



## 25 Years of NASVI



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# 25 Years of National Association of Street Vendors of India

On 26 September 2023, NASVI celebrated its 25 years of existence at the NDMC convention Centre in New Delhi, where 300+ participants, from varied CSOs participated in the event.

The first part of the event was dedicated to the 25-year-long struggle, journey, and success of collective action, where Rajesh, (Advocacy manager), from NASVI, briefed about the program schedule and invited Executive Committee members onto the dais. All the esteemed members shared their experiences with NASVI. The gender bias in the field of street vending was mentioned by Ms. Leelavati, while she was going on to the dais the slogan 'naari Shakti zindabad' echoed in the hall. Leelavati expressed that NASVI is the biggest margdarshan, appealing to all street vendors to come together and fight for the cause. Mr Chandra Prakash Singh, Chairperson of NASVI, gave an idea on the various initiatives of NASVI, enchanting the slogan 'sangathit ho, sangharsh Karo, he ended by quoting a few lines from Dushyant Kumar Tyagi's poem 'Mere seene mei nahi, tere seene mei hi Sahi, ho aag kahi pr bhi jalni chahiye. Ho gayi peer parbat si pighalni chahiye is Himalaya se koi NASVI niklni Chahiye'. The first session ended with Ms. Sakshi Aggarwal's tribute to the lost heroes of NASVI.



# Inaugural Session

Inauguration, lighting of the lamp, and book release “25 Years of NASVI” were done by the dignitaries on the dais i.e. Shri Manoj Joshi, (Sec MoHUA), Sailesh Pathak, (Sec General FICCI), Alay Mohd. Iqbal, (Deputy Mayor, Delhi), Kamesh Sanghi, (Director- livelihoods, American India Foundation), Syed Sultan U Ahmed, (ILO, India), Siddharth Roy, (principal manager SBCD, FSSAI), Chandra Prakash Singh, (President NASVI), Arbind Singh, (National Coordinator, NASVI).



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**Shri Manoj Joshi, (Sec MoHUA)** addressed the participants and emphasized how important PM SVANidhi is for the street vendors and the actual implementation of the Street Vendors Act with the coming up of PM SVANidhi. He said that the issue of vending zones should be taken under consideration as the urban population is increasing. he also appreciated the efforts of NASVI in providing opportunities to street vendors of India to raise their concerns and issues on a larger platform.



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**Shree Kamesh Sanghi, Director of Livelihoods,** American India Foundation, spoke about micro-entrepreneurs, he also spoke about how NASVI helped in the development of Street Vendors in nearly 40 cities and he mentioned that more than 3 lakh street vendors benefitted. Eliminating poverty is the main idea behind NASVI’s Agenda. Speaking about PM SVANidhi Scheme he reiterated that it has not only provided support to the street vendors but also enabled them to make a living in this time of uncertainty. Mr. Sultan Ahmed from ILO India, said that since 2002 ILO has been safeguarding the interest of Street Vendors in India. He also mentioned how FSSAI and NASVI provided training to the Street Vendors of India.



### Role of the PM SVANidhi Scheme in Securing and Promoting the Livelihood of Street Vendors

After the session panel discussion was held on the Role of the PM SVANidhi Scheme in Securing and Promoting the Livelihood of Street Vendors, where Shri Rahul Kapoor, Joint secretary, MOHUA mentioned how the PM-SVANidhi acknowledged street vendors as business owners who contribute significantly to the economy. Additionally, he explained how 1300 Vending Markets came to be and how SVANidhi se SAMRIDHI helped street vendors access other government programs like the Jan Dhan Yojana and Jeevan Jyoti Yojana. More than 65 lakh street vendors have gotten their loans since the PM SVANidhi program began, with 71 lakhs having been approved for loans.

### Panel discussion was held on Street Vending in India- Challenges and Way Forward



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Another Panel discussion was held on Street Vending in India- Challenges and Way Forward where street vendors across the country raised their concerns and the way forward for that. The Panel discussion was moderated by Ms. Sangeeta Singh Street Food Program Head, NASVI where it was discussed which are the key areas that need attention and to improve the situation.

# Cultural Programme

(Closing Session - "EK SHAAM PATH VIKRETA KE NAAM")



The day was concluded with a cultural program where the participants were none other than street vendors from different - different states, From classical dance to contemporary hip hop, from jazz music to Qawwali, the event ended with a lot of learnings and memories to be remembered for us.