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SWATANTRATA ABHIYAN



Continuation of Freedom Actions

We are proud to share that Swatantrata Abhiyan organized number of freedom actions in 2014 contributing for wider awareness, collaboration and initiatives from community to state on the areas of freedom from fear, discrimination, deprivation and slavery. The credit of all freedom actions goes to the active leadership of community and enthusiastic engagement from academics, political leaders, state officials, youths and social activists. The active engagement of people representing private sectors, sports associations, international organizations, media, government authorities, trade unions, like-minded organizations and campaigners has inspired us to further freedom initiatives in coming days with more effective and result oriented interventions.

Overcoming the difficulties of resource limitations, voluntary actions and political situation of the country, Solidarity and Support from various sectors enabled us. We expect further solidarity, active engagement and critical support in 2015.

Empowering people and enabling community for peace, prosperity and democracy, Swatantrata Abhiyan reaffirms its commitment towards freedom actions to end fear, deprivation, slavery and discrimination in the days ahead of 2015.

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Actions For 2015

Swatantrata Sambad

12 series of Swatantrata Sambad on contemporary issue of constitution making, state restructuring, economic progress and social issues.

Road Safety Campaigns

With more strategic policy actions and community interventions promoting nationwide peoples engagement for road safety.

Women Power in Sports

Study and Policy Review with practical actions for empowering women and girls in sports along with actions for encouraging women and girls engagement on sports.

Freedom from Slavery

Policy actions and organizing and empowerment efforts among local domestic workers along with raising concern over migration, slavery and trafficking nexus for effective preventing and prosecuting actions from the government.

Health as Human Rights

Promoting civil society alliances for health and human rights through evidence based advocacy with actions of research, education and campaigning as well as policy discourse.

Right to Education

Campaigning for strengthening education governance, monitoring state accountability and building civil society alliances and joint campaigns. Together we can.

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Actions- Overview of 2014

Freedom from Fear

With its interventions on Road Safety Campaigns Swatantrata Abhiyan promoted national concern on road safety and awareness on Right of Mobility without Fear. In 2014, Swatantrata Abhiyan hosted various road safety initiatives such as seminar on professional Sector Engagement on Road Safety, Global Road Safety Week April-May 2014, Rapid Media Assessment on Road Safety News, Public Awareness Initiatives, Observing World Day of Remembrance of Traffic Victims, and #SaveKidsLives Campaign. Very importantly in 2014 Citizens' Trust Fund for Road Safety Relief was founded with the efforts of Swatantrata Abhiyan, Lalitpur Submetro, Nepal Automobile Sports Association and other number of local organizations collaborated with Swatantrata Abhiyan in Road Safety Campaign.



A National Seminar on Professional Sector Engagement on Road Safety was organized together by Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal, NASA and Road Safety Forum to encourage various professional sectors engagement on road safety initiatives. The seminar has been attended by 50 People representing health sector, lawyers, transport corporate, media and political leaders. As an outcome of the seminars Bar Association of Appellate Court Patan, A group of doctors and nurses and few private sectors such as Nepal Automechanics Entrepreneurs' Association, Nepal Automobile Dealers' Association (NADA) officially formed a group on road safety as well as joined hands on road safety actions. Due to this seminar the joint road safety campaign successfully leverage financial and technical support from private entrepreneurs in Nepal.

International Road Safety Week (April 23-29, 2014)

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Programs

23rd April 2014- Wednesday- National Media Award on Road Safety and Press Meet – Indireni Foodland, New Baneshwor, Kathmandu

24th April 2014- Signature Campaign on Road Safety- Ratnapark, Lagankhel, Kalanki, New Baneshwor and National Sports Council Tipureswor

25 April 2014- Road Safety Awareness Rallying Events- Dhulikhel Municipal office, Kavre

26 April 2014- Big bike (above 600 CC) Rally and Road Safety Awareness – Kathmandu (Thankot), Dhading (Galchhi and Malekhu), Chitawan (Mungling), Tanahun (Dumre and Damauli), Kaski (Lekhnath Chowk)

26 April 2014- Road Safety Awareness in Pokhara- Halachok, Chiplihunge, Nayabajar and Bus Park Gate

27 April 2014- Child Helmet Distribution Program, (Pre-Registration Require), Traffic Police Office, Ramshatapath

28 April 2014- Road Safety Quiz Contest, Golden Gate Intl. College, Baneshwor

29 April, 2014- Vehicle Health Check Initiative, Ratnapark, Kathmandu

30 April, 2014- Nationwide Road Safety Education Campaign:

1st May, 2014 – Road Safety and Occupational Health TV Talk Program, Nepal Television

2nd May, 2014- Public Hearing on Road Safety and Post Crash Service, Butawal

3rd May-2014- Women Bikers Rally, Surkhet

5th May - Delegation to the Government of Nepal, (Confirmed Officials and Media Persons only)

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Nayabanshwar, Kathmandu, Nepal

Global Road Safety Week April-May 2014

The joint campaign on road safety organized 13 various events in different parts of the country. On this occasion National Media Award on Road Safety awarded to Mr. Subash Gotame; Public signature campaigns on five major junctions of Kathmandu receiving 40 thousand signatures were collected and handed over to government; Road Safety Awareness Rally in Dhulikhel attended by 1000 plus people and joined by Minister for women children and social welfare; A road Safety Biking Rally (Kathmandu-Pokhara) having road safety public dialogue events in five points (Thankot, Galchhi, Malekhu, Mungling, Dumre, Damauli and Lekhnath Chowk) on the route reaching some 1300 plus population on highway; Distribution for Helmets for 50 Children riding bikes to and from schools with their parents as symbol on promoting parents to use child helmet for the safety of their children; Road Safety Quiz competed by 8 college groups of youths in Kathmandu; Vehicle Health Check actions together with Traffic Police checking and motivating 28 Public vehicles (Small Micro Bus) in Ratnapark of Kathmandu; A TV Talk show on road safety as occupational health issue in Himalaya Television among policy makers; and school awareness campaign reaching 689 students from various 7 schools of Kathmandu.



Observing World Day of Remembrance of Traffic Victims

Swatantrata Abhiyan together with other campaign members on road safety hosted a commemoration commitment event on World of Remembrance of Traffic Victims on 16 November 2014. 300 plus people attended the program from Lalitpur Metropolis. Chair of National Human Rights Commission, Parliamentarians, Private Sector Representative, Lalitpur Submetro officials, traffic police, media have attended the program. On the program, NASA and Swatantrata Abhiyan awarded Road Safety Journalist Award Mr. Rajaram Gautam, Kantipur Daily and Prabin Dhakal, Nagarik Dainik, Public Interest Litigation Award to Lok Bhahadur Shah and Bishwajit Tiwari for their successful litigation on Appealeatte Court of Nepalgunj, Relief Support to Basana Dangi representing Victims Family of Road Accident. The program observed Candle light as tribute to the victims of traffic accidents, have a joint Oath on Safe Road Behaviours by Guest and Participants and officially Launched Citizens' Trust Fund for Road Safety Relief and #SaveKidsLives Campaign.

#SaveKidsLives Campaign:

Recognizing the children's vulnerability and making policy makers and wider public to act responsibly for saving children from injuries due to traffic accidents, Swatantrata Abhiyan together with NASA and Road Safety Forum launched #SaveKidsLives Campaign. Under this Campaign, distributed four thousand flyers to general people and children educating them 12 golden rules of road disciplines, educated 223 school children, collected 203 signboard message for SaveKidsLives, Posted the photographs and messages in Swatantrata Abhiyan facebook page. With Signature Campaign in Support to Children's Declaration for road safety collected 996 signatures, which will be demonstrated UN intergovernmental meeting for road safety in Brazil 2015.



Citizens' Trust Fund for Road Safety Relief

With the lobbying and advocacy by Swatantrata Abhiyan and collaboration with other partners on road safety, Lalitpur Sub metro endorsed Citizens' Trust Fund for Road Safety Relief, where already corporate house such as ENI Lubricant, Parliamentarian Hon. Chandra Shahi, Sports Association (NASA), Entrepreneurs (Nepal Automechanics Entrepreneurs' Association) and individuals contributed a fund with on spot declaration on the occasion of launching of fund on 16 November. The fund is very soon to be opened for other public to contribute and in use as the council meeting of Sub metro endorse the operation procedure of fund.



Freedom from Slavery

Swatantrata Abhiyan organized various activities on informal employment and informal sector workers to further efforts of freedom from slavery. In 2014, Swatantrata Abhiyan hosted events such as Lecture series for social work/development studies students on Women Workers in Informal Sector and Slavery, National Policy Dialogue on Extending Social Protection to End Child Labor, National Planning and Consultation Meeting for Domestic Workers' Rights Movement, Defending Domestic Workers Rights through Media actions, Domestic Workers' Education Program, Parliamentary Discussion and Delegation at policy level.

Regional intervention at SAARC level together with IDWF and Solidarity Center on the eve of 18th SAARC Summit as a part of Peoples' SAARC contributed on building movement and solidarity among organizations working together to end slavery practices in the region.

On the occasion of Human Rights Magna Meet 2014, Swatantrata Abhiyan hosted discussion with parliamentarians on ILO convention 189 and required legal policy response for addressing domestic workers.



Lecture Series on Women Workers-Informal Sector and Slavery

To mark International women workers Day (8 March 2014), Swatantrata Abhiyan ran lecture series on Women Workers, Informal Sector and Slavery educating 35 Students of social work and development studies. The lecture series informed them how informalization and slavery is linked and how the women's work have been under recognized and pushed into unfair labor practices by state and society. Ms. Writu Bhatta and Ms. Rekha Bhandari from Swatantrata Abhiyan Jointly facilitated the lecture and interactions.

Extending Social Protection to End Child Labor

Aiming to contribute on ending child labor and child slavery practices, to observe world day against child labor (12 June 2014), Swatantrata Abhiyan Organized National Policy Dialogue on Extending Social Protection to End Child Labor, which was attended by 70 people representing government authorities, policy makers and child rights practitioners. Three different thematic papers were presented by former commissioner of National Human Rights Commission Mr. Gauri Pradhan, Joint Secretary of Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development Mr. Reshmi Raj Pandey, Executive Director of CCWB Mr. Tarak Dhital and Rights Activist Milan Dharel and after having open intensive discussion a list of recommendations have been suggested to the government of Nepal. The program was hosted with technical and financial support from ILO office in Nepal. Swatantrata Abhiyan Team joined the mass rally against child labor and launching of Green Flag Movement together with other NGOs on the occasion of World Day Against Child Labor.



Decent Work for Domestic Workers

Domestic workers are one of the most neglected, exploited and unregulated labor sector, despite of presence of almost 200 thousand domestic workers inside country and other thousands working a migrant workers in gulf and middle east countries. With intention to challenge ongoing slavery practices and policy absence to address needs of domestic workers, Swatantrata Abhiyan Together with Home Workers



Union Nepal, Domestic Workers' Forum and International Domestic Workers' Federation organized systematic campaign events in 2014. International Domestic Workers Federation, Solidarity Center Home Workers Union of Nepal and Domestic Workers' Forum collaborated and supported the Decent Work for Domestic Workers Campaign in Nepal.

As a beginning of campaign a participatory planning was developed by domestic workers themselves through a one-day National Planning and Consultation Meeting for Domestic Workers' Rights Movement. The meeting was participated by 28 domestic workers from different part of the country and facilitated by trade union leaders, social activists and professionals. Parliamentarian from Labor and International Relation Committee (Hon. Pemba Lama) and representative of various trade unions, labor office and ILO office representative in Nepal joined the consultation meeting and provided their suggestions too. Ms. Writu Bhatta from Swatantrata Abhiyan and Ms. IP Fish from IDWF jointly facilitated the planning exercise.



Swatantrata Abhiyan Organized an interaction discussion with parliamentarians on ratification of ILO convention 189 and legal amendments for defending domestic workers rights in Nepal national legislations. The program was hosted in conjunction with National Human Rights Magna Meet 2014. It was attended by total 18 parliamentarians each from Nepali Congress, UML, Maoist, Political parties and 11 from social sector representatives, on the interaction Hon. Pemba Lama from Labor and International Relation Committee of Nepal's Parliament presented an working paper and all parliamentarian presented their views and advices supporting the initiatives. The Parliamentarian requested to submit a position paper and briefings to all parliamentarians with specific recommendations on revisiting national laws and policies.



After the meeting Swatantrata Abhiyan submitted Nepali copy of ILO convention 189, a policy briefing for ratification of ILO Convention 189 and revisiting labor code as well as amending proposed civil code and an appeal letter jointly signed by Swatantrata Abhiyan and IDWF Representative Sonu Danuwar. Swatantrata Abhiyan received very positive feedback from 19 parliamentarians calling to office and suggesting further steps during various meeting later on.

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Swatantrata Abhiyan with objective to educate domestic workers on their fundamental rights, legal provisions and ways to approach authorities and service providers in case of Need produced 500 copies of pocket book “Gharelu Sramikle Jannai Parne Kura” (A Domestic Worker Must Know..). The booklets have been distributed to 457 domestic workers reached through 25 events of Domestic Workers’ Education Program facilitated by trained facilitator and volunteers of Swatantrata Abhiyan. The facilitator group represents mostly leaders of domestic workers forum.

Swatantrata Abhiyan organized two events of discussion with media personnel on issues of domestic workers and linked them directly with domestic workers groups, leaders and members. As a result 9 media reported on domestic workers issues with detailed article and in depth news drawing the attention of general public and government.

Besides these events, Swatantrata Abhiyan had delegation meeting with senior political leaders of political parties to have a say on policy and address domestic workers issue.



Regional Actions for Decent Work in Domestic Work

On the eve of 18th SAARC Summit, Swatantrata Abhiyan, in conjunction with Peoples’ SAARC hosted a regional seminar on Defending Rights of Domestic Workers in South Asia attended by 40 representatives of south Asian countries. In the seminar Nepal, India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka Presented the country situation along with key paper presentation by Swatantrata Abhiyan and Charito Riley from Solidarity Center. Parliamentarians and trade union leaders from Nepal as guest speakers addressed the seminar. The issue raised by the participants of the seminar has been explicitly reflected on final declaration of Peoples’ SAARC.





A joint delegation of Home Workers Union, IDWF Representative and Swatantrata Abhiyan Team met with the coordinator of SAARC declaration suggestion committee and Parliamentarian Hon. Rajan Bhattarai and presented an appeal on behalf of informal sector workers including domestic workers concern to be reflected on SAARC agenda. The labor migration issue has been reflected by SAARC.

Freedom from Discrimination



Swatantrata Abhiyan efforts on ending discriminatory practices and norms lead on sports sector during 2014. Swatantrata Abhiyan and Nepal Automobile Sports Association (NASA) together hosted Women Power in Sports Initiatives. Under these initiatives, Swatantrata Abhiyan and NASA organized 3 events of women riders training on biking sports reaching 200 plus women, hosted women bikers' championship and stunting participated by 4 women, and event of women drivers rally and national motivation trainings were conducted attended by 13 Women riders. Swatantrata Abhiyan also contributed NASA to develop it's five year strategy on promoting women power in sports.

Freedom from Deprivation

Under the actions of freedom from deprivation, Swatantrata Abhiyan initiates Health as Human Rights Campaign. Under this campaign a group of people representing academics, health practitioners and development practitioners working in public health area have met and develop a plan of actions on monitoring health entitlement at local level, mainstreaming health as human rights course in public health subjects and also to have policy discourse and community education on entitled health services and claiming skills. Currently a pilot study is being conducted on the status of health service in rural area of Nepal.



Swatantrata Sambad

Swatantrata Sambad (Freedom Dialogue), an unique platform for public discourse on fundamental contemporary issues started in 2014. With the participation of 114 people four events of Swatantrata Sambad were carried out on the various political, social and development topics. Renowned discussant from academia, professional practitioners, UN agencies and parliamentarians presented propositions and discussed with participants on the various topics. Private an academic institutions such as HIDR (Himal Innovative Development Research) and MICD (Masters in International Cooperation and Development) partnered in three events of Sambad.

Swatantrata Sambad 2014 Events Details

Sambad 1: Challenges and Prospects of Constitution Making in Nepal

Date and Venue: 3rd September 2014, Indreni Foodland New Baneswor

Main Discussant: Dr. Surendra Bhandari, PhD., Associate Professor Resumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan.

Together with Senior Political Leaders of Nepal

Number of Participants: T-40, M-28, F-12

In Association with: Himan Innovative Development Research (HIDR)





Sambad 2: Health policies and Emerging Challenges, An International Experience

Date: 19 October 2014, Indreni Food Land, New Baneswor

Main Discussants: Prof Dr. Gian Battista Parigi and Professor Paolo Mazzarello, University of Pavia Italy

Number of Participants: T-25, M-14, F-11

In Association with: MICD (Masters in International Cooperation and Development)



Sambad 3: MDGs and LDCs: Vision Beyond 2015

Date: 31 October 2014, Indreni Foodland, New Baneswor

Discussants: Mr. Rolf Traeger, Chief, Research and Policy Analysis Branch, LDC Section, UNCTAD, Geneva.

Dr. Netra Timalina, Coordinator, South Asian Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE)

Number of Participants: T- 23, M-15, F- 8

In Association with: MICD (Masters in International Cooperation and Development)



Sambad 4: Role of People's Representative in Identifying Development Priorities in Nepal

Date: 21 November, 2014, Nayabato, Dhobighat, Lalitpur

Discussant: Hon. Rabindra Adhikari, Chair, Development Committee Parliament of Nepal

Number of Participants: T-26, M-18, F-8

Association with: MICD (Masters in International Cooperation and Development)



Engagement in Alliance and Movements

Alliance for Safer World: Swatantrata Abhiyan is an active member of Alliance for Safer World advocating for a just, fair and safer sustaining society. Alliance for Safer World has 140 Members NGOs around the world and advocates for road safety and the rights of victim of road traffic injury.

Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety: Swatantrata Abhiyan got affiliation with the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety. The Alliance is a coalition of 140 NGOs from 90 countries in the world working together for road safety with commitment to reduce road accidents and loss to half by 2020.

Peoples' SAARC: Swatantrata Abhiyan was among the national organizing committee members of Peoples' SAARC 2014. The peoples' SAARC is a regional peoples convergence to bring peoples' agenda in SAARC and intergovernmental actions by governments of SAARC region. The peoples' SAARC is considered as a strong peoples' movement in the region.

Human Rights Magna Met: Swatantrata Abhiyan has engaged as member of the steering committee of National Human Rights Magna Meet 2071. The Human Rights Magna Met is the largest national human rights convergence in Nepal happening at peoples' level. 118 NGOs were in the organizing committee of National Human rights Magna Met and more than 50 events were organized.

NGO Federation: Swatantrata Abhiyan is member of NGO Federation Nepal at Lalitpur District Branch. The NGO federation is the sole national federation recognized by the law of Nepal having more than 4 thousand member organizations all over the country.



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