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Action Plan

Annual General Meeting

27th September 2024

On 27th September National Association of Street Vendors of India organized an Annual general meeting at the Constitution Club of India where street vendor leaders from across the country attended the meeting and shared their learnings and struggles from last year. The event started with the presentation of annual and financial reports led by street vendor leaders sharing their respective state challenges and issues.

Shri Arbind Singh started with the issues of FCRA cancellation and its effects on NASVI. He also laid importance on how the AGM has to constructively talk about the real issues so that it gives better clarity on the demands of vendor fellows. Shri CP Singh also requested the vendor representatives to pay attention and contribute to the AGM so that the challenges issues, developments, and way forward can be discussed. Later street vendors from across India shared their grievances with the audience.

Dhanbad- Shri Bhagwan Das shared his experience and said TVC meetings have not been held for 3 years. Although 2 vending zones have been allotted, no vendor has been given space in those. No officials are adhering to the law and requested that vendors be given vending space in their original vending space.

Patiala- vendor requested that NASVI members be aware of each and every law related to the vision, and aim of NASVI and what as an organization it does for the benefit of street vendors. This will make sure that more vendors can come and join NASVI.

Uttarakhand- Shri Pradeep Bhatnagar from Dehradun said that TVC has not been chosen even though a letter has been given to the Commissioner.

Karnataka- Shri Mohd Farooq from Bengaluru said that decisions are taken without TVC's consent. Even though financial support has been sanctioned for vending zones, no zone has been made. Even the Municipal Corporation is not supportive.

Bihar- Patna vendor requested to hold a protest in the wake of the next elections to highlight street vendor issues.

Rajasthan- In Jodhpur TVC elections are not held. Evicted street vendors are not been relocated for many years. They requested NASVI to take their issues to the central govt. Officials instead of helping them are disturbing them in carrying out the vending business.

Punjab- In Ludhiana vendor said that ending zones have been assigned, and some vendors have been allotted also. But recently, those vendors have been evicted and Tehsildar, armed with a court order has spearheaded this eviction.

Uttar Pradesh- Prayagraj vendor narrated that there has been a trend that vendors who vend on streets with no tables but bedsheets are targeted every time. In the name of Smart Cities, MLAs, and influential people are giving space to big hoteliers. They are threatened that they should cooperate with the officials.

Uttar Pradesh- In Gorakhpur Shri Siyaram Saini said that they were not associated with NASVI until this year. They requested a special focus on the vendors from Gorakhpur. So-called street vendor leaders in Gorakhpur take bribes from vendors in return for vending stalls. TVC has not been elected for as long as 11 years

Odisha- Cuttack vendor conveyed that there is no vendor leader from Cuttack, there is a need to identify leadership.

Uttarakhand- Shri Yashwant Rawat from Rishikesh talked about evictions in Rishikesh, street vendors there have organized hunger strikes which was successful. Rawat has been part of this strike.

Telangana- Jangiaiah, Telangana Amala, Telangana vendor- SV Act not implemented there, they need the support of NASVI in Telangana.

Tamil Nadu- In Marine Drive, officials accused street vendors of contributing to pollution. This caused evictions in large numbers. It was requested to include old vendors. There has been no renewal of ID cards in Marina Drive. For all these, the Tamil Nadu team needs an advocacy team to resolve the issues.

Tamil Nadu- In Trichy, Big Bazaar city, street vendors are evicted. They are not allowed to vend in the name of Smart Cities.

Jharkhand- Shri Vinayak from Ranchi said that TVC is powerless there, they requested either to empower TVC or re-elect a new TVC, but the Nagar Nigam won't be there.

Uttarakhand- Manju Devi from Haridwar said that no women vending zone is functional, opposite to the women empowerment professed by Govt. Nagar Nigam is oppressing street vendors, especially women vendors, and evicting vendors. TVC is not truly representative. They want the pink vending zone as well as space for vending for male fellows as well.

Punjab- from Mohali, All the street vendors are forced to accommodate in a single vending zone, and surveys are not timely. Vendors have been requesting NASVI's advocacy team to take up the issues.

Kerala- Vendors expressed their grief that Smart City has evicted vendors; it has been 5 years but evicted street vendors have not relocated yet. TVC is not truly representative. Especially more than 1 person in a family is given separate vending spaces, thus preference should be given to 1 person per family. There are 5,000 street vendors, but TVC's representation is of only around 3,000 people.

Shri Arbind Singh, National Coordinator, NASVI expressed his gratitude for the vendors' insightful contributions and assured them that their suggestions and concerns would be taken seriously. He highlighted the need for a clear action plan and sought input on states where NASVI should enhance its role and accountability. He noted that Bhaduri Ma'am is open to including street vendors in town planning maps and emphasized the importance of accurate vendor surveys to allocate appropriate vending zones. He also said to provide legal assistance to vendors facing police harassment and encouraged them to reach out to NASVI leaders for higher-level support. He underscored the importance of membership, emphasizing that only those with genuine intentions to work would be elected. He concluded with a reminder of Sharit Bhawmik's principle: "We must work with good people and promote them."

After listening to street vendor grievances, it has been decided that the following measures will be taken by NASVI.

Action Plan

To give rights and justice to street vendors of India. The action plan was decided.

1. From 19-26 November symbolizing and celebrating Constitution Day, the Chief Minister Campaign will be launched where each market/city/state will approach their CM for implementation of the Street Vendors Act and giving the rights to street vendors.
2. From 3-10 December symbolizing and celebrating the Human Rights Day the Prime Minister Campaign will be launched where each market/city/state will approach their PM for implementation of the Street Vendors Act and giving the rights to street vendors.
3. On 20th January a national protest will be organized where each vendor is closing their patri for the day symbolizing the unity and power of the street vendor community.
4. An advocacy letter will be sent to every state municipal corporation stating the issues street vendors face in their respective markets and an appointment to meet to discuss and come upon a solution.

After this some major decisions were taken for the NASVI executive member committee and amendment to the NASVI constitution.

1. Registration of NASVI to National Association of Street Vendors of India by Bihar government as in the initial year the word new was registered but talks are in process to register the name with National.
2. A board with 7 members will be constituted.
3. Membership fee is decided at rupees 500 for every organization and in addition to that 1 rupee per member.

Changes in Executive Member Board

1. Shri Jayshankar will be our EC member from Azad Hawkers Union replacing Dayashankar ji because of his health conditions.
2. Smt. Reena Sharma will be our new EC Member representing the state of Assam.
3. Shri Rishi Narayan will be our new EC Member representing the city of Varanasi.
4. Shri D Laxman will be our new EC Member representing the states of Hyderabad and Andhra Pradesh.
5. Smt. Preema will be replaced by another woman EC Member representing the state of Karnataka. New member name to be decided.
6. Gujarat EC Member will be replaced. New member name to be decided.
7. Uttarakhand EC Member will be replaced. New member name to be decided.

Next year NASVI will have elections in which the names will be elected and decided.

At 1 pm, the guests had lunch, followed by their dispersal toward the jantar mantar for protesting.