandan- Action Aid India

Mr. Chandan started by thanking NASVI for inviting them here in conference. The question in front us is not just about political will but about Economical will also. The question is that this city in which we live wants to give them right or not. He gave two examples of how this city denies them their right.

First example was from Lucknow where they are struggling to have boundaries for Labour Adda (vending Zone) but it is been 5 years but local Municipal Corporation has not done it till now. It is because that if they will provide them vending zone then they will have to also acknowledge them and their needs and will also have to include them in the development plan of city. And clearly government doesn't want this.

Second example comes from the very recent ban on meat shops which will affect 25 Lakh people and their livelihood. He said that one should not fetch rights of Street Vendors in the name of culture and religion. He stressed that Land is the major issue. DDA, besides of having so much land, it does not give it to Street Vendors for Vending Zones because they will then have to include them in their development plan.

At last he ended his talk by saying that nothing can be done if Street Vendors of this nation are not recognized and are not included in any development plan.

Mr. Debojit-

Mr. Debojit started his talk by referring to the idea of Smart city of our Prime Minister Modi Ji. He said that in this idea of Smart City, people talk about sidelining the Street Vendors. He said that in his area in Assam 25 TVC's has been made but no meeting has been organized till now.

He said that he tried to make a forum in North East in Assam, Meghalaya and Manipur. There were some NGO's like STEP earlier which used to provide him funding but this is based in Guwahati and they don't provide funding for work outside Guwahati.

He said that there is a lack of funding to work in these areas. He requested NASVI to provide solution to this. He proposed that we will have to do speedy work. At last he thanked everybody for coming and giving this opportunity to him to work in this area.



Question answers round -

Mr. Gopal from Jabalpur asked question to Mr. Dayashankar that why can't everybody from different state learn the kind of he does in Mumbai about writ petitions and he also advised that training shall be given to every street vendor related to petition.

To this Mr. Dayashankar ji answered that he will try to come here in Delhi and will request Mr. Arbind Singh to call leaders from different states for training of petitions. He also advised that we should have trust on our street vendors.

Mrs. Geeta Kosti asked question to Mr. Pandey that how did they decide vending zones in their location and she also asked what was the strategy and struggle that they went through in the process.

Mr. Pandey answered that they identified vending zones with the help of NASVI. NASVI helped them to identify vending zones. He said that when we talk about vending zones regulation of vending zones is also important.

Mr. Santosh Kumar from Bareilly gave a suggestion that street vendors are not included in smart city and people who are affected by this. He suggested that street vendors can give 10000 rupees to police and they can't give thirty minutes to this movement. He asked how he can ignite a spark in the street vendors to fight for them.

Session on

“Judiciary and the Street Vending Act 2014 - Post enactments what have the courts to say – what strategy should street vendors organizations use in courts Judiciary and the Street Vending Act, 2014”

Modretor - Mr. Satya Parkash

Indira Unnithayar, She thanked NASVI for calling her here in conference. She said that it is a time for self reflection. This is a fight for land, fight for money, fight for the control of municipality and fight against attitude of the courts. She said that in this fight that we are having we should follow different strategies.

She said that there are three main cases-

1. Sudhir Maidan, 2007 -This says that any new law which comes, will be implemented removing the old one which is written in para 29 and para 30.
2. Gaundaram , 8-10-2010- This case states that power of municipal corporation is not above any new law, which is stated in Para 70 of this case.

3. Maharashtra Ekta Hawkers, 9-9-2013 - This case states that according to 2014 act it should be implemented in every state in India and according to this, first of all rules shall be made related to street vendors.

Secondly, Town Vending Committees should be made and in this committee at least 40% should come from street vendors.

Thirdly, schemes should be made which is written in second schedule of the act.

And at last, Survey should be done according to schemes which are written.

At least after stating these cases, she told that there are some high court judges who don't support us and they are trying to make costly markets of Delhi non vending zones which are very unfair.

She asked Mr. Satyendra Jain, Minister of Urban Development- Delhi Government that a strong political will is required to make this rules in favor of street vendors. She said that the elections in TVC should be made in fair and transparent manner.

She also complained that they are not getting support from Representatives of Delhi government in Hight court. After Indira ji ended her talk, associate of Mr. Satyendra Jain answered all the queries raised by her.

When Mr. Satyendra Jain arrived in the conference, Mr. Arbind Singh welcomed him and facilitated him with a bouquet of flowers. After the facilitation, he lit the lamp and join the session. Mr. Arbind Singh formally thanked to him for sparing his important time and coming to conference.

He said that in the elections of TVC, 1st TVC will only nominate the electorate. He told that in Delhi, we have law that only 2.5% of the total population of city can be street vendors which will be decided either on the basis of seniority or draw. He said that after the case of Maharashtra Ekta Hawkers we have this statement of judiciary that no vendor will be replaced from anywhere. They can only be rehabilitated. At least he said that there are some problems in implementation because of the reason that there is difficult party government in Municipal Corporation than Delhi Government.

Mr. Satyendra Jain Minister of Urban Development- Delhi Government

He said that there are some vendors which are powerful and some are weak. He said that we have to streamline the process of street Vending. He assured everybody in the hall that Delhi Government is with Street Vendors in every aspect. He also said that there will also be a Grievance Redressal Committee for street vendors. At last the session was ended with the words of Mrs. Sampri Phukan. She reminded everybody of the struggle that some vendors of Jama Masjid are going through from last three years when all their goods were confiscated by police. She said that this fight and struggle must continue.

Session on
Functioning of the Town Vending Committee (TVC) - TVC is an innovative step in collective bargaining – what are the initial experiences – how can they be more effective
Time: 3:15 PM Moderator: Mr. Arbind Singh

1. Mr. Vivek Kalia, Deputy Commissioner- Municipal Corporation Gurugram

He started by telling his own experience of implementing TVC in Gurugram. He told about the structure of TVC which was constructed in Gurugram in 2014 which is chaired by Municipal Corporation. Lead Bank Manager under NULM is also a part of this which has been involved to give loans to vendors to start their own business. He said that TVC is not perfect as written in books but in future they will try to make it as efficient as they possibly can. In 2014, they have conducted a survey of 14,769 people and they also have issued cards after giving them proper space. He also talked about provisional certificates to Street Vendors, talked about coordinated planning to allocate spacing for street vendors. Besides this he also talked about promotion of vocation of street vending by publishing street vendors charter and registration of street vendors in time bound manner. He told that in future they will try to make a database of street vendors which will be helpful in social audit, availability of credit, insurance and other welfare activities and schemes. Besides this he also emphasized on Research, education and training program. He said that after meeting with different stakeholders they are trying to renovate the old carts and are trying to bring new vending carts which are imaginative and creative which will change the overall Outlook of street vendors. He called this impression management and health hygiene.

After this he talked about the basic strategy of Municipal Corporation. He said that there is a numerical cap on Street Vendors which is 2.5 % of the total population. He said that they have to classify and identify the Vending zones based on this cap and then they have to organize them into different zones with minimal displacement possible. He said that they are looking forward for aesthetically designed modernized carts with GPS fitting and by bringing all the Vending carts under FSSAI norms. He talked about providing them basic amenities like water and toilets etc. He said that they are trying to outsource the above said functions to an external agency for constant monitoring. He said that he wants to set an example of carts from Gurugram.

After this, Mr. Vivek Kalia talked about issues with Street Vendors. He said that permission from TCP is not granted timely and street vendors are not willing to pay 1500 rupees. They can pay 10000 rupees to police but they can't pay 1500 rupees for management of their vending zones. He said that they want to take this project to additional areas also but there is lack of fund in that.

2. Mr. Santosh -TVC Rajasthan

Mr. Santosh from Jaipur Nagar Nigam shared her experience of attending TVC meeting. She said that she is a first time member of TVC and for her it was a wonderful experience.

3. Mr. Rakesh Tripathi

He shared his experience about 142 TVC's that they made in Bihar in 42 direct cities.

4. Mrs. Omwati, Gurugram

She expressed her anger towards Municipal Corporation of Gurugram. She said that they take 1500 rupees from vendors but they don't provide the security from police who come and confiscate their stuff.

Questions-Answers Round

1. Mr. Panwari from Rajasthan, he suggested that the money which is to be given for management should be decided by TVC not by Municipal Corporation itself. The decision should be collectively made by TVC

2. Rajendra Prasad Singh, Varanasi, he expressed his anger regarding irregular organization of meetings of TVC. He said that either meeting doesn't take place or even if it takes place, DM most of the times is not present in meeting. He usually sends his representative to attend the meeting.

To this Mr. Vivek Kalia answered that whenever meeting is due; we should write a letter to DM and should create a pressure for TVC meeting. He said that we have an amazing tool of Right to Information which we should all use to collect the required information. He said that minutes of meeting should be signed there only. He said that there are two things which are most important in this context- clarity of purpose and purity of intent.

3. Mrs. Salma Sheikh, she asked a question to Mr. Vivek Kalia that how did they choose Street Vendors in TVC. She also praised the power point presentation of Mr. Vivek Kalia and asked that if they can also get a soft copy of this.

Mr. Vivek Kalia answered that they chose the Street Vendors on the basis of volunteering and snowball sampling.

At least the session was ended by Mr. Vivek Kalia who said that there is a revolution which is about to come in Gurugram in the field of Street Vendors.

Session on

Women Vendors and - Issues and Challenges

Time : 4:30 PM, Moderator : Mrs. Shalini Sinha, WEIGO

1. Mrs. Madhu Bala, Jagori

She started by telling her experience of Jharkhand in the context of women where they did a study on women that how do women feel in open spaces of market. The results of the study showed that either the women are not allowed to go to market or they themselves are very hesitant to go to market. They said that they are not safe in open spaces. It shows that Patriarchy curtails the movement of women in open markets.

Where women are half of our population, her income is not counted in GDP. She told that there are still urinals for men but there isn't any toilet facility for women street vendors and they have to hold on to pee for almost entire day. They have to go through a lot of oral harassment and sexual harassment by customers. Not only this she shared that the tribal women in Jharkhand are also exploited by Local Policemen of the area.

At last she suggested that there should be proper facilities for women Vendors like lightning, toilet facilities, water etc. Besides this there should be women conductors in bus as well. Also there should be Gender sensitization and proper mapping should be done. Vending zones should be women friendly and women participation should also be there in deciding Vending zones. Lastly she ended her talk by saying that it is a fight against patriarchy and everyone should fight against it.

2. Mrs. Champa Ben, SEWA- Gujrat

Mrs. Champa Ben started by introducing her organization SEWA. She said that it is the key organization specifically working only on women. She said the women are not ABLA but she is DURGA. She gave examples like Mrs. Chand bibi, Mrs. Kalpana Chawla, Mrs. Pratibha Patil and many more. She said that even women want to work but they are not given equal opportunity to work. Today women have reached into spaces and sports and everywhere. So now is the time that we should also give our women chance to perform and fulfill their dreams.

At last she said that Vending is a mix hard work of both men and women and everyone should respect it.

3. Mrs. Salma Sheikh, Azad Hawkers Union

Mrs. Salma started by explaining the challenges that every women face while doing Vending. She gave an example of her Bhabhi that how she learnt the art of Vending so easily that in just few weeks she became master at it. She proposed a question that why can't women step out of her home and make family economically independent on her own. She advises that women's issues should be discussed openly in every platform of MASVI and everywhere.

At last Mrs. Shalini Sinha opened this session for question answer and said that all the women should be brought into one group to make a network and they will have to be hard and fight for themselves in this tough time.



Questions-Answers

1. Mrs. Shikha Ben from Himachal Pradesh, asked that how many women representatives are there in TVC's. And she said that until and unless we will have women representatives we will continue to ignore women in our work.

2. Mr. Kirtar Singh from Ludhiana-

He was so impressed with the session that he openly announced that when he will go back he will also ask her wife to attend the cart with him and will also include her in every important decision of family.

3. Mrs. Sangeeta Singh, NASVI

She put some light on the fact that women are invisible workers of our vending community even after performing 80% of the total work. She also raised a question that why is it that women will not go into sea and women will only sit and wait for fishes.

At last Mr. Arbind ji ended the session by saying that he was waiting for these types of answers since long. But he never got these questions but now he has got the answers that how women issues will be addressed.

Session on Organizing Sustainability- Membership Fee and other methods like Co-operatives, Business Models like Food Festivals etc.

1. Skilling the Street Vendor-

Munish Chawala-He started by thanking NASVI for inviting him here. He talked about demonetization and its effect on the earnings of Street Vendors and told them the alternatives of payment. He said one will always remember the best street food he/she has but he/she can never remember the five star food he/she had five years ago. That is the importance of Street Food. And coming of Digital India can act as great revolution for street vendors.

Paying through cards and paytm can increase their income. There will be no tension to have changes and all. He said that proper use of technology can act as a boom to this sector.

2. Sangeeta- Street Food Program-

She said that the onus of street food should remain with us and not with big corporate. She said that for this they have to increase their capacity and capacity building is not only about having a livelihood but how to increase the livelihood. Street Food Programs and festivals can act as a great way of skilling the Street Vendors as it gives them exposure.

At last she said that Skilling is the need of the hour and we shouldn't be shy to improve our capacities and skills.

3. Dheeraj Aggarwal-

He started by telling his age that he is 28 years old and telling hope and needs of the present generation is different from the others. He told that how the use of social media can fetch us more customers and good ranking in Street food Vendors. He also showed the functioning of APP and the online page of Facebook that how does it work.

Sustainability-

1. A. K Sharma and Jitender Bhaigal

Both of them told the importance of co-operatives and how then they be registered and the process. Case stories were also discussed of areas where this model has been a great success. They said that it s a must for every Street Vendor to be part of some Co-operatives as it gives them easy Access and low rate of interest of money. Every question was answered by them.

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Mr. Arvind Singh requested all the participants share their experience and asked participants if they have any question which they could not ask first day of the conference.

Ghanshyam from Rajashtan told that why Municipal Corporation make penalty on street vendors not on the big shopkeepers?

Bnwari Lal Sharma from Rajashtan replied that if there would be strong association of street vendors nobody can interfere or charge such penalty as they wish. But yes if there would be strong union they can make pressure on officers, political leaders or Corporation officers.

After taking some questions from the participants Mrs. Mnali Shah thanked to all the work done by the union leader, street vendors and representatives of the vendors who unfortunately not more in this world. She requested the house for give condolences to all friends Philosopher of the NASVI and its leader and street vendors. After that she brief about the agenda of the day and as she mentioned that on second day of the conference is all about the NASVI work and elect new Executive Committee of NASVI. She told that resource person have invited to conduct the fair election of NASVI.

Presentation of the Co-coordinator Report and discussion

After that she invited Mr. Arvind Singh- National Coordinator of NASVI for present progress report and annual report to the members. She congratulated him for organizing this two days national conference and also for all the participant to attend the Annual General Meeting of NASVI.



Meeting with Ministers, Chief Ministers and different government officers

Mr. Arvind Singh started by sharing the achievements of the work which it has done with its members. He said that it is a responsible network of the vendors which ensures the transparency of work for every individual member, associations and union of the vendors. He said that this year their prime focus has been to push Central government and State Governments for the

proper implementation of the Street Vending Act 2014. NASVI has continuously tried to approach the concerned Union ministers and State Ministers to improve the implementation of the act. He also shared that in this process, one of the NASVI's member met Union cabinet minister Mr. Venkiah Naid, Union minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Mr. Rao Inderjit Singh, Minister of state for planning (independent charge) and Urban Development Housing and Poverty Alleviation, Chief Minister of Andra Pradesh, Telengana, Delhi, Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Deputy Chief Minister of Goa and Urban Development Minister and Secretaries of many states.

He told that they always try to be in touch with Urban Planning and Development Department of different states to create a pressure about how they are implementing this act in their States.

Skilling of street vendors with the help of FSSAI:

He shared that how this year they managed to make a partnership with FSSAI and gave training to 23,000 Street Vendors of Delhi training to improve their skills. 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. It is very new concept where FSSAI has started to recognize Street Vendors also. He talked about the importance of Licences for Street Vendors and appreciated the government to acknowledge this fact. The 21,511 passed the assessment after training and were issued certificate under the Food Safety Act as well as Recognition of Prior Skill (RPL) under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

Membership:

He also shared with everybody the increase the Membership of the organization from last year. He shared about the new MIS system that they have bought from an external agency. the MIS has been used to make an Database of Membership of NASVI which is a big help to organization. the need for database was realized long ago and it is was worked upon in this year. he also shared that during this year 60 new organizations membership was approved and how 40 Organizations have joined as members this year.

5th StreetNet International Congress:

He then talked about the 5th StreetNet International Congress in India. A lot of energy and time was spent in organizing this event. he shared how the team had put in best efforts to get this permission in time from Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

The Congress was successfully organized between 4th to 6th October where 109 delegates from 54 countries participated. There were Panel Discussions and Questions Answers round also. It was a Very productive Conference. He also showed everybody in the hall some pictures of the event which looked amazing.

A new International Council was elected with-

President: Lorraine Sibanda- Zimbabwe

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

Secretary: Arbind Singh NASVI, India,

Treasurer: Shikha Joshi, SEWA, India,

It is very good to see that there are 2 Members from India in the International Council and also this congress has added feathers to the organization as NASVI has been recognized at Global level due to this.

National Street Food Festival 2016: National street food festival which was organized on 23rd, 24th and 25th of December were one of the major events done by NASVI this year. He expressed his gratitude to FSSAI which supported the event by taking up the cost of booking the venue. He also expressed his gratitude to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship which provided the training and kits along with advertisements in major newspaper. The Networking done here he said is long term networking and will also be useful in future.

Capacity building

He shared that NASVI has focused on developing capacity of the street vendors and their leaders on various issues such as-

- a) Leadership growth and organization development
- b) Financial and digital literacy
- c) Town Vending Committee members training
- d) Training manual along with resource persons have been developed

The main focus of the training was organizing, Leadership and Legal information/Awareness. Through this training trainer also focused 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.

He told that through capacity building training they discussed 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.

At last he thanked everybody for listening to him patiently and for adding value to the organization in one way or the other.

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After the presentation of National Coordinator reports and discussion Mrs. Manali Shah opened the session for the participant to ask any questions and suggestions.

Mr. Arbind Sindha from Gujrat- He suggested that there should be a loan facility for the street vendors so that if any street vendors would like to extend his or her work, he /she can get capital for that. The rate of interest should be minimal which vendors can easily repay.

Mr. Lakshman from Telangana: He suggested that NASVI should invite state delegates from the concerned departments in this national conference so that they can be familiar with NASVI and its association.

A delegate from Odisha: He asked for the clarification for the provisions for vendors in making smart cities. He asked if government has made any plan for making vendors smart or not.

Mr. Rajesh from Bihar: He asked all the street vendors that they should start a post card campaign and send it to President of India for nominating representative of street vendors in Rajya Sabha, who can raise the issues of informal sector.

Mr. Ravi Diwan from Allahabad: He suggested that TVO or Municipal Corporation should notify vending zones near road side and not in an isolated place, where customers can also reach easily.

Rajkumar from Bihar: He shared his experience that Commissioner of Municipal Corporation made noticed for all the street vendors to do vending in the area but at same point of time other department come to them and ask for evection the place.

After this National Coordinator Mr. Arbind Singh answered all the questions raised by the participants. He attempted all the questions and answered them and ensures participant incorporate their suggestion in his agenda of work.

He told that street vendors face everyday new challenges in their workplace issues such as evection, corruption, physical abuse and security. He further told that they should think about social security which becoming major issues for the street vendors. He answered the question related to loan for street vendors and gave suggestion to all the vendors that if they all will agree NASVI can talk with insurance company for the insurance of street vendors and their stalls also. He further told that they should registered their own cooperative society thrift cooperative society where all the street vendors can deposit fix amount and get loan at low rate. He told that they have one successful model of Sanchya thrift cooperative society in Delhi where street vendors deposit their money and get loan according to their need.

He also encouraged street vendors file petition in the court he shared his experience in Delhi that how many advocates simply manipulate vendors and take money from them, he told that many advocate do not have any knowledge about the provision in the street vendors and what are the challenges vendors have been facing but they easily make street vendors fools and just earn money from them. He appreciated vendors and union leader who filed petition in the court and they successfully get information which they needed.

He told yes through food security act vendors can protected along with street vending act and he also told that it is good for the street vendors that FSSAI skilling street vendors which definitely protect street vendors from any type of harassment.

Lastly he told that there should be strong leadership in vendors unions and association who can create pressure on local bodies and as well as concern department if somebody harass them at their workplace. He highly focused on good leadership and requested all the street vendor create build leadership qualities so that everybody can come forward and raise their voice.

Proposals-

There were three main proposals that were to be discussed in the General Body Meeting which are as follows-

- 1. About the transparency of NASVI and the number of times NEC should meet should be increased.**
- 2. The membership committee Membership should be increased.**
- 3. There should also be State wise Committees also who will inform the National Level Committee the status of work and implementation of act in their state.**

1. First Proposal was discussed by CP Singh- About Vice Presidents-

He shared that the structure of national Level Committee should be a little different. He said that the role of President and Secretary should be well defined. There can be two Vice-Presidents, Different for North and different for South. He advised that under these Vice presidents we can have State level Committees. Besides this while discussing this proposal of having two Vice-Presidents for North and South, they also talked about Disaster Relief and Social Security and implementation of Schemes and rules. They also talked about regulation of income and budgeting and reporting of finance etc.

There were several questions to this proposals like-

If the bylaws of the organization will be amended or not.

How will these State elections done.

There should be more clarity as to what are the roles and responsibility of the President.

All these question were answered and he was told that rules will be made regarding these proposals.

2. Structure of State-

Mr. Arbind Singh said about this proposal that if we make State Committees also then it will be easy for us to work in States. He said that it will be an easy task to deal with states once these committees are formed. As centre is not able to do much, it becomes very important to have state committees as well so that we can show our presence in remotest of villages. He said that if we want to work with State Governments and Zila Parishads, it is important to work at State level. And for this we require State Level Committees.

There was one question by the Street Vendor that if these State Level Committees will get some economical support or not.

This was answered by Arbind sir that these state level committees are for experimental purpose to share the responsibility among everyone equally.

These were the two main proposals that were also passed in the Annual General Body Meeting with a consensus. After this everybody headed for lunch and was asked to come back after 30 minutes for Elections of Executive committees.

Election of Executive Committee and constitution of State Structure by Mrs. Shalini Sinha – WIEGO

Mrs. Shalini Sinha, briefed about the election process for new Executive Committee. Following were the main highlights of the election process-

1. all the Delegates were asked to sit in the hall State wise. Total 25 Members are to be chosen in which 20 are to be elected and 5 have to be nominated.
2. They were asked to nominate One member for National Executive Committee. Five states- Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, whose Membership is very high were asked to pick two members for National Executive Committee. One of the two Members has to be Woman.
3. Two Members from each state had to be chosen for State Executive Committee- State President and Secretary, one of them had to be woman.
4. Whoever will be elected as state President and state Secretary they will not be eligible for Executive Committee members.

She divided all the delegates according to their state and asked them to elect their representative for the National Executive Committee and State Committee. After dividing in the group delegates sit together and had discussion about new Executive Committee and state committee, all the states decided to elect dedicated leader for National Executive Committee and as well as for the State Committee.

They were given 30 Minutes for this process. There were Some disturbances among the Delegates from UP which was solved later. Once everybody gave the names of their EC members, Mrs. Shalini Sinha requested all the new elected members to come on the stage and congratulated them for their new responsibilities.

The whole process of elections went smoothly.

Election for the New Executive Committee was held on 30th March, 2017. The new EC members based on your voting are:

Arbind Singh – National Coordinator

Kamal Upadhyay – Treasurer

State	EC member	State President	State Secretary
Andhra Pradesh	T. Venkateshwar Rao	P. Prabhavati	Venkata Ratnam
Assam	Debjit Senapati	Naren Rajbonshi	Chandan Gowsami
Bihar	C. P Singh (Vice-President) Sonal Sinha	Anil Kumar Singh	Poonam Aarya
Delhi (UT)	Sagar Yadav	Naseemuddin Siddique	Kanchan Devi
Gujarat	Manali Shah (President) Champa patni	Arbind Sindha	Geeta Koshti
Jharkhand	-	Shahi Adil	tbc
Karnataka	Bhaskar Urs	tbc	tbc
Kerala	Sonia George	M.M Kabeer	tbc
Madhya Pradesh	Shikha Joshi Gopal Lodhi	Basanti Malviya	Hansraj Sisodia
Maharashtra	Dayashankar Singh	Salma Sheikh	Honaji Chauhan
Odisha	Pritam Singh	Maheshwar Bal	Sujata Sahu
Punjab	Tiger Singh	Ram Milan Gaur	Meera Devi
Rajasthan	O. P. Deora	tbc	tbc
Tamil Nadu	M. Mangeshwaran R. Leelavathy	P.A Ramaswamy	P. Sumathy
Telangana	Pochamma	R. Shalivan	Alivelu Manga
Uttar Pradesh	Gokul Prasad Abhishek Nigam	Irshad Ahmed	Poonam Shukla
Uttarakhand	-	Babli Rani	Vimal Vaishnav

Four more EC members will be co-opted from the states of Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, West Bengal, Tripura, Meghalaya and Manipur.

Lastly Mr. Arbind Singh and Mrs. Manali Shah thanked all the delegates, union representative, associations, resource person, and all the organization that supported to make this event successful for all the street vendors. He further told that next year they will organize national conference and will try to make it more meaningful for the street vendors. He also told that he hope next year more and more vendors will join this type of event and especially women will be present in next years conferences. He told that their presence helped to make this event a great success and your enthusiasm and positive spirit helped make our time together both productive and fun.

Elected members for New Executive Committee and States Committee



Some photos of the conference







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