

NASVI (National Association of Street Vendors of India)

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Registered in 2003 under the Societies registration Act of 1860.

Membership: NASVI constitution provides for membership to Trade Unions, Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Non Government Organizations (NGOs) and professionals like Lawyers, Teacher, Doctors who have been associated with the cause of street vendors. Every member organization shall contribute 50 paisa annual on the basis of per vendor member of that organization. NGOs and individuals pay Rs. 100 annually. The current membership of NASVI is of 2, 92,452 member of 373 organizations in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Uttaranchal, Madhya Pradesh West Bengal, Punjab, and Meghalaya.

Objectives:

- Was formed at the initiative of SEWA to work for the formulation of a National policy for street vendors;
- Lobbying for policy changes at city, state and national levels; initiating dialogue to find solutions to problems in which there is direct communication between street vendors' representatives and the authorities;
- Organising meetings in cities and towns of India and building local networks on issues where interventions are necessary ie; hawking zones, licences;
- Capacity building of street vendor organisations which focus on need to develop long term strategy, sustainable organisation, to face municipal corporations, build linkages and involve women in leadership;
- Build an alliance of membership-based organisations and strengthen them; build and strengthen leadership of vendors and develop database on their numbers, conditions etc; document and disseminate successful organising strategies;
- Advocate for the rights and for legal aid of vendors and forge links with organisations for the benefit of street vendors in policy-making and law; to make available census information and the issue of ID and licences to vendors and encourage the propensity of the natural market place;
- Advocate mechanisms for co-ordination among vendors and the different urban/district/regional authorities;
- To promote different organisations like trade unions, co-operatives, associations and others among vendors;
- To make financial services available to street vendors and link them to the mainstream economy;
- Lobby and network for inclusion of spaces/places for vendors in urban master plans; to promote social security, including pension, insurance, health facility among vendors;

- Do awareness campaigns on health-related problems and make arrangements for preventative and curative methods; facilitate education (informal and technical) for vendors and their dependents, provide scholarships for dependents of vendors and child vendors; make street vendors a special component of the plans for urban development by treating them as an integral part of the urban distribution system;
- Sensitize officials and public about the issues affecting street vendors;
- Impart skills development in alternative employment;
- Enforce regulations and promote self-governance amongst street vendors;
- Organise special benefit programmes for women and physically challenged vendors and to build an old age home;
- Print and create media and documents to create awareness among street vendors and society;
- Undertake relief work during disaster/emergency situations;
- Encourage environmentally-friendly and cultural activities;
- Establish/construct markets for street vendors;
- Undertake programme to eliminate bad practices and habits of street vendors.

Office bearers: National Co-ordinator –Mr Arbind Singh; President – Mr Sodan Singh; Vice-Presidents- Mr Krishna Prasad Sah, Ms Manali Shah Secretaries- Mr.Gokul Prasad, Ms Shikha Joshi, Treasurer - Mr.Shyam Shankar Deepak.

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