My efforts : Vallabhacharya Pandey (15 July 2017)

I am working on different issues such as education, environment, awareness etc with the major responsibilities of Asha Trust’s administrative works.

In continuation to the last few years I regularly participate and organise awareness programs based on Right To Information, Food Security Act, Right To Education, MNREGA and Environment. With all these I started working on Street Vendors rights and the issues of land acquisitions.

**Right To Information:**

Now people are very much aware about the use of RTI in their personal issues, but we are trying to use RTI for public interest, we the group in Varanasi filed several RTI applications related to Municipal  corporation Varanasi, Land acquisition department and education department and got some valuable information regarding public related issues. In our weekly RTI camp people come to discuss the issues related to 1st and 2nd appeal and the end use of information collected by RTI Act. As I reported earlierI am coordinating a weekly RTI camp at Varanasi near Court of Varanasi on every Thursday since 2006, this helps common people to use RTI in proper way. A group of youth and students is playing active role in this camp.

We the RTI Campaign UP organising mass signature campaign in regular interval  to make a public pressure on government and policy makers with the demand of strengthening RTI. We feel that all political parties, religious organisations, commercial organisation, media and NGOs who were getting any type of Tax exemption should come under RTI act. A group of about 30-40 youth is actively working in deferent districts of Uttar Pradesh under the banner of Right To Information Campaign UP, I am coordinating this campaign for last 8years.

**Right To Education:** For last 3 years we were running a campaign for change in uniform at government primary school, we got success in that, the new UP Govt changed the uniform colour, now it became attractive, children feels happy to wear it. Our group is actively working for the improvement on quality of education at Government Primary School. We are in regular touch with many school management committees to make aware about their role and rights. We organise different activities with students of Government Primary school like painting, art competitions, games, general knowledge test, environment rally etc. We are making kids aware about environmental issues like hazards of polythene, reuse and plantation. With our efforts 3 government schools named Bhandaha Kala, Hardattpur and Dhakhawa is now full with greenery.

Last month we started a campaign named **“One Nation One Education”** In this campaign we are demanding quality and similar education for all children. We are extensively worked  on implementation of section 12- 1 (c) of Right to Education Act  2009 , as a result of that Varanasi got 1st position in UP with more than 3000 admissions in private schools. This year too we are working for maximum admissions under 25 % reservation in private schools for poor children.

**Food Security Act:** With the help of leaflet publish on Food Security Acts in simple language, we tried to make aware the norms of act and facilities provided to common people under food security act. We organised several camps to fill up online / offline forms for ration card making. As a result of that majority of people got their ration cards and are getting regular grains from PDS ration shop, but there are still some irregularities, we are putting complains online.

**MNREGA/Street Vendors:** I am closely working with other organisation and MNREGA Majdoor Union to make aware about the technical issues in MNREGA though training camps, workshop, and meetings. Last week I addressed a training camp for women on MNREGA at Bhavanipur in Mirzapur district.

I published a leaflet on **Street Vendors** (**Protection** of Livelihood and Regulation of **Street Vending**) **Act**, 2014. With the help of this we are trying to make aware the street vendors about their rights and responsibilities. We are also making public pressure on government officers for proper implementation of the act. .

**Environment:** I coordinated an effort of regular discussion on environment issues with students of primary school, plantation on school campus and also successfully operated a campaign named Earth Care Water Campaign in 2016 also. In this campaign 6 organisations of Varanasi (VJC, JVS, DEV Excel Foundation, WBT, SMSS and Asha) played active role. During this campaign we cleaned parks, grounds, ponds and river by offering Shramdan. We did plantation and requested people to make our environment healthy though awareness rally and meetings. Children of schools have well supported that campaign.

I actively taken part in a campaign “Care For Air” run by Asha Trust with association of Whistle Blowers Trust on air pollution issues. We tried to make this an important issues in assembly election of UP and got success, some political parties included this issue in their manifesto. We have established 17 points in Varanasi city where the air quality index has been shown to public according to the data provided by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCP). For this awareness activity we use tools like  puppet show, street play, rally, poster competitions etc.

**Panchayat Awareness:** Last year I published 2 leaflets regarding Panchayati Raj System at our village. With these leaflet were we were made people aware about the role and responsibilities of Gram Panchayats.

**Cultural Activities**: I coordinated 3 days**Kaithi Film Festival** at Kaithi in February 2016. This was a cultural event in which we tried to include folk song, folk dance, folk art and some films of social issues.. More than 10000 people was participated in 3 days event. There were art gallery, book fair, historical documents gallery, craft gallery and seminar on social issues.

In June 2016 I coordinated 3 days “Gau Katha” by Md. Faiz Khan at nearby village Dhakha, this program was based on the importance of cow in rural economy.

**Admin work of Asha Trust:**It includes correspondence or communication with the home ministry, Bank, department of income tax, intelligence department, Asha Trust projects and Asha-Trust chapters. In June 2017 we able to file our last 6 years FC return online as required by home ministry.

**Participation in other social activities:** I am actively participating social activities done by Sajha Sanskriti Manch (a joint forum of about 60 organisations / groups of Varanasi) and PVCHR Varanasi  (as a member of governing board). I also participated/ played active role in several campaigns like Asi Nadi Mukti Abhiyan  Care For Air, Earth Care Water Care, Gomti Ganga Mitra Mandal, Ganga Jagao Abhiyan etc.

**Few photographs and paper cuttings attached in a separate pdf file.**

My activities also can be seen in following links

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[https://www.facebook.com/1Nation1Education-Campaign-460166307671208/](https://www.facebook.com/vallabh.pandey)

[https://www.facebook.com/Please-Provide-Attractive-School-Uniform-at-Govt-School-in-UP-229448824141373/](https://www.facebook.com/vallabh.pandey)

[https://www.facebook.com/Kaithiwildlife/](https://www.facebook.com/vallabh.pandey)

[https://www.facebook.com/kaithifilmfestival/](https://www.facebook.com/vallabh.pandey)

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