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Empowering the
Informal Workers and
their Children Since
1996



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From Director's Desk

NIDAN has been working for the informal workers for more than 26 years, our goal has always been to empower them, provide them with knowledge, skills to make their livelihood better. From the sector for environment to nutrition, NIDAN works in every front to make sure the development and better livelihood opportunity to the sector of society which are unnoticed.



Arbind Singh

Executive-Director



ABOUT NIDAN

Beginning of Nidan in 1996 – a nonprofit dedicated to work for informal workers and their children. Nidan is registered under Societies Registration Act 1860, on 13th July 1996, Nidan has more than 20 autonomous separately registered offshoots dedicated for specific purpose, the most famous being the National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) working with Street Vendors. It began in Patna in one market and one slum of Patna with legal aid and advocacy for rights of informal workers as initial focus. Today NIDAN on its own and through its offshoots have presence in almost whole of the country working with around 277372 informal workers and 50,000 children.

Nidan strives for-

- They are organized and have Govt issued identity card which is preferably portable
- They have laws governing their work and are assisted in accessing the laws
- There are policies and programs with sufficient resource allocation to develop their work and entrepreneurship
- They have access to institutionalized finance which also includes saving mechanism
- They have social security provisions
- They are skilled in their professions
- They have access to market for sale of goods and services.
- Their children are educated and mainstreamed.

VISION

To establish a just, democratic, non-violent society where the citizens enjoy their rights (of education, health, and livelihood etc) without any discrimination (on the basis of gender or class), live in mutual co-operation and perform their optimum responsibility without any hindrance.

MISSION

Nidan's mission is to facilitate non-violent and peaceful collective action, directly as well as through networks and to create, activate and replicate structures and systems which cater needs of poor and deprived so as to eliminate exploitation and provide opportunities for maximum growth.

Navigating the Climate Crisis: Strategies, Impacts & Solutions

NIDAN has been working to have a sustainable climate impact and solution for a long time. One of the first steps in this direction is Project Gobardhan, Under the Gobardhan (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan) program, the state government selected Nidan as the LSBA project implementation agency. Nidan has been assigned to set up biogas plants in seven districts under the Koshi and Purnia divisions of Bihar. These districts include Supaul, Saharsa, Madhepura, Araria, Katihar, Purnia, and Kishanganj.



The major objectives of the project are as follows

1. To support villages in safely managing their cattle and agricultural waste, and make the villages clean.
2. To support communities in converting cattle and organic waste into wealth using treatment systems.
3. To convert organic waste, especially cattle waste, to biogas and organic manure for use in rural areas.
4. To promote environmental sanitation and curb vector-borne diseases through effective disposal of waste in rural areas.



The projects created employment opportunities and contributed to local economic development.

- Completed the Construction of Fixed Dome 2TPD biogas Plant, including Inlet, Digester, Dome Outlet, etc.
- One Biogas Plant in Supaul is Functional and another one from Madhepura is going to be functional in June'23
- Kishanganj, Saharsa, Araria, Katihar, and Purnia Construction completed Erection is ongoing.

Finding Sustainable Solution: Vermin Compost System

NIDAN successfully completed the project aimed at enhancing sustainable solid waste management practices and promoting environmental awareness on AN College campus. This project involved the establishment of a vermin compost system for managing organic waste and the setup of Plastic Banks for managing plastic waste. The collaborative partnership between AN College and Nidan Solution and Service Provider was instrumental in achieving the objectives.



The main objectives of the project were to:

1. Implement a vermin compost system for effective organic waste management.
2. Set up Plastic Banks to facilitate the recycling and reuse of plastic waste.
3. Promote zero waste disposal practices across the campus.

Achievements:

1. Design and Installation:
2. Training and Guidance:
3. Provision of Plastic Banks:
4. Maintenance and Troubleshooting



Economic Recovery of Informal Women Workers of Urban Patna

This project aims at developing micro-entrepreneurship of women in urban Patna who are left behind either due to a shortage of capital or skill. This project induces them with both so that they also can be made self-employed.

The training of more than 100 women is being conducted and 35 women entrepreneurs have started their business and has been registered under MSME. Women are an integral part of society and the project aims to make sure that they are self-sufficient and independent to run their own business. Not only it will benefit them but eventually, the process will lead to employment opportunities for others as well.

35 WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS STARTED THEIR VENTURE

Insence, phenyl making, spices, stitching & training, pickles & more



Empowering Street Food Vendors: Food Safety & Hygiene Training

In 2016, Project Serve Safe Food emerged as a collaborative effort involving Nidan, Nestlé India, and local Food Safety Authorities. The core mission was to equip street vendors with essential knowledge of food safety and hygiene practices while at the same time enhancing their livelihood prospects.

- The primary objectives of Project Serve Safe Food are as follows:
- To promote sustainable food safety and hygiene practices among food vendors that enhance their livelihood.
- To conduct interesting and interactive training sessions using audiovisual tools for effective knowledge transfer.
- To provide training kits and certificates to the enrolled food vendors.
- To certify the participant street food vendors that will help boost their business.



In the year 2023 & 2024, a total number of 27,074 Street Food Vendors In 20 states were trained.

Building Healthier Future: Innovations in Nutrition and Wellness

Arogya World and NIDAN have partnered to deliver a comprehensive training program aimed at educating street food vendors on nutrition and healthy cooking practices. This initiative enhanced the vendors' understanding of nutrition, the risk factors associated with non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and methods to integrate healthier practices into their food preparation processes.

Objective of the Program.

The primary goal of this program is to equip street food vendors with essential knowledge about nutrition, the impact of unhealthy eating on health, and strategies to mitigate NCD risks through improved cooking techniques. By achieving this, we aim to enable vendors to prepare nutritious and delicious food, ultimately benefiting their customers' health.

500 STREET FOOD VENDORS TRAINED IN BENGALURU



Strengthening access to Nutritious foods through social protection systems and promoting livelihood opportunities for women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Bihar

To strengthen access to nutritious foods through social protection systems and promote livelihood opportunities for women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Bihar, significant strides were made during the project. Major achievements included the completion of team recruitment and the formalization of a tripartite agreement between GAIN, Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS), and Nidan on May 7, 2024. A focused group discussion (FGD) with the National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), involving District Project Units (DPU), SHGs, and beneficiaries, was conducted at two plants in Muzaffarpur and Gaya on December 1-2, 2023.



Weekly reviews with GAIN helped refine the implementation plan, and the development of Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) aligned with new standardized recipes and guidelines for Good Hygiene Practices (GHP) and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) was initiated. Despite challenges such as internal approval delays and disruptions caused by parliamentary elections, the project progressed with technical consultations and machinery upgrades, set for completion by July 2024. Upcoming actions include finalizing MoUs between Nidan and district/block units of BRLPS, organizing additional FGDs, and issuing work orders to NIFTEM for the production of Take-Home Ration (THR).



Rapid Survey on Childcare Services for Children of Women Working in Informal Sector

The primary objective of the rapid survey conducted by Bihar FORCES in collaboration with NIDAN was to assess the state of childcare services in Bihar, specifically focusing on children of women employed in the informal sector. To facilitate the survey process, a survey template was collaboratively developed in Hindi (Annexure I) by Bihar FORCES and the National FORCES team. Modern technology was employed to ensure efficient and accurate data collection.

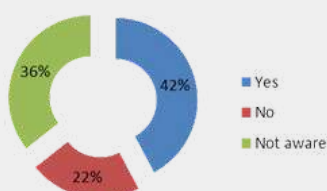
Furthermore, partner NGOs, NIDAN, conducted in-depth interviews with women engaged in the informal sector who also had young children in their families. These interviews aimed to gather qualitative insights that would complement the quantitative data collected through the survey.



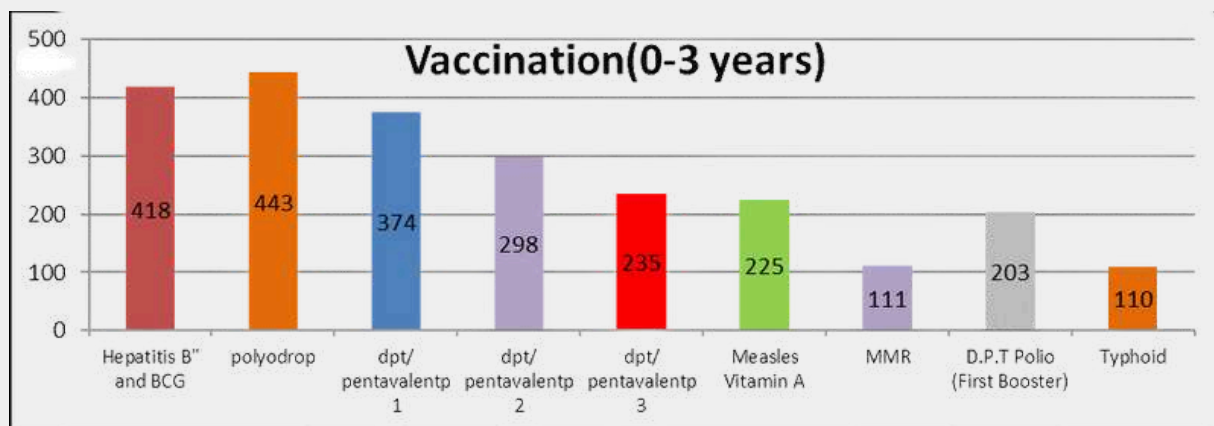
The study conducted by Bihar FORCES had a comprehensive coverage, encompassing 21 districts of Bihar. This geographical scope included 21 blocks and 21 Gram Panchayats within these districts. The survey team successfully visited a total of 673 households, where they conducted personal interview surveys with 673 women.

The health situation of children under 06 years

Last 1 year children below 6 years falling ill Frequently



A significant majority of women, totalling 42%, responded affirmatively that their children under the age of 6 had experienced frequent illnesses within the past year. In contrast, 22% women responded negatively to this question. Surprisingly, 36% women were unable to respond, potentially indicating difficulties in accessing or recalling the information.



The high numbers of children receiving Polio drops and vaccinations against Hepatitis B and BCG suggest a proactive approach to immunization, potentially contributing to the reduction of these diseases in this age group. The varying numbers across the DPT/Pentavalent vaccination stages might indicate potential challenges in ensuring complete vaccination schedules, which could be attributed to factors such as access, awareness, or healthcare infrastructure. Administration of Vitamin A alongside the measles vaccination highlights efforts to address multiple health aspects simultaneously. The numbers for DPT Polio booster and MMR vaccination are indicative of the continuation of immunization efforts beyond the initial stages.

Response and Recovery to Covid in India

The project was in collaboration with Oxfam and aimed at eradicating unemployment among selected women in lower-income communities of East and South Delhi by creating newer ways of income generation. Special focus was given to benefitting those who had lost their income source during Covid 19 pandemic. The intervention aimed to boost confidence, and mobility to an economic domain, smash gender stereotypes at the household level, advance financial inclusion and greater access to information and skills.



Volunteers surveying the beneficiaries



IEC materials



Financial inclusion camps



SHG members participating in the PMFME awareness camp



Training of Women

Sanchay :Thrift and Credit Cooperative

Registered under the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 2003, Sanchay has dedicated 12 years to supporting urban informal workers in East Delhi and Madanpur Khadar. This member-owned thrift and credit cooperative offers saving products like saving deposits, recurring deposits, and fixed deposits, along with loans for working capital, health expenses, marriage, funerals, and housing. Sanchay aims to protect members from exploitative moneylenders, promote saving habits, and enhance members' social and economic conditions through financial education and capacity-building. Membership is open to informal sector workers aged 18 or older, residing in the cooperative's working area. Credit facilities are available to members with a minimum of six months of savings history, with loan amounts ranging from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 100,000. Sanchay's structured loan repayment schedule and competitive interest rates ensure members' financial stability and growth. Through these initiatives, Sanchay continues to empower informal workers, fostering financial security and improving quality of life.



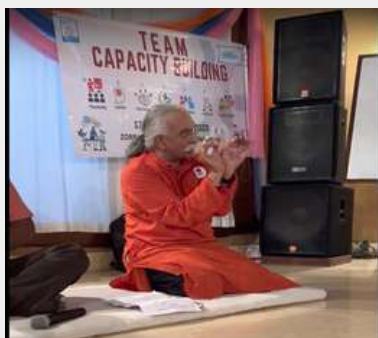
NIDAN’S participation in NULM 2.0’s Thematic Task Force for Support to Urban Street Vendors

Nidan’s active participation in urban livelihood has led to its selection in the National Urban Livelihood Mission 2.0’s Thematic Task Force. Nidan has been selected to contribute to drafting guidelines for Support to Urban Street Vendors.



Staff Capacity Building

Nidan organized a Staff Capacity Building programme for its staff from all over the country, from various branches like Patna, Mumbai, Surat, etc. It was a get-together after so long and this facilitated all the team members to know each other, what their core work areas are, and the way ahead for each team.



Disaster Relief

Delhi witnessed one of the biggest disasters of recent times. After a huge span of 40 years, it has realized that no matter how big a metropolitan city it is, natural disasters are not far if the environment is not given its due importance. Delhi received almost 112% more rainfall than the average so far in the last monsoon season.

Nidan, after analyzing the situation of those affected, mobilized funds for supporting the victims in rehabilitation. With the support of Nestle India Limited distributed dry ration kits to the most affected communities in Delhi which helped them immensely.


Victims were mapped, mobilized and distribution camps organized on different dates for the distribution in the following regions. A total of 8,000 kits were distributed across these regions.


- Preet Vihar
- Madanpur Khadar
- Patparganj
- Tronica City
- Badarpur Khadar
- Soniya Vihar
- Usmanpur
- Garhi Mandu
- Chauhan Patti



MCD Survey

in 2023, NIDAN was given the survey of street vendors of India along with 3 other agencies. NIDAN has been given the responsibility of 4 zones, Central, South, Shahdara(SOUTH) and Shahdara(NORTH).


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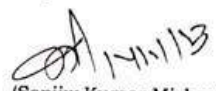
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Sub: regarding providing data of left out Street Vendors registered themselves at MCD site.

It is intimated that 03 agencies mentioned as under have been issued with Work Order to carry out survey of left out Street Vendors under jurisdiction of MCD vide Nos. DC/MCD/CL&EC/2023/D-472, DC/MCD/CL&EC/2023/D-473 and DC/MCD/CL&EC/2023/D-474 all dated 23.10.2023:-

1. Seminal Research Services Private Ltd., DPT-503, WS-001, 5th Floor, DLF Prime Tower, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-1, New Delhi-110020.
2. Nidan, 6, School Lane, 2nd Floor, New Delhi-110001,
3. Social Network India, A-13, Second Floor, Pratap Nagar, Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Near Jeewan Anmol Hospital, New Delhi-110091

In view of the above, it is requested that data of left out Street Vendors registered themselves at MCD site may be provided to the above surveying agencies hired by MCD as well as CL&EC (HQ) along with login ID and password to see the real time registration so that agencies may start the work for survey of left out Street Vendors at the earliest.


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 Dy. Commissioner
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Meetings

At Constitution Club, New Delhi on 26th April 2023, A day long consultation was unorganized on micro-entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities among low-income communities. The consultation was participated by 150 women SHG members from the working area of intervention of Nidan.



NIDAN, India is helping the East Delhi health administration campaign on Measles and Rubella. As the Mission is to eliminate Measles and Rubella by the end of 2023.



Legal Aid Camp In Madanpur Khadar.



NIDAN's Representation

On 5th June Nidan attended the Food World India Conference.



On 6th June NIDAN Attended the Vedanta Half Marathon NGO Meet



NIDAN invited & Attended the HCL Tech Grant- Pan India Symposiums 2024



On July 12, 2024, Nidan participated in a comprehensive training session on Anti-Discrimination and Prevention of Sexual Harassment organized by FES India



Awards & Recognitions

Management Development Institute

On Friday 22nd March 2024 at the Management Development Institute Gurugram Mr. Arbind Singh as a guest lecture presented his session on CSOs and Social entrepreneurship. The lecture aimed to expose the participants to CSOs and their impact through advocacy on public governance. Mr. Arbind Singh shared the journey of NIDAN and how as an entrepreneur there are challenges one faces. He also mentioned how in today's scenario what important role social entrepreneur plays in catalytic change. He also shared about the projects that NIDAN is working on and how it is impacting a larger number of beneficiaries all across the Nation. The session was a great medium for the students to enlighten and to get the learnings and expertise from someone who has worked at the grassroots level and is a successful entrepreneur and leader.



City Champions Award

NIDAN's offshoot NASVI, National Association of Street Vendors of India received Urban Service Delivery Award as part of city champions award by Josh Talks and Omidyar Network India.



Media Coverage

प्राणपुर : बायोगैस प्लांट की भूमि मापी

प्राणपुर। प्राणपुर अंचलाधिकारी कुमार नलिनीकांत ने केवाला पंचायत के रामचंद्रपुर गांव में गोवर्धन परियोजना के तहत बनने वाले बायोगैस प्लांट का भूमि मापी मुखिया तारिक अनवर एवं अंचल अमीन सुबोध मंडल द्वारा कराया गया। 80/70 फीट का सीमांकन किया गया। गोवर्धन परियोजना के जिला समन्वयक मुकेश सिंह ने बताया कि डीडीसी कार्यालय में निदान संस्था के राज्य प्रबंधक विशाल आनंद के द्वारा गोवर्धन परियोजना का विस्तार से पावर पॉइंट प्रेजेंटेशन पर संपूर्ण जानकारी दी गई थी।

डीडीसी ने बायोगैस प्लांट के स्थल को दी स्वीकृति



लोहिया स्वच्छता अभियान के तहत बायोगैस प्लांट के स्थल की जांच करते डीडीसी।

प्राणपुर, एक संवाददाता। उप विकास आयुक्त सौरभ सुमन यादव ने मंगलवार को प्राणपुर प्रखंड अंतर्गत केवाला पंचायत के वार्ड नंबर दस रामचंद्रपुर गांव में लोहिया स्वच्छता अभियान के तहत 50 लाख की लागत से दो हजार किलोग्राम का बायोगैस प्लांट का स्थलीय जांच कर अनुमति किया। उन्होंने बताया कि गोवर्धन परियोजना जिले में एक स्थान पर स्थापित होना है। जिसे लेकर जिले में कई स्थल का चयन किया गया। परंतु उपयुक्त स्थल नहीं मिलने के कारण प्राणपुर प्रखंड के केवाला पंचायत में उक्त परियोजना के लिए भूमि का अनुमति किया गया। डीडीसी ने केवाला पंचायत में मनरेगा योजना के तहत बन रहे जीविका कार्यालय, डब्ल्यूएसओ के तहत कचरा प्रबंधन इकाई, केहुनिया पंचायत में मनरेगा योजना के तहत 24 लाख की लागत से निर्मित केजवे पुल, मनरेगा कार्यालय एवं प्रखंड मुख्यालय का निरीक्षण किया तथा निरीक्षण के दौरान

- 50 लाख की लागत से बनेगा बायोगैस प्लांट
- निरीक्षण के बाद केवाला हुआ प्लांट के लिए उपयुक्त

सोखा, चेंबर, जल-नल योजना आदि का जांच किया। बीडीओ को 15 वीं, डब्ल्यूएसओ आदि योजनाओं की प्राप्त शक्ति को सौंप खर्च करवाने का निर्देश दिया। इस मौके पर परियोजना समन्वयक गोवर्धन परियोजना के मुकेश कुमार सिंह ने बताया कि निदान संस्था के द्वारा बायोगैस प्लांट का निर्माण कार्य किया जाएगा। इसके लिए छह हजार स्वचापर फीट जमीन का चयन किया गया है। इसके पूर्व भी प्राणपुर प्रखंड में निदान संस्थापक अरविंद सिंह के द्वारा जुट प्रशिक्षण एवं अन्य कार्यक्रम भी संचालित किया गया है। निरीक्षण के दौरान डीआरडीए डायरेक्टर, डीसी अब्दुल कयूम, बीडीओ डॉक्टर कुमार सौरभ आदि भी थे।

बायोगैस प्लांट से आत्मनिर्भर बनाने में मिलेगी मदद

संवाद सूत्र, लौकहा बाजार (सुपौल) : सदर प्रखंड अंतर्गत अमहा पंचायत के वार्ड नंबर एक में लोहिया स्वच्छ बिहार अभियान 2 के तहत गोवर्धन योजना अंतर्गत जिला जल एवं स्वच्छता समिति सुपौल द्वारा बायोगैस प्लांट का निर्माण शुरू किया गया है। योजना के क्रियान्वयन से गांव को स्वच्छ एवं आत्मनिर्भर बनाने में मदद मिलेगी। चयनित स्थल पर योजना का क्रियान्वयन विभाग स्तर से चयनित एजेंसी निदान द्वारा किया जाएगा। जिला जल एवं स्वच्छता समिति की बैठक में डीएम ने योजना को मंजूरी दी है।

बायोगैस प्लांट के बनने से ग्रामीणों में खुशी है। बायोगैस पर्यावरण के अनुकूल है एवं ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के लिए बहुत ही उपयोगी है। इस प्लांट से ग्रामीणों को खाना पकाने हेतु पाइपलाइन के द्वारा गैस की आपूर्ति के जाएगी। ग्रामीण इलाका होने के कारण यहाँ किसान अधिक पैमाने पर मवेशियों का पालन करते हैं। इस बायोगैस प्लांट के बनने से गोबर को बिक्री हो जाएगी जो पशुपालकों के आय का भी स्रोत बनेगा। निदान के प्रोजेक्ट को-ऑर्डिनेटर पिंटू कुमार सिंह ने मौके पर जानकारी दी कि गोवर्धन योजना के तहत सामुदायिक बायोगैस परियोजना का संयंत्र लग जाने से

- जिला जल एवं स्वच्छता समिति की बैठक में डीएम ने योजना की दी है मंजूरी
- परियोजना का संयंत्र लग जाने से क्षेत्र के किसानों को काफी फायदा होगा

क्षेत्र के किसानों को काफी फायदा होगा। ग्रामीणों एवं किसानों को खेतों के लिए जैविक खाद, रसोई के लिए बायोगैस मिलेगी, साथ ही इसके अंतर्गत ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में स्वच्छता की भी बढ़ावा दिया जाएगा। इस संयंत्र से उत्पादित जैविक खाद से खेतों में यूरिया के उपयोग में कमी आएगी एवं उच्च गुणवत्ता वाली जैविक खाद भी प्रदान की जाएगी।

अमहा पंचायत के मुखिया रामनाथ यादव ने बताया कि गोवर्धन परियोजना अंतर्गत बायोगैस प्लांट लगने से किसानों को बड़ा फायदा मिलेगा। इससे उनकी बड़ी समस्या का निदान होगा। उन्हें जैविक खाद पंचायत में ही मिलेगी साथ ही महिलाओं को घुआ में खाना बनाने से भी आजादी मिलेगी, पंचायत और भी स्वच्छ बनेगा। उन्होंने बताया कि प्लांट बनाने से पहले ग्रामीणों एवं पोआरआइ मैबरस के सहयोग से निदान द्वारा फिजिबिलिटी रिपोर्ट तैयार करने के उपरांत डीपीआर बनाया गया एवं जिलाधिकारी की मंजूरी के बाद प्लांट



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