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# ABOUT FOOTPATH KI AWAAZ



**Dear Friends,**

After the inception of NASVI, we started a monthly newsletter magazine called **Footpath Ki Awaaz**, which played an important role in dissemination of information and in bringing together street vendor organizations from across India. In fact, the newsletter also helped build the movement of street vendors, leading to passage of the National Policy on Urban Street Vendors in 2004 and ultimately the Street Vendors Act in 2014.

The experiences of implementation of the law and PMSVANidhi have again brought the need of sharing and learning from each other. However, given the digital revolution, we have now decided to keep it in a digital format and bring out the newsletter every month. Hope you will like it.

Please feel free to share your feedback.

*In solidarity,  
Arbind Singh  
National Coordinator*

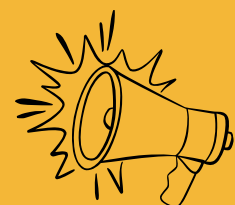
# State-Level Workshop on Street Vendors' Empowerment Held in Patna

A state-level workshop on the **“Current Situation and Empowerment of Street Vendors”** was organised on 1 May 2026 at the NASVI office in Patna. The programme was inaugurated by Patna Municipal Corporation Mayor Sita Sahu, Deputy Mayor Rashmi Chandravanshi, and NASVI National Coordinator Arbind Singh.



Addressing the gathering, the Mayor reaffirmed the Corporation's commitment towards resolving vendors' issues and developing vending zones in every ward, while the Deputy Mayor assured support for improving vendors' working conditions.

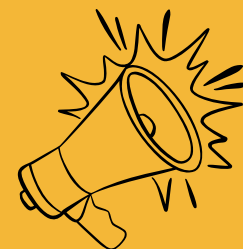
Arbind Singh highlighted NASVI's efforts for street vendors' welfare, noting that nearly 30 lakh Certificates of Vending have been issued nationwide and around 10 lakh vendors have benefited under PM SVANidhi.



The book **“Bihar me Path Vikreta”**, documenting the condition of street vendors in the state, was also launched during the programme.



The relaunch of “Footpath Ki Awaaz” magazine on 11 years of Street Vendors Act was announced during the event. Information about the “Street Saathi” mobile application was shared, enabling vendors to register grievances and access membership services. Representatives from Punjab National Bank also explained loan facilities available under PM SVANidhi.



# बिहार में पाथ विक्रेता

आजीविका, शासन व्यवस्था और चुनौतियों का एक स्थितिजन्य विश्लेषण

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2026

## DELHI HIGH COURT GRANTS RELIEF TO STREET VENDORS



In petitions **filed by NASVI** along with other street vendors, the Delhi High Court, in its order dated 19 May 2026, directed that vendors **holding Provisional Certificates of Vending (CoVs) cannot be removed, stopped from vending, or unnecessarily harassed** until the final decision of the **Town Vending Committees (TVCs)**.



The Court observed that the final vending process, including issuance of final CoVs, constitution of TVCs, and declaration of vending zones, is still incomplete. The order also emphasised fair consideration of different categories of vendors, including **mobile, stationary, and disabled vendors**, while stressing the importance of cleanliness and lawful vending practices.



# From the Ground



## PUNE

### दुहेरी सकटासुळ पथावक्रता अडचणात

उष्णतेची लाट आणि व्यावसायिक गॅस सिलिंडरची वाढ यामुळे बसतोय दुहेरी फटका

। पुणे : शहरातील पथ विक्रेत्यांसाठी सध्याची परिस्थिती अत्यंत आव्हानात्मक आहे. उष्णतेची लाट आणि व्यावसायिक गॅस सिलिंडरच्या किमतीत झालेली आत्तापर्यंत सर्वात मोठी वाढ, या दुहेरी संकटाचा फटका लाहान व्यावसायिकांना पथ विक्रेत्यांना बसत आहे, ज्यामुळे व्यवसाय परवडणे कठीण झाले आहे. त्यामुळे किमान कारवाई तरी थांबवा अशी मागणी पथ विक्रेता समितीच्या वतीने दीपक भोहिते यांनी केली आहे.

दि. १ मे रोजी व्यावसायिक अनेक छोटीय व्यावसायिकांच्या हातागाडीचा स्टॉलचे व्यवसाय ५० टक्क्यांनी कमी झाले आहेत. महागड्या दराने सिलिंडर खरेदी करून व्यवसाय सुरू ठेवल्यास नफ्याचे प्रमाण अत्यंत कमी झाले आहे. तीव्र उन्हामुळे ग्राहकांची संख्या कमी झाली असून, विक्रेत्यांना आरोग्याच्या समस्यांना तोंड द्यावे लागत आहे. बडोपाव, चहा, पोहे यांसारख्या पदार्थांच्या किमतीत वाढ करावी लागते आहे, ते ग्राहकांसाठी कसे परवडणारे ठरेल असा विचारही पथविक्रेते करीत आहेत.

असेल तेव्हाच (संध्याकाळी) दुकान उघडणे सोईचे वाटते आहे. व्यावसायिक सिलिंडरचा पुरवठा विस्कळीत झाल्यामुळे काळबाजार होत असून, काही ठिकाणी सिलिंडरची किंमत ४००० पेक्षा जास्त झाली आहे. ही किंमत नियंत्रित करण्यासंदर्भात व व्यावसायिक सिलिंडरचा पुरवठा सुरळीत होणेसंदर्भात, नॅशनल असोसिएशन ऑफ स्ट्रीट व्हेंडर इंडियाच्या पुणे विभागाने व पथ विक्रेतेचे एकता समिती यांच्या वतीने यासंदर्भात जिल्हाधिकारी यांना निवेदन दिली आहेत.

## PATNA

### Patna has 40k vendors, highest in state: Nasvi

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Patna: Data released by the National Association of Street Vendors of India (Nasvi) revealed that Bihar has over 2 lakh street vendors across 49 cities, with Patna having the highest concentration of approximately 40,000.

While 47% of vendors statewide possess certificates of vending and 45% have accessed PM SVANidhi loans, institutional gaps still persist and also their legal protection.

Nasvi released this data at a state-level workshop on the "Current status and empowerment of street food ven-

Street vendors in Pune are facing livelihood challenges due to extreme summer heat and rising commercial LPG cylinder prices. Declining customer footfall and increasing operational costs have forced many vendors to reduce working hours, while vendor groups have demanded measures to control gas prices and ensure regular supply.

## RISHIKESH

### बाबा काली कमली बगीचे के समक्ष दिया जाए वेंडिंग जोन

रूषिकेश, संवाददाता। एम्स के समीप रेड्डी टेली लगाने वालों ने स्टैंडिंग आवास विकास की तरफ वेंडिंग जोन दिए जाने पर नाराजगी जताई है। उन्होंने बाबा काली कमली बगीचे के समक्ष ही वेंडिंग जोन देने को मांग की।

बुधवार को एम्स रूषिकेश के समीप रेड्डी टेली लगाने वाले लोगों ने नगर निगम कार्यालय में मेयर शंभू पासवान से मुलाकात की और ज्ञापन सौंपा। उन्होंने मेयर से कहा कि वे लोग बिते

एम्स के समीप रेड्डी टेली लगाने वाले दुकानदारों ने मेयर से लगाई गुहार

लगाकर अपना व्यवसाय कर रहे हैं। जिससे उनके परिवारों की रोजी रोटी चल रही है। लेकिन अब कई महीनों से उन्हें यहाँ से हटाने की कोशिश की जा रही है। इसे किसी भी सूत्र में बदलित नहीं किया जाएगा। उन्होंने कहा कि नगर निगम प्रशासन द्वारा उन्हें आवास

Street vendors near AIIMS Rishikesh are facing pressure of eviction and relocation from their long-standing vending spaces. Vendors fear that shifting them to distant locations may severely impact their livelihoods, and have demanded a suitable vending zone near the existing area in accordance with the Street Vendors Act, 2014.

Patna has emerged as Bihar's largest street vending hub, with nearly **40,000 vendors** according to NASVI data. While many vendors have benefited from Certificates of Vending and PM SVANidhi, concerns regarding institutional support and legal protection continue to remain.



## MUSSOORIE VENDORS SEEK SUPPORT DURING TOURIST SEASON



A meeting was held at the NASVI office with representatives of Redi Patri Kamzor Varg Kalyan Samiti, Mussoorie, to discuss **challenges faced by street vendors** during the ongoing **tourist season**. Following the meeting, letters were sent to concerned authorities seeking intervention, protection of livelihoods, and development of suitable vending zones in Mussoorie.

**UPDATE**

## Hyderabad: Asaduddin Owaisi Intervenes Over Harassment of Street Vendors

Street vendors near Secunderabad Railway Station raised concerns over repeated harassment and eviction affecting their livelihoods.



Following complaints from vendors, **AIMIM President Asaduddin Owaisi** intervened and took up the matter with city authorities, seeking a fair resolution.

## HARIDWAR

## VARANASI VENDORS DETAINED DURING EVICTION DRIVE



Street vendors and small traders in Haridwar launched an indefinite protest against harassment and eviction during anti-encroachment drives. Vendors demanded protection of vending rights, proper allocation of vending spaces, and implementation of the Street Vendors Act, 2014.

Street vendors in Varanasi's Dashashwamedh area faced renewed eviction drives and detention of vendor representatives, raising concerns over implementation of the Street Vendors Act, 2014. Following protests and interventions, the detained representatives were released the next day, but concerns over recurring enforcement actions continue.



## EVICTION DRIVES SPARK LEGAL ACTION IN JODHPUR

Street vendors in Jodhpur continue to face eviction drives and harassment despite protections under the Street Vendors Act, 2014. Raising concern over the situation, NASVI extended support to affected vendors, who moved to the court seeking protection of their livelihood rights and implementation of the Act. The vendors have now received a stay order from the court against coercive action.



## **NASVI OPPOSES CONTRACTOR-BASED MANAGEMENT OF WEEKLY MARKETS IN NOIDA**

NASVI has expressed serious concern over the proposed contractor-based management of weekly markets in Noida, stating that such measures threaten the livelihood security and autonomy of street vendors. The organisation emphasised that weekly markets are community-based livelihood spaces and should function under the provisions of the Street Vendors Act, 2014. NASVI has urged authorities to protect vendors' rights and ensure participatory and transparent market governance.

## **KAROL BAGH VENDORS RECEIVE COVS AFTER INTERVENTION**

Following representations by NASVI regarding delays in CoV distribution and TVC election processes in Karol Bagh Zone, immediate action was initiated by the authorities. Within hours of the letter being sent, vendors were informed to collect their Certificates of Vending (CoVs) the following day, marking an important step towards formal recognition of vendors' rights.

## **COV HOLDERS SEEK PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT**

Street vendors at Vasant Kunj Car Market holding Provisional Certificates of Vending (CoVs) raised concerns over eviction threats and harassment despite legal protection under the Street Vendors Act, 2014. NASVI wrote to the PWD seeking immediate intervention and protection of the livelihood rights of legal vendors.

**UPDATE**



# SERVE SAFE FOOD TAKES ROOT IN MUZAFFARPUR



NASVI, in collaboration with Nestlé India, organised a training programme for street food vendors under Project Serve Safe Food in Muzaffarpur, Bihar.

The initiative focused on promoting safe food handling and hygienic vending practices among vendors.



Addressing the programme, **Dr Raj Bhushan Choudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State**, Ministry of Jal Shakti, appreciated the initiative and assured support for the development of vending zones while recognising the contribution of street food vendors to local livelihoods.





**AROUND 100 STREET FOOD VENDORS WERE TRAINED ON SAFE FOOD HANDLING AND HYGIENIC VENDING PRACTICES.**



# New Initiative By NASVI- Small Restaurant Owners Training Program Bangalore





Ensure Space for Street Vendors,  
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