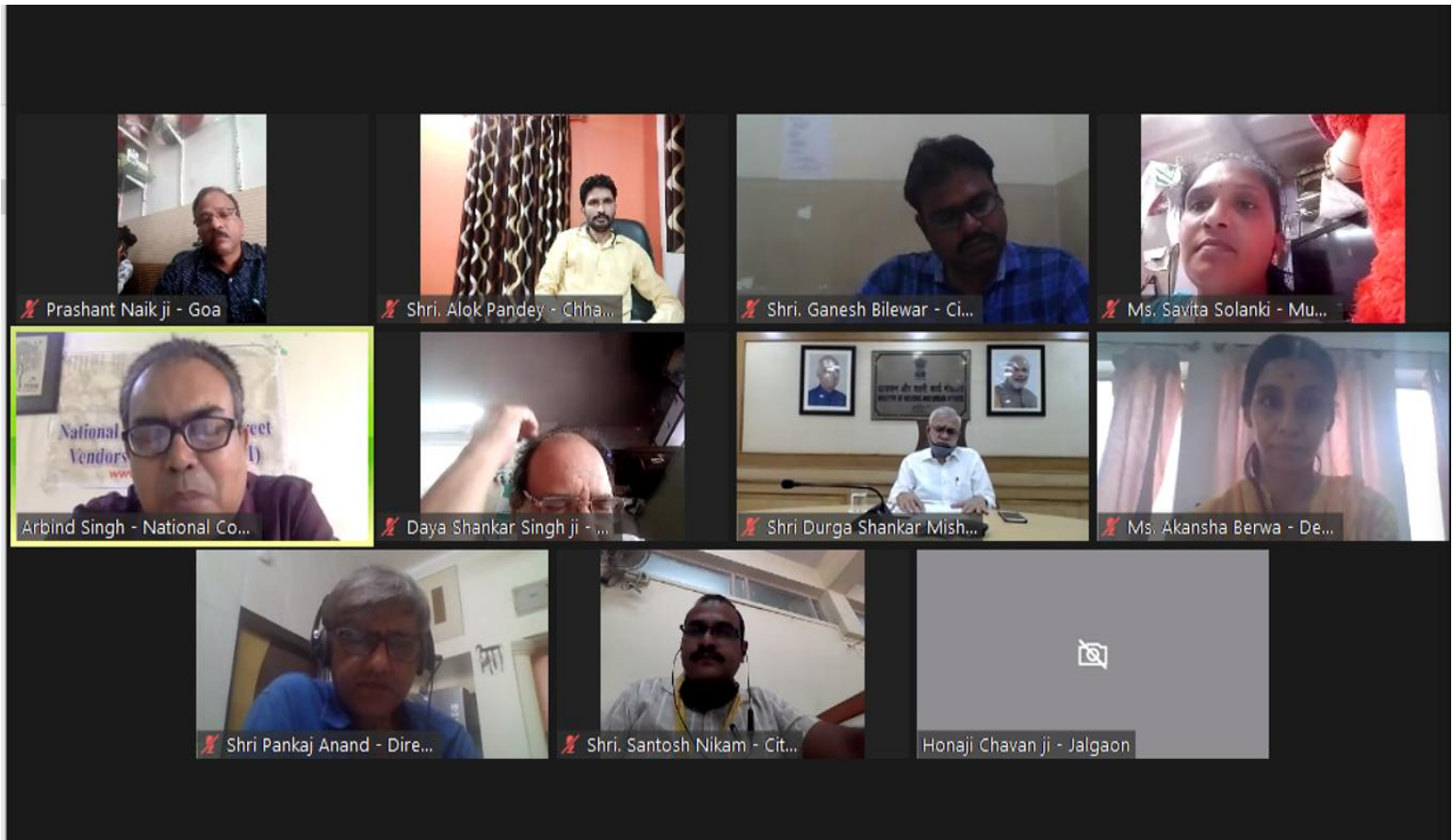


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West Zone Webinar on Street Vending in India

Shri. Durga Shankar Mishra - Secretary MoHUA, Govt joins as panelists to interact with vendors/ leaders.

Government officials, Social Activists were the panelists.

National Association of Street Vendors of India organized a West Zone street vendor's webinar on 10th September, 2020 from 12 PM to 2 PM. More than 5000 vendors joined the webinar through zoom and facebook live. The panelists were -

- Shri Durga Shankar Mishra -Hon'ble Secretary - MoHUA, GoI;
- Shri T. S. Singh Deo - Minister - MoHFW–Chhattisgarh;
- Shri Pankaj Anand - Director – Programme& Advocacy - Oxfam – India;
- Ms. Anita Mittal - Deputy Commissioner – NULM - Jaipur Municipal Corporation;
- Ms. Shraddha Udawant - Assistant Commissioner - Municipal Corporation – Nanded;
- Ms. Akansha Berwa - Deputy Commissioner - Jodhpur Nagar Nigam;
- Shri. Ganesh Bilewar - City Mission Manager NULM - Akola Municipal Corporation;
- Shri. Santosh Nikam - City Mission Manager - Nashik Municipal Corporation; and
- vendor leaders – Shri Daya Shankar Singh, Shir Bala Saheb More, Shri Honaji Chavan, Shri Om Prakash Deora, Shri Banwarilal, Shri Arvind Shinde, Shri Shabbir Chahwala, Shri Alok Pandey, Shri Badruzamma, Shri Prashant Naik.

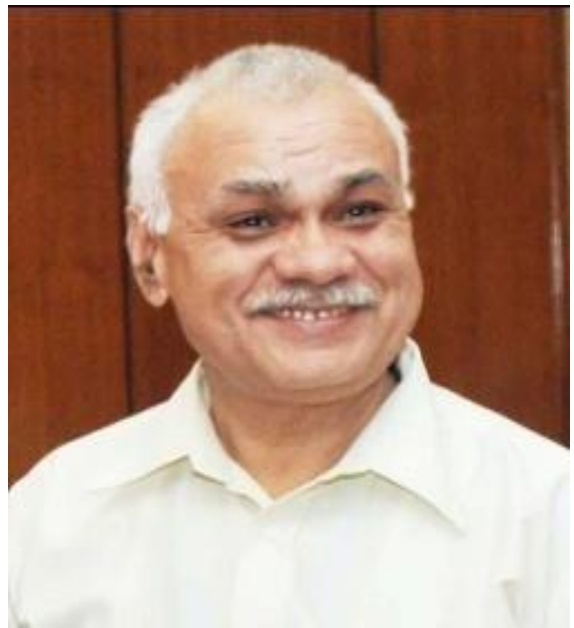
Shri Arbind Singh – National Coordinator NASVI was the moderator.

Panelists discussed the issues of street vendors amid COVID – 19 and how street vendors can take the benefit from government schemes. Panelists discussed the issues of street vendors amid COVID – 19 and how street vendors can take the benefit from government schemes.

Shri Durga Shankar Mishra - Secretary Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt. of India said that the street vendors are essentials for any state to survive and they are one of the worst affected due to COVID Pandemic. They have been working by taking loans at very high

interest rate. PMSVnidhiYojna supports the street vendors and provide them with loan of Rs 10,000. He said –

- Received more than 7, 09,000 application on PM SvinidhiYojna. More than 1, 90 000 loans have been sanctioned and 40,000 have been reimbursed.
- If vendors repay on time, they have instructed the vending institution to help vendors with higher loans at next cycle.
- Cash back facility to vendors to promote digital payment.
- Coordinating with banks – private, government, cooperative, SHGs to help vendors with loans.
- Had webinar with DGPs, state ministers, DM and Municipal Commissioner and discussed about street vendors being disturbed. We asked them not to disturb the street vendors.
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- Cash back facility is also promoted among the vendors. After end of each moth vendor will get some cash back upto Rs 100/.
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Shri T. S. Singh Deo - Minister - MoHFW - Chhattisgarh said vendor being directly in contact with masses are most prone to COVID. Now COVID is increasing at greater rate. SO every vendor have to take precaution. If they are not feeling well, take test. Please don't take COVID lightly.



Shri Pankaj Anand - Director - Programme & Advocacy -

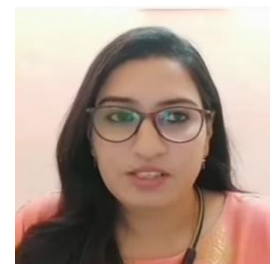
Oxfam– We, all are dependent on street vendors. Every single person buys things from street vendors. So this economy is very important. Street vendors help the small producers and sell to consumers at low rates which are very beneficial for the economy. At present many people have lost their livelihood, so they are turning towards street vending as means of income. So it is very important to work for the support of street vendors. They are the most competent entrepreneurs.



Ms. Anita Mittal - Deputy Commissioner - NULM - Jaipur Municipal Corporation said In Jaipur survey is in continuation. 12300 street vendors have been identified. We had TVC meeting on 16th June and Vendors leaders were given this list. We have also uploaded around 4000 forms on PM Svanidhi portal.



Ms. Shraddha Udawant - Assistant Commissioner - Municipal Corporation - Nanded said survey have just started in Nanded. We have filled 700 forms till now. We have also filling LOR. And then we send to Bank.



Ms. Akansha Berwa - Deputy Commissioner - Jodhpur Nagar Nigam said that how the street vendors have been working since a very long time. Thematic Issues faced by street vendors are Individual & Collective Rights, Urban Planning, Health and Safety Issues and Unfair Competition. She also shared the steps taken by state govt during lockdown to support vendors and answered the queries of vendor leaders.



Shri. Ganesh Bilewar - City Mission Manager NULM - Akola Municipal Corporation said they have achieved 70% target of filling form under PM SvanidhiYojna. 2200 LOR have been reported. We are doing joint activity with market leader. 436 loans have been sanctioned. We have also train common service centre to assist the vendor.



Shri. Santosh Nikam - City Mission Manager - Nashik Municipal Corporation also shared the steps taken by their government in their city. Under PM SVanidhi Yojna we are filling form of street vendors. Around 4000 forms have been filled.



Shri Alok Pandey - Chhattisgarh - Vendors are affected the most during lockdown in both urban and rural area. Nagar Nigam has asked ward parshad instead of vendors association to identify the vendors.

Shri Daya Shankar Singh - Mumbai said - Mumbai vendors are worst affected amid this pandemic. Around 80% of the vendors have gone back to their villages. Except for fruit and vegetables vendors, no one was allowed to vend. We need major steps to re-establish vendors back in Mumbai.

Shri Honaji Chavan - Jalgaon - During lockdown only some of fruit and vegetable vendors were allowed to vend. Till now food vendors are unable to take back their businesses. Situation of vendors are going from bad to worse. Vendors are regularly harassed. Yesterday a women vendor was injured during eviction. She is still hospitalized. In PMSvanidhi Yojna - they are asking for voter ID. Every vendor does not have Voter ID or there is some spelling mistake which is causing problem. CSC centers were supposed to help the vendors for free in applying the form but they are taking Rs 200/-. Even they are being scammed by taking money from vendors for this process. NULM official is helpful but we need more support.

We started "Jalgaon Stores" during lockdown, so that vendors can home deliver their food at the houses. Vendors are preparing the food and their adult kids are the rider for food delivery like swiggy and zomato.

Shri Om Prakash Deora -In Jodhpur, Nagar Nigam is organizing camps for filling the forms of street vendors. Only issue is that TVC meeting is not regular and vendors are being evicted despite having a High Court order.

Shri Banwarilal ji - Jaipur - We need to sensitize the bankers towards the street vendors. Although in Jaipur vendors are applying for the loans, banks are hesitant to help them. There are asking for so many formalities/ documents. Some banks are also asking for Rs 500 stamps paper or insurance. If vendors had money for these stamp papers or insurance, why vendors

would takes loans. In TVC meeting, vendor representative are not taken into considerations. Infact there are no regular meetings as well.

Shri Shabbir Chahwala – Surat – Street vendors have been affected a lot during lockdown. There are no regular TVC meetings so that we can share our issues and problems. Till now, we have filled almost 5000 application of street vendors in

Alok Pandey

Shri Badruzamma – Town vending Committee is formed without any election. Further, even after street vending act – 2014, street vendors are regularly harassed and evicted.