



# National Association of Street Vendors of India



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**5 & 6 July**

NASVI's Executive Committee meeting was organized on 5 & 6 July 2024 at the Indian Social Institute. The meeting started with adopting the agenda by the president of NASVI Mr. Chandra Prakash Singh, afterwards, Mr. Arbind Singh, National Coordinator, NASVI presented the coordinator's report and explained the activities of NASVI in the last 6 months. Later state reports were presented by EC members who represented their state.

The meeting highlighted a lot of achievements and areas where as individuals and groups every member and organization respectively decided to work upon.

### Members who attended the meeting

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| <b>EC Members</b> |
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| Chandra Prakash Singh, President | Arbind Singh, National Coordinator |
| Kanchan Devi                     | Manoj Kumar Swain                  |
| Mageshvaran V                    | Chandrawati Devi                   |
| Sanjay Chopra                    | Jaffar Mullawar                    |
| Gokul Prasad                     | Leelavati Pandey                   |
| Tiger Singh                      | Jaya Shankar Singh                 |
| Honaji Hemraj Chavan             | Irshad Ahmad                       |
| Chandra Lekha Pandey             | Renu Sharma                        |
| Debajit Senapati                 | Pochamma                           |
| S. Shabbir                       | Rajendra Prasad                    |



# Agenda

5 JULY 2024

| S.NO | TIME            | ACTIVITY   |
|------|-----------------|--|
| 1    | 10:00-10:10 A.M | Chair- Mr. C.P Singh-President, NASVI-Adoption of Agenda   |
| 2    | 10:10-11:30 P.M | National Coordinator's report presentation, Activities by NASVI & Issues Faced Street by Vendors                       |
| 3    | 11:30-12:00 P.M | Tea Break  |
| 4    | 12:00-1:00 P.M  | Advocacy at National, State & City Level: Finding Solutions  |
| 5    | 1:00-2:00 P.M   | Lunch  |
| 6    | 2:00-3:30 P.M   | Organization Challenges (Membership Fee Issue, Cancellation of FCRA, Accounts Presentation, Data Information and more) |
| 7    | 3:30-4:00 P.M   | Tea Break  |
| 8    | 4:00-5:00 P.M   | State Reports  |

6 JULY 2024

| S.NO | TIME            | ACTIVITY  |
|------|-----------------|---|
| 1    | 9:00-10:30 A.M  | High Court & Street Vendors Law-Advocate Mr. Ravi Nigam |
| 2    | 10:30-10:45 A.M | Tea break   |
| 3    | 10:45-1:00 P.M  | Planning & moving ahead/India Street Vendor Forum       |
| 4    | 1:00-2:00 P.M   | Lunch   |
| 5    | 2:00-3:30 P.M   | Fellowship Learnings                                    |
| 6    | 3:30-4:00 P.M   | Tea Break & Dispersal                                   |

A discussion also held on How the TVC is elected and who is the voters for that election, many points came up and Mr. Arbind Singh, National Coordinator explained the whole process and added that vendor has the right to vote but it is essential that real vendors with identity would vote. In the end, it was decided that an SOP would be submitted to the government of India on how the TVC should be elected.

## Prayagraj

EC Member Lilavati Devi presented her state report and mentioned that since 2017 TVC Elections have not been conducted and spaces in the vending zone & night bazaars are allotted to nonstreet vendors. She added that brokers are getting the spaces in those vending zones. When the government releases the funds for the implementation of the act and the benefit of street vendors then why those spaces have been allocated to such individuals? This year is

Mahakumbh and because of that street vendors have been removed from their places of vending which is affecting their livelihood.

### **Haridwar**

EC member Sanjay Chopra emphasizes the implementation of the Street Vendors Act in rural areas adding to this he also suggested that NASVI should discuss the standing committee report of 2020-21 and accordingly submit an SOP to the government on how the law should be implemented. He also presented an overview of his state activities and said that in 2021 Municipal Administration constructed a Women's Pink Vending Zone in the Rodi Belwala area. In the media, it was announced that because of the Kanwar Yatra, the vending zone had to vacate and make arrangements for Kanwar Yatra. He also mentioned that because of the corridor-making in various places in Haridwar not only vendors have been evicted but also not allowed any space in that. He suggested that government officials be part of TVC similarly it is high time that street vendors also become a part of urban development committees and others which are connected and hold importance for street vendors.

### **Lucknow**

EC Member Gokul Prasad gave his state report and mentioned that with the construction of the metro and smart city, street vendors have been evicted. Street vendors should be included in the committee of SUDA, DUDA & Metro projects where their inputs can be of use. He also said special focus has to be made on street vendors near the railway station and proper spaces should be allocated to vendors to vend.

### **Madhubani**

EC Member Rajendra Prasad said that Municipal Corporation officers are very unaware of the street vendors act and it is required that they are informed about the act. In any TVC meeting, TVC Members are not called upon and major decisions are taken by the officials. If there is some decision it is required to represent it in the TVC. Usually, the officials remove the vendors who are not encroaching on the street and not the ones who are doing it. He also said that it is the vendors' hand to stop the corruption and '*Dalali*' and become strong & united.

### **West Bengal**

EC Member Chandralekha Pandey gave the current status of street vendors in Bengal and said that the sudden drive by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation came as a shock to them. Overnight the decision was taken without cognizant of any street vendors leader or TVC Member. Hundreds of street vendors have been evicted and a fresh survey has been conducted by KMC which is linking one vendor to their Aadhar card. The threat to this drive is that no street vendors representative is in the high-power committee and the threat of increasing corruption.

### **Delhi**

EC Member Kanchan Devi shared her fair struggle against the NDMC and narrated her journey of how NDMC Officers targeted her and her family but because of her resilience, she won the battle of the street. Kanchan Devi also shared how the survey is pending in her market.

### **Patna**

EC Member Chandravati Devi shared her suggestion and how every vendor should be standing right next to their cart so that it verifies that they are practicing street vendors.

### **Mumbai**

The situation in Mumbai has been described by our EC Member Jaya Shankar, where street vendors have not been issued any COV. Authority at a constant pace is not following the Street Vendors Act and the lives of street vendors are difficult to lead.

In all this Arbind Singh added that it is essential that officials implement the law and that the system of one vendor one cart is in the right direction to protect the future of street vending in India. Sangeeta Singh, Head- of Street Food also added that municipal corporations should diligently register street vendors in their database.

One of the issues that arises is in rural India vending culture is increasing as it is becoming their source of earnings. What measures can be taken to a) the food they are serving in rural scenarios is healthy & hygienic and b) provide them assistance & guidance to vend at a suitable place where they can operate easily.

### **Uttar Pradesh**

EC Member Irshad Ahmad shared that TVC meetings are not happening and TVC Is not functioning and how permanent solutions for street vendors are not being done by the authorities. The real beneficiaries of the law are getting nothing.

### **Jaipur**

EC Member Renu Sharma pointed out the TVC issue as the meetings are not happening. She also added that some of the vendors have a high court to vend even then the authority is removing and evicting them. She also mentioned that vendors' carts have been demolished and most of the carts are run by local MLA and when Nagar Nigam comes they do not remove those carts but evict the real street vendors.

### **Tamil Nadu**

EC Member Mageshvaran V said that NASVI work has been tremendous in Tamil Nadu and street vendors know NASVI by name. he shared his success story where the authority rejected the establishment of the TVC but he continued to struggle and make sure that the TVC of 2017 continues to be recognized to take any major decision of TVC. He was also successful in stopping the eviction in Madurai. He also added that authorities must be aware of the act.

### **Guwahati**

EC Member Debajit Senapati gave the overview and said because of their efforts 81 vending zones have been declared in Guwahati and they are going to demand more vending zones. He

said the survey is not completed in Guwahati and work needs to be progressive by the corporation to protect the livelihood of street vendors of Guwahati.

On the second day, Advocate Ravi Nigam gave a presentation on the act and legal understanding of articles. He also shared some of the success stories of NASVI and suggested to the members how they can continue to fight the battle on the street from legal aid.

Another presentation was given by Ms. Preeti Khatri on digitalization and data management of street vendors in India. In detail, she explained the importance and procedure of doing so.

Later learnings from APPI fellows were shared where fellows from 5 cities came and shared their learnings and experiences. In all the 5 cities major achievements was achieved by the fellows.

**Some of the decisions taken in the EC Meeting were as follows.**

1. Acceptance of the resignation of two EC members in the matter of FCRA Cancellation.
2. Membership fees submission by affiliated organizations. Every organization will be submitting a minimum of 500 rupees as annual membership fees. A 100-member organization will have to submit a minimum of 500 rupees yearly.
3. For the AGM, vendors will come with vendor leaders and accommodation & travel will be supported by vendor leaders. The hotel and leader will be directly communicating for accommodation.
4. The hotel booking agent model will be Dissolved.

**Some of the Action points taken in the meeting are as follows.**

1. Concern about the rehabilitation of street vendors near railway stations & highways.
2. Focusing on rural aspects of street vending and street vendors.
3. Collaboration with colleges & training Institutes specialized in Urban Planning, which eventually gives learning and consciousness to future urban planners.
4. Creating awareness among the officials about the Street Vendors Act.
5. Preparing an SOP for the government of India on
  - 5.1 Street Vendors Act
  - 5.2 town vending Committee & it's regular elections
  - 5.3 vending zones.
6. Studying other towns for a better understanding of management and development.
7. List of states where COV is not issued even after 10 years of the Act.
8. Representation of TVC members or street vendor leaders in government bodies like urban Development Authority, DDA, LDA, SUDA, DUDA, and more.

9. One Vendor one Shop campaign, where one vendor will be allowed to have one cart for fair management that leads to equal opportunity for every vendor to vend and stop over utility of space.

10. Conversation with district magistrate to make them understand their duty & role in TVC. How TVC meetings are required to take every decision in regards to street vendors.

11. Issue and review of Certificate of Vending after 10 years of law.

12. Resolution from NASVI for reissue of FCRA as it is affecting NASVI Financial stability which is eventually affecting the livelihoods of street vendors across India.

13. Redefining street food as street food vendor as in the name of street food, non-street vendors are getting spaces in vending zones, corridors, night bazaars, and more. Money has been allotted to municipal corporations to build these spaces for street vendors; in the end, they are deprived of these spaces.

14. Campaign on preserving street food culture.

15. Ending the contractor's raj

16. 6 Schedule understanding.

17. Resolution will be presented to new MOHUA Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar

18. Discussion on the parliamentary report of 2021-22

19. Proper allotment of vending zones and other spaces to practicing street vendors only.

20. Vendor facilitation service to rural street vendors who migrate to vendors in urban areas will be facilitated to provide better vending opportunities.

21. Registration of street vendors across India on street Saarthi application where a yearly amount of 100 rupees will be taken by vendors in the first year, where 20 percent of it will be given to affiliated organizations for financial expenses to ensure a sustainable model. This vendor will be directed with many government Schemes.

22. National protest of street vendors across India for one day.

23. Letter to state residential for providing travel & accommodation facilities to their state members for AGM or National Street Food Festival.

The two-day meeting concluded with a lot of insights, learnings, and decisions that the organization will be working on.

