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From the Executive Director's pen.....

As Covid waned, the year threw a new challenge in meeting the livelihood needs of the informal workers. We stepped in fast forming Self Help Groups, linking them with Nidan promoting financial cooperatives and organizing skilling programs. This helped the workers associated with Nidan to develop the confidence to deal with the market. Promotion of collective enterprises owned by members too remained in focus. Two new enterprises- Tomato for women vegetable vendors and Kalyan Grocery for domestic workers got started. A third enterprise for women interested in preparing and selling packed snacks is in process.



As the markets normalized, we also began bringing back the level of operation of our other enterprises operational in areas of waste management, handicraft and financial services. A new initiative called Gobardhan was also launched in 7 districts of Bihar with support from the Government of Bihar. We hope to have more programs in the Decentralised Renewable Energy field.

We also revived the Bihar Forces Network and played an active part in Nation Forces as member of the steering group. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs also nominated Nidan as a member of the Task Force entrusted with the preparation of guidelines for National Urban Livelihoods Mission 2.0.

NIDAN'S VISION

Nidan's work is being guided by its vision of establishing a just, democratic, nonviolent society where the citizens enjoy their rights (of education, health, and livelihood) without any discrimination (on the basis of gender or class), live in mutual co-operation and perform their optimum responsibility without any hindrance.

NIDAN'S MISSION

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

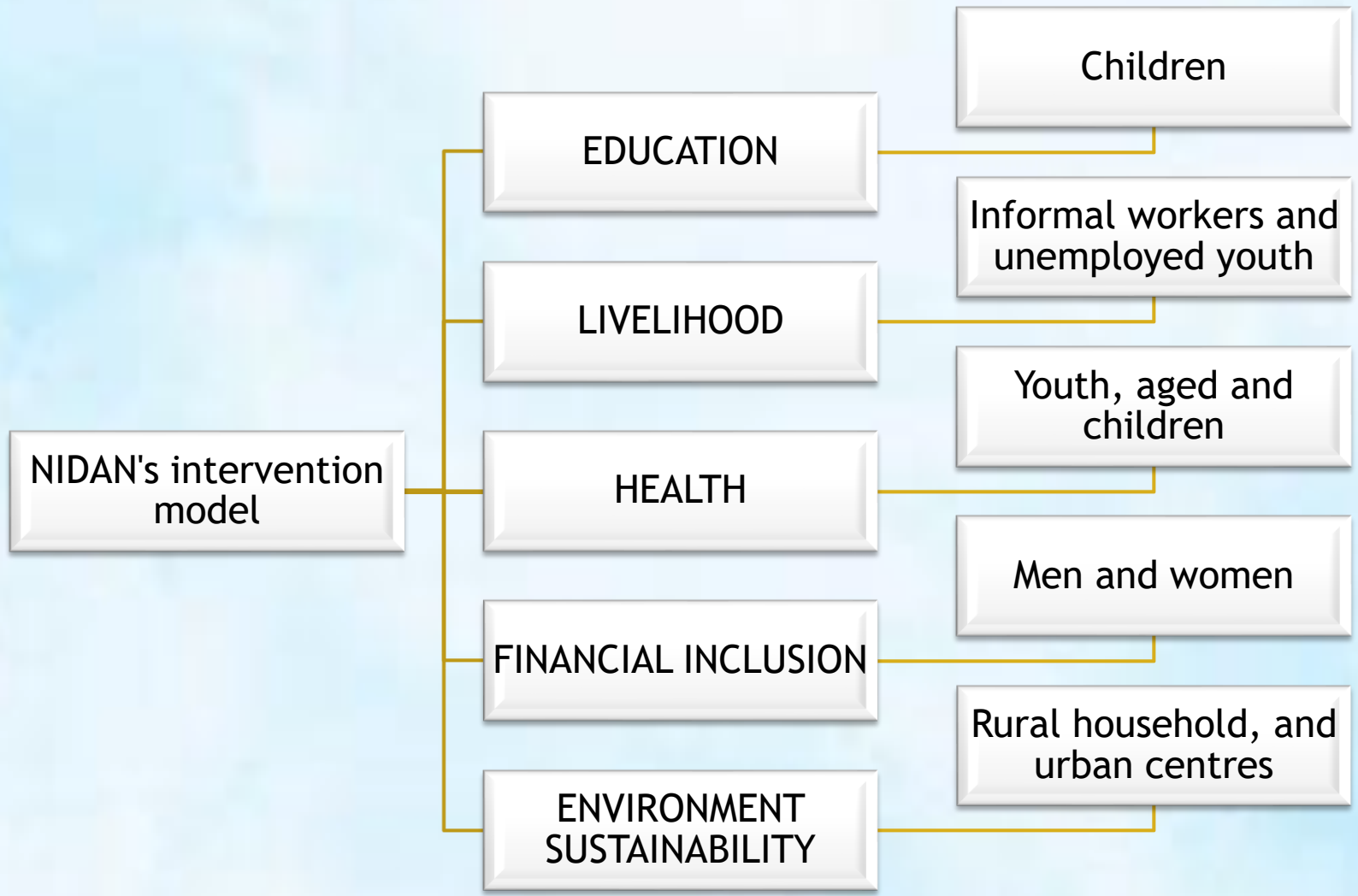
NIDAN'S JOURNEY

Beginning of Nidan in 1996 – a non-profit dedicated to work for informal workers and their children. 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 IN THE PAST 27 YEARS.....

Nidan, as one of the pioneer non-profit organizations in the country has continued its efforts for the development of informal workers, children and women throughout these years. This year Nidan completes 27 years in the development sector and has enhanced its involvement in-

- I. **Organizing**- Nidan has identified that the first step in solving the problem of informal workers is organizing them in a form most suited to their needs – CBOs, SHG, Community Based Saving Group (CBSG), Co-operative, Society, etc.
- II. **Livelihood and Self-help groups** - Livelihoods and Self –help groups have been one of Nidan’s flagship programs initiated since the beginning. The program has achieved a distinct mark and continues to occupy a prominent space in Nidan’s overall portfolios.
- III. **Access to financial services**- As one of the key programs Nidan visualizes access to finance as an inclusive business enterprise’ to ensure easy access of the poor to credit and savings for their entrepreneurial and social empowerment. Many aspiring entrepreneurs from low-income communities are not able to access credit at affordable rates and Nidan helps them to link themselves with government schemes.
- IV. **Network and advocacy** - Advocacy for the cause of the poor and the unorganized has been one of the key domains of Nidan. While the efforts have brought about substantial changes in the policy of the governments - at the Centre and State levels-it has also created substantial clout.
- V. **Education and child rights** - Nidan has been actively promoting child rights and advocating for their appropriate education. In this way, it offers the children opportunity for constructive action and creative explorations.
- VI. **Health, hygiene and sanitation** - Nidan’s overall vision is community empowerment to be able to access and assert health and hygiene services from the existing institutions. It envisages aggressive awareness building and education of the community to deal with morbidity issues from among and within the unorganized communities. Nidan strives to remove the stereotype that low-income communities are unhygienic and their services cannot be relied upon.
- VII. **Green Livelihood and Sustainability**- Nidan contributes equally to the cause of the environment and sustainability. In this regard, it has initiated projects which lessen the dependence on non renewable energy and contributed to environment sustainability.



FOCUS OF THE YEAR



RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO COVID IN INDIA



The economic impacts of COVID-19 are particularly acute in India, in part due to the vulnerability and scale of the informal sector. The COVID-19 pandemic in India has also had an unequal impact on women. To address these challenges, Nidan initiated a new livelihood intervention in Delhi. The target of our interventions are the women who have lost the means of income in their households in Covid-19 pandemic, whether that be their own ability to earn income or that of a family member. Nidan organized these women having new skills and resources that enhance their capacity to initiate market-based income generation activities

The aim of the intervention was to activate existing SHGs from urban informal settlements benefitting directly through livelihood interventions, with incomes increased by at least 10% and enhanced access to improved livelihood practices leveraging various government projects. Also targeting 10,000 people to be aware and knowledge building on social protection schemes through community meetings and other communication channels.

Nidan, with the support of Oxfam did the following activities-

- *Team orientation and Develop Assessment tools*
- *Identification of area and SHGs*
- *Area Identification for Skilling*
- *SHGs Meeting*
- *Linkage of SHGs members and individuals*
- *Microplanning of SHGs Members*
- *Developing IEC materials for awareness*



Strengthening SHGs

Livelihoods Initiative after Profiling

A remarkable development after profiling the informal workers and SHGs was the “Kalyan Grocery” which participated in the 12th National Street Food Festival at New Delhi between 13th and 15th January 2023. Later on, the SHG initiative also started “Tomato Powered By NARI Shakti SHG”, a WhatsApp-based vegetable home delivery system that involved women vegetable vendors from East Delhi to raise their respective incomes.



Participation in the 12th National Street Food Festival

“Tomato by Nari Shakti SHG”



PROJECT SERVE SAFE FOOD



Globally, stakeholders are intensifying efforts to improve Food Safety and Quality. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has put in place the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006, Rules and Regulations 2011. This has been crucial to the street-side food vendors on whom many customers rely daily for cheap food. Due to a lack of awareness and resources, these street food vendors are unable to raise their standards when it comes to hygienic food preparation and serving, the consequence of which the consumers face in the form of ill health. Street food culture is very vital for the Indian economy. Lakhs of street vendors rely on this for their daily earnings, which is at the risk of being hindered if food safety and hygiene is not followed by the food makers.



Project Serve Safe Food covered in 2022-2023



For taking a step to solve the issue of hygienic and safe street food, Nidan and its associate organization National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI), with the support of Nestle India initiated the Serve Safe Food project. The ambitious project Serve Safe Food was initiated in 13 states and union territories states in India in the financial year 2022-23 with a total of 15,510 street food vendors trained in food safety and hygiene. Successful training sessions were undertaken in different cities under the guidance of FoSTaC and in partnership with the Food Safety Department and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). The project's highlights were COVID-19 precautionary measures like social distancing, health, cleanliness, food handling safety measures, garbage disposal, plastic waste management, and entrepreneurship for street food vendors.

Nidan was responsible to coordinate the development of training materials, pamphlets, brochures, etc. along with the organization and mobilization of the specified number of vendors in each state. It also arranged for the logistics of the project, liaising with local government departments, and trainers for the successful completion of the project. After the training, Nidan was responsible for providing certificates to the trained food vendors along with a hygiene kit and also furnishing a monitoring and evaluation report of the program.





Some glimpses from the inauguration ceremonies



A STRONG MESSAGE THAT THE PROJECT CONVEYS....

NIDAN's initiative for Serve Safe Food has impacted thousands of street vendors across the country, indirectly affecting their families, friends, and people around them and adding another ten thousand in the beneficiaries' list. The Project encourages vendors to think and act for smashing this stereotype that street food is not bad food, street food can be healthy and reliable. Vendors adopted personal hygiene and food safety practises while handling food as a result of the project. It also instilled in them an enthusiasm as they received their training kits and certificates.

DISASTER RELIEF SUPPORT

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent loss of livelihood of informal workers, Nidan distributed dry ration kits with support of Nestle among the informal workers and their families. People were still struggling to make ends meet and were not able to find new jobs. In this context, such dry ration kits provided to be very useful to them. Kits were distributed in different cities to informal workers. The Dry Ration includes rice, wheat flour, pulses, oil, spices, salt, and sugar.

	City	No. of kits distributed
ROUND 1	Patna, Bihar	3000
	Delhi	1500
	Andhra Pradesh	500
		5000
ROUND 2	Bangalore, Karnataka	500
	Gadak, Karnataka	500
	Mysore, Karnataka	505
	Dhanbad, Jharkhand	1018
	Jamshedpur, Jharkhand	1001
	Delhi	1500

		5024
	Odisha	1000
	Surat, Gujarat	500
	Bihar	2000
		5040
ROUND 4	Karnataka	2000
	Srinagar, Kashmir	1000
		3000
FLOOD RELIEF ROUND 1	Assam	3000
FLOOD RELIEF ROUND 2	Assam	2000
	Bihar	3000
		5000

ROUND 5	Bihar	1500
	Jharkhand	1000
	Uttar Pradesh	500
	Delhi	2000
		5000
ROUND 6	Haryana	1500
	West Bengal	1000
	Bihar	2000
	Delhi	500
		5000
ROUND 7	Punjab	1000
	Rajasthan	500

	Delhi	3000
	Odisha	500
	Bihar	3000
	Telangana	1000
	Gujarat	500
		9500
ROUND 8	Bihar- Patna	1500
	TOTAL DISASTER RELIEF 2022	48064
	TOTAL FLOOD RELIEF 2022	8000
	TOTAL COVID RELIEF 2022	40064



Distribution in Delhi

Distribution in Bihar



Distribution in Karnataka (Mysore, Gadak and Bangalore)

Distribution in Jharkhand





Assam flood relief

GOBARDHAN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

BioGas
Biogas is a renewable fuel produced by the fermentation of organic matter such as food scraps and animal waste.

Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) Phase-2, LSBA
By
NIDAN

GOBARDHAN was launched by the Government of India in April 2018 as a part of the solid and liquid waste management component under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), positively impacting village sanitation and eliminating cattle and organic waste. Generates wealth and energy. The main focus of Gobardhan is to keep villages clean, increase the income of rural families

PROJECT'S MAJOR OBJECTIVES-

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

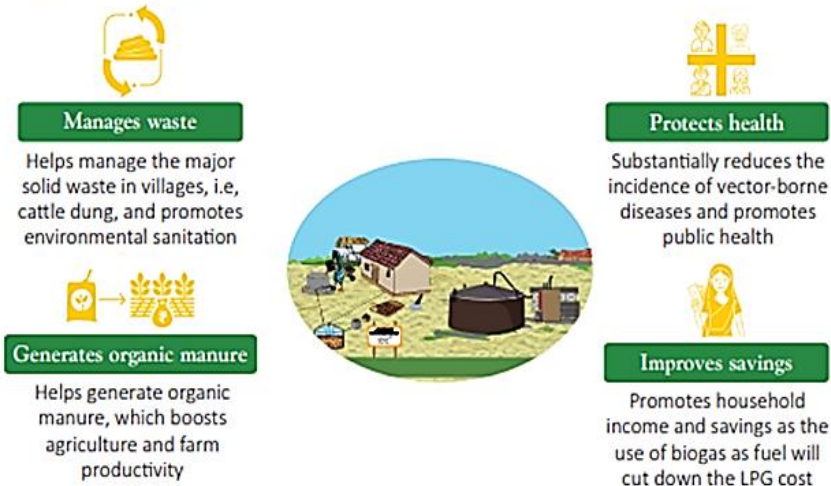


Benefits of GOBAR-Dhan-

- * GOBAR-Dhan helps in managing a major portion of solid waste in villages i.e., cattle dung and agricultural waste and promotes environmental sanitation.
- * Substantially reduces vector-borne diseases and promotes public health.
- * Promotes household income and saving as the use of biogas reduces the expenditure on LPG.
- * Helps in generating organic manure which enhances agriculture and farm productivity
- * promotes employment and income generation opportunities for SHGs/ farmers groups.
- *Helps in reducing carbon emissions and promotes environmental sustainability.
- * Helps to save foreign exchange by reducing the need for the import of natural gas

Benefits of GOBARdhan

GOBARdhan is central to the attainment of Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen objectives.



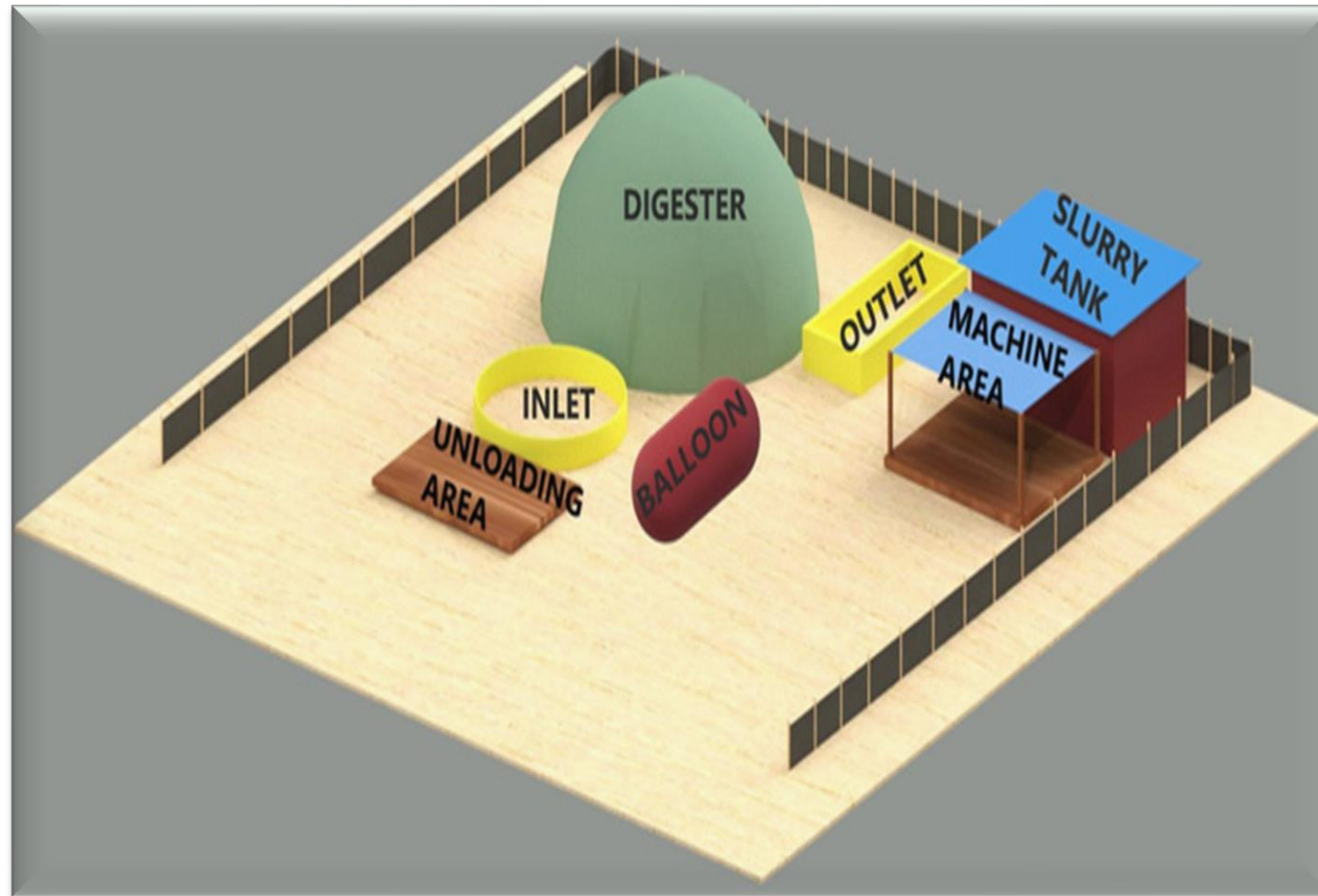
“Nidan” Awarded by Lohiya Swachh Bihar Abhiyan

Nidan was awarded by Lohiya Swachh Bihar Abhiyan by Bihar Livelihoods Promotion Society, Rural Development Department-(RDD) Government of Bihar for the “Implementation of Gobardhan Project in Bihar” for setting up the Community level Biogas plant. GOBAR-Dhan projects envisaged under SMB-G.

Awarded for below given districts of Bihar-

Sr. No.	Name of District Where Nidan and Making Biogas Plant	State	Division
1	SUPAUL	Bihar	KOSI
2	SAHARSA	Bihar	KOSI
3	KISHANGANJ	Bihar	PURNEA
4	ARARIA	Bihar	PURNEA
5	MADHEPURA	Bihar	KOSI
6	KATI HAR	Bihar	PURNEA
7	PURNIA	Bihar	PURNEA

BIOGAS PLANT 3-D MODEL



Feasibility Survey Viability of Villages



Land Site Selection for Biogas Plant



Proposed sites online GPS mapping



Meeting with DWSC



ENGAGEMENT AT VARIOUS FORUMS

Nidan was invited to participate in the Globalizer program of Ashoka where it developed a strategy to help street vendors tackle the menace of harassment. Nidan was invited by the Schwab Foundation to share its journey and learning experiences at the Schwab India Journey 2022 held in Delhi. Nidan also participated at the Skoll World Forum held at Oxford.

Nidan shared its program on micro-entrepreneurs at Work4Progress Forum held in Delhi. It actively participated in the Alliance of Indian Waste Pickers (AIW) and Enable Network. The organization also plans to revive Self-Workers Global (SWG) which is a global platform for informal workers.



SANCHAY THRIFT & CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE

Registered under Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 2003, the organization has been intensively working with the urban informal workers for last 12 years. It is a member-owned thrift and credit co-operative, working in East Delhi & Madanpur Khadar with saving products like saving, recurring, and fixed deposits. Members also can get loans for working capital, health expenses, marriage, funerals and also for housing purposes.

Objectives of the cooperative-

- To save them against the money lender.
- To help each other in the time of distress.
- To increase the saving habit of the members.
- Positive improvement in social and economic condition of the members.
- To educate and impart the quality training for members.
- To promote livelihood activities for members.
- Provide social security cover to the members.

Membership of the cooperative-

- Individual or informal sector worker who is either 18 years or more than 18 years old.
- Individual who might purchase at least one share of the cooperative.
- Native of working area of cooperative.

SANCHAY COOPERATIVE GETS SELECTED FOR BEING PART OF ONE OF THE BEST PRACTICES OF COOPERATIVES IN INDIA

Mr. Lett Haokip, Director, Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, and Ms. Tanya Gupta, Project Executive, Incubation Centre, National Cooperative Union of India visited Sanchay financial Co - operative promoted by Nidan. This co-operative has been selected by the Government of India as part of the documentation of 50 best practices of co-operatives in India. This came out as a proud moment for Nidan and its team.



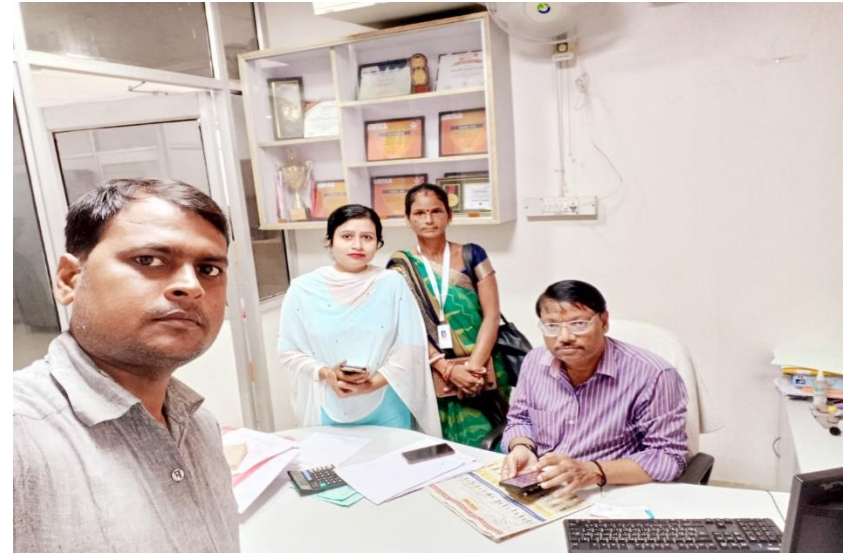
SELF-HELP GROUPS (SHGs)

Nidan realizes the importance of Self Help Groups among informal associations to improve their socio economic condition. It enables them to become self-dependent through the group-controlled initiative. In Bihar, Nidan oversees the functioning of many SHGs that empower and educate hundreds of women about their rights and schemes relevant to them, while providing them access to microfinance services and inculcating the habit of savings among them.





SHG awareness meeting



Meeting with bank manager for SHG account opening





Legal awareness camps conducted for SHG members by Nidan team



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATED.....

Nidan celebrated World Environment Day at AN SINHA Institute, Patna on June 5th 2022. More than 200 citizen representatives from across Patna participated in the day-long event. The focus was to facilitate citizen participation in the efforts of the municipal corporation to make Patna a better city particularly to have a cleaner environment and scientific solid waste management.

