



ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

VANI
VOICE OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Foreword from the Chairman

In the year 2022-23 VANI has had lot of engagement of members. CSOs have been facing challenges at all the decades and the role of Civil Society is protecting social justice. They should see that the last person receives the benefits. CSOs identity should come from the community. VANI is a national platform, it is a network of networks. It is putting in activities to build a positive image of the sector. They are having not only national but state level meetings every year. This helps in knowing the issues the national and local members are facing. There are also joint events and vibrancy comes from the joint collaborative meetings.

In spite of the contribution of the voluntary sector to the development of the nation the narrative is not very positive and encouraging. One of the reasons for this is non availability of the reports and very weak dissemination outside the niche groups. VANI being the amplifier of knowledge is working on documentation of the contribution of the voluntary sector of India and South Asia. Further, I feel our stories should: Relate with communities; Popular medium to be used; Electronic storage and medium; Wide Dissemination; positive stories; Content to be produced by the sector itself; Collaboration with academicians.

Lastly VANI has built an image of information hub and flag bearer of the sector and I wish the best for them.

Binoy Acharya,
Chairperson

Preface

This was the last year of VANI's Strategic Plan - 2019-2022. As per the plan VANI strived its best to be the Voice/ Amplifier to the voice of the sector, Congregator for collectivising the sector, Convenor and the aggregator.

In 2022-23 VANI's activities were for strengthening enabling environment for the civil society organisations. It organised an online webinar on reporting of Grant/Donations (Filing of Form 10BD), a meeting of senior sector leaders to discuss on a way to intervene with the Ministry of Home Affairs on the FCRA renewal process. VANI organized a webinar aimed to clear concepts about Media & Information Literacy (MIL). We are living in a world which is beyond facts. Our existence and public image majorly revolve around the stories which are created and written about us. In this context, conducted a webinar aimed to initiate a conversation among civil society actors who have spent most of their lives nurturing the socio-economic growth of the country. There was a webinar to strengthen the capacity of CSOs to mainstream gender in public policies, programmes and projects within their institutions.

While promoting SDG 16 amongst Indian CSOs for enhancing civic space a project was carried out aimed towards strengthening leadership and recognise the importance of collaboration. An online conversation was initiated with the grassroots CSO members on the Government of India Annual Budget of 2023. VANI held meetings with NASSCOM to transform the traditional approach of CSOs into technology - based work.

For the CSO Collaboration for Inclusive and Equitable Future; Strong Partnerships; Lasting +ve Change; Enhancing Effectiveness, VANI organised a series of discussions. A two-day workshop on "Fostering State level collaboration for an inclusive and equitable future" was organised. The meeting was for building up the strategy to develop a strong network of state level strong collaboration in CSOs in Inter-sector and Intra-sector organization. New Routes for Grassroots CSOs to Exist-What Does the Future Hold was held and a dialogue on Indian CSOs 2.0: unleashing a dynamic ecosystem was also organised.

To commemorate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav VANI conducted various activities like Video Release showcasing the work of Indian Civil Society during pandemic and also the contribution of CSOs in 75 years of India's independence. In the VANI Lecture Series VANI organised online lectures. The theme of the series was "Contribution of Civil Society through different Lens". VANI through these lecture series wished to recognise and highlight the contributions of Civil Society Organisations to India's social development. An E-Souvenir Published on the Theme - Contribution of the Indian CSOs to the Socio-Economic Development of India and a Round Table was organised with the participants of the authors of the souvenir.

Being a national platform of Indian CSOs, VANI believes that understanding the C20 process was very important for Indian Civil Society Organisations. VANI organised meetings and made presentations on the detailed process. The secretariat and the current Chair of the C20 was made to understand about the process. Other than that VANI brought out its publications, organised campaigns, serviced its members and put on efforts for incorporating new members.

VANI while looking for answers to keep VANI Vibrant, to make VANI more inclusive and make VANI viable decided on a revised Strategic Plan for the period 2023-2028.

I would like to thank the Governing Board of VANI for their guidance and support to the VANI team during these transition times. My gratitude also goes to etseemed members of VANI for their active participation in the activities and decision making processes of VANI. They are our brand ambassadors to take the message of collectivisation and empowerment of the voluntary sector to the grassroots. I am thankful to members of various sub-groups created to guide us, like CFOs/ CAs, Leaders and CEOs, Journalists and media experts. Last but not least my heart full gratitude to the VANI team which is inspite for their small size undertook such impactful interventions.

With Regards,

Harsh Jaitli
CEO

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1. Strengthening Enabling Environment for the Civil Society Organisations

VANI has a distinct representative, supportive, educational and advocacy role for the voluntary and social development sector. This year VANI undertook responsibilities to support the sector. Keeping the fast changing social and economic context of the country, it addressed the challenges for the benefit of the organisation as well as its members. The activities include the following which were appreciated by one and all.



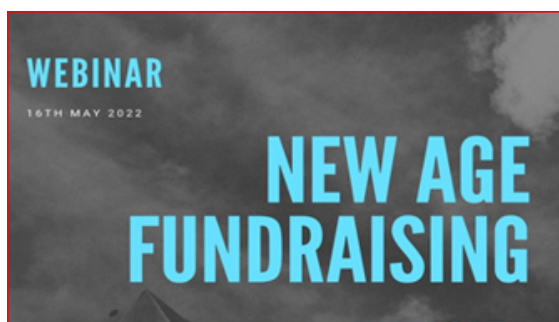
A Stitch in Time Saves 9

As per new Rule 18 AB of the Income Tax, all charitable organisations registered under provisions of Section 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (that allow tax deductions for donors) have to file Form 10 BD by 31st of May, to report the details of Grants/Donations received in the last financial year. In order to facilitate CSOs especially the small and grass root level organisations, VANI, organised an online webinar on reporting of Grant/Donations (Filing of Form 10 BD). The intervention had over 400 participants on Zoom Platform. Earlier on registrations were received from 564 participant registrations representing 432 organisations, from 25 states across India and near and far countries including Nepal, Bangladesh, Guinea, Italy, Sierra Leone, Togo, Nigeria, and Montserrat. Live stream of the webinar was available and it was viewed by 832 people. Mr. Harsh Jaitli, CEO, VANI mentioned that VANI has been striving to get best of knowledge available in the sector to enhance the knowledge, understanding and skills of CSOs, especially those working at the grass-root level. Dr. Sahoo, the resource person mentioned that the newly introduced FY 2021-22 Form 10 BD, would facilitate the government to reconcile the donations claimed to be received by organisations with the tax exemption claim filed by donors, thereby bringing more accountability and transparency in the whole process.

Streamlining of FCRA Renewal Process

VANI organised a meeting of Senior Sector leaders to discuss on a way to intervene with the Ministry of Home Affairs on the FCRA renewal process. The context was the recent developments in the FCRA Division of Ministry of Home Affairs. The idea was two-fold: to draft a letter on behalf of VANI to the Ministry of Home Affairs with constructive suggestions to streamline the registration process as well as seek on sector's behalf a meeting with senior leaders with the relevant officials at the ministry to discuss these suggestions.





New Age Fundraising

As we all know the last two years have been very challenging for the Indian Civil Society Organisations. The COVID-19 pandemic, its subsequent aftermath and series of other developments have severely impacted the operations of CSOs, especially the micro, small and medium level organisations. VANI organised a Facilitating Webinar Session with Mr. Rishabh Lalani, to aid organisations with useful tips on Fundraising. He charted out strategies for NGOs that have the intent and the grassroots network to drive relief efforts but lack the financial wherewithal to raise funds.

Social Media: A Double-Edged Sword

After the COVID-19 pandemic, traditional media has lost its essence. Social media has emerged as a major source of information sharing and learning, having its own share of pros and cons. Being an unregulated medium, it is always challenging to verify the authenticity of the information floating on the social media. In fact, anything and everything being available online, has given rise to hacking of personal details and loss of privacy. In this context, VANI organised a webinar aimed to clear concepts about Media & Information Literacy (MIL) and illustrate how civil society organizations contribute to preventing or tackling disinformation and misinformation, both online and offline, thus strengthening the resilience of societies, nationally and globally. We are living in a world which is beyond facts. Our existence and public image majorly revolve around the stories which are created and written about us. Why is it that the kings are always praised for winning wars and there is no mention of soldiers, who actually put their lives at stake! Why, in every story of a jungle, the lion kills other animals as a sign of its strength! What we are is very much dependent on the image created by someone, who tells our story. Can we start a movement where we tell our stories to the world, rather than someone else telling our stories? The lack of data in the public domain works like a fodder for the negative narrative around the sector. VANI, in this context, conducted a webinar aimed to initiate a conversation among civil society actors who have spent most of their lives nurturing the socio-economic growth of the country.

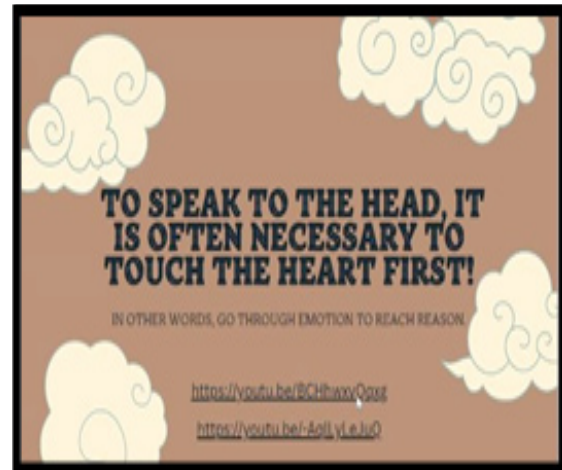


Gender Mainstreaming and Institutional Transformation

Gender Mainstreaming is the process of assessing the implications for women and men of any planned action, including legislation, policies or programmes, in all areas and at all levels. It is a strategy for making women's as well as men's concerns and experiences an integral dimension of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes in all political, economic and societal spheres so that women and men benefit equally and inequality is not perpetrated. In this context, VANI organized a webinar. The objective of this webinar was to strengthen the capacity of CSOs to mainstream gender in public policies, programmes and projects within their institutions.

The Art of Effective Storytelling & Dynamics of Public Narrative

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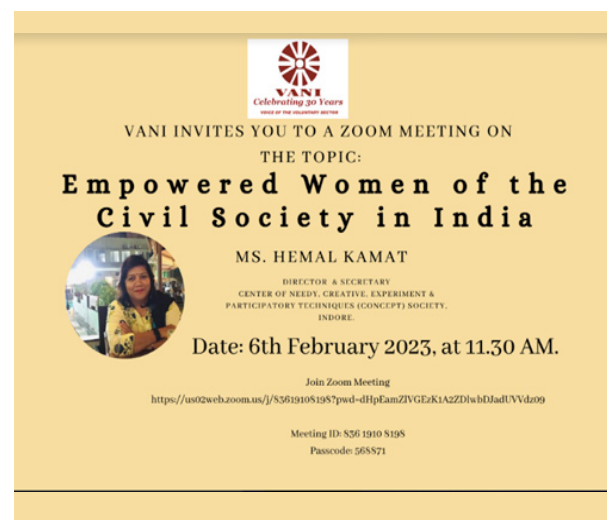


Promoting SDG 16 amongst Indian CSOs for Enhancing Civic Space

SDG 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS aims to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. The 2030 Agenda aims to significantly reduce all forms of violence, and work with governments and communities to end conflict and insecurity. VANI with an aim towards strengthening leadership and recognise the importance of collaboration organised a social media campaign. The objectives for the campaign included: To create awareness about SDG 16 amongst Indian CSOs especially those working at grass-root levels; To recognise and popularise the stories of collaborations; To collectivise Indian Civil Society Leaders and urge focussed efforts towards achieving of Goal 16 towards strengthening partnerships. To achieve the objectives VANI undertook a Social Media Campaign (series of five social media posts) to create awareness about SDG 16, generate interest and role CSOs may play in furthering it. A Leaflet was designed with information on the SDG 16 and SDG 16+. It was also translated in Hindi for the wider circulation to the grassroots CSOs. The hard copy of the Leaflet was to serve as ready reference for day today functioning.

Women Leadership Meet

This meeting was to discuss strengthening of women leadership on the topic, 'Empowered Women of the Civil Society'. The Speaker was, Ms. HemalKamat, Director and Secretary, Center of Needy, Creative, Experiment & Participatory Techniques (CONCEPT) Society, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India. The presentation of Ms. HemalKamat covered: components of women's empowerment which consisted of women's sense of self-worth, determine choices, access to opportunities and resources, power to control their own lives, ability to influence the direction of social change to create a more just social and economic order. She also discussed the interventions required for the empowerment of women like gender analysis, equal leadership, right awareness, reducing drudgery, functional adult literacy, health services, financial services, halting child marriages, prosecuting gender based violence. The discussion emphasised the role civil society should play in facilitating the interventions for the empowerment of women. Around 50+ people joined the meet.



The Budget 2023



This meeting was an online conversation with the grassroots CSO members on the Government of India Annual Budget of 2023. The conversation was moderated by Mr. Harsh Jaitli, CEO VANI and Ms. Menka Sahoo, Chartered Accountant from S. Sahoo & Company. Ms. Sahoo covered in her presentation: Conditions to be fulfilled to keep 12A Registration intact, Reduction in the time limit to furnish Form 10 and 9A, Combining 12A & 80G Provisional and Regular Registration in some cases, Payment of tax on assets if an organization does not apply for renewal of 12A after getting “provisional exemption” or after “expiry of regular exemption”, Sub-granting and claim of such expenses in Computation of Income, Replenishment of Corpus & Repayment of Loans/Borrowings as Expenditures, Pre-Conditions for “Expenses” to be claimed as “Charitable” Expenses, Amendment of Section 194 R, and lastly Amendment in 206AB Declaration & TDS of non-filers of Income Tax Return.

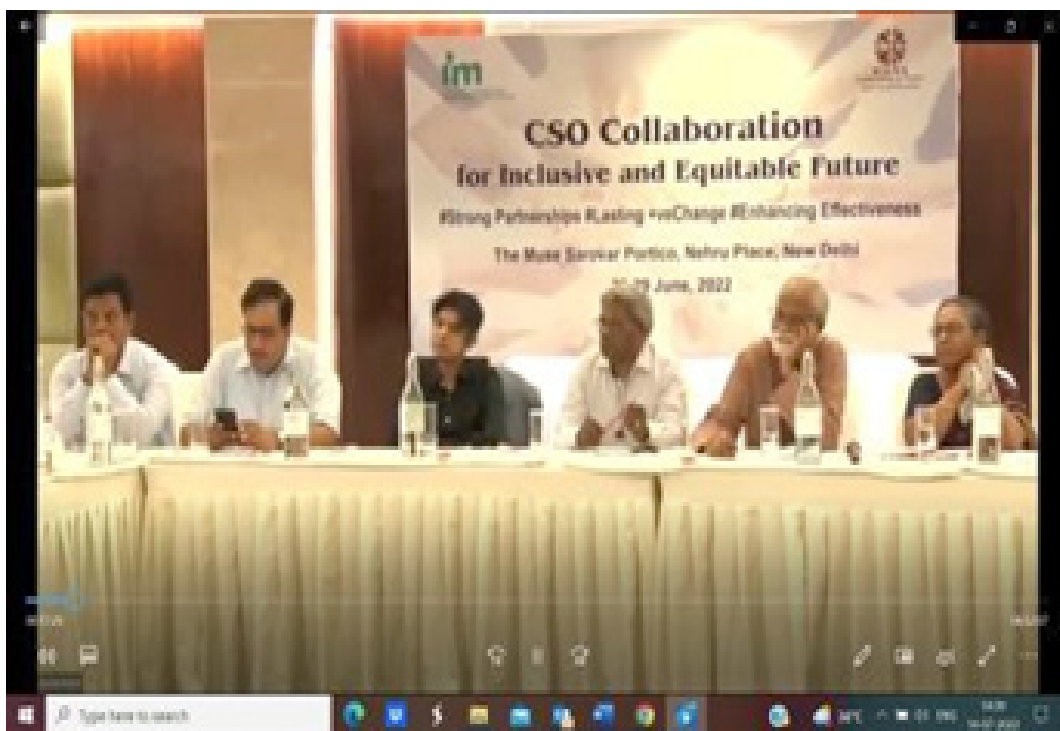
Introducing Digital Technology to the Voluntary Sector in India

NASSCOM Foundation made a presentation on Introducing Digital Technology to Voluntary Sector in India. ‘Tech for Good’ gave the different kinds of apps that are useful for CSOs for adapting technology in its working approach, documentation, tracking projects on the ground, bringing transparency within the system, tracking field workers, and other innovative apps for solving the challenges of CSOs. NASSCOM works to transform the traditional approach of CSOs into technology - based work. The significant interventions of NASSCOM Foundation are Digital Literacy, Skilling and Employability, Women entrepreneurship, Inclusions, Solutions for Goods, Big Techs, Innovative Spaces, and Innovative Challenges. It supports CSOs in research areas, as conveners, as a consultant, in policy engagement, and through volunteering.



2. CSO Collaboration for Inclusive and Equitable Future

VANI undertook extensive outreach activities to engage with groups, which were expected to potentially bring benefits to its existing members for an equitable future. With this objective to facilitate CSOs especially those working at grass-roots with building strong partnerships, to explore and ensure overall sustainability of the sector, VANI organised a one and a half day round table discussion. The Dialogue entitled, CSO Collaboration for Inclusive and Equitable Future; # Strong Partnerships # Lasting +ve Change #Enhancing Effectiveness. This discussion witnessed participation from 41 national and international participants, instrumental in setting up/strengthening/redefining networks, collaborations and partnerships with different stakeholders and joint dialogues. The meeting helped with an opportunity to co-learn from collective experiences of innovative collaboration, gaining from the same, scaling up the good ones and possibility of exploring for more. Mr. Harsh Jaitli, set the context for the meeting. He mentioned this was the first time, VANI was experimenting with a Hybrid model for discussions. International delegates joined remotely from Nepal, Germany, Ireland and Spain. Some of the senior sector leaders having concerns around increasing COVID instances in their respective states joined the meeting online. Also, amongst the remote participants were those with time constraints. He updated the participants about VANI's initiatives that foster partnership.



The first session was moderated by VANI's Chairperson Mr. Binoy Acharya. He shared his interest for joining the meeting stating that the subject was close to his heart since "Collaborations are in the DNA of people working in the Social Sector... The effectiveness and impact comes only when you work together." The follow-up sub-session was an open house discussion moderated by Mr. Amitabh Behar, CEO, Oxfam India. He stated that Collaboration is an act of power building to make a difference to bring changes! He further mentioned that one collaborates from a position of strength and the sector needs to identify its power and that it is value based. The post lunch

session was on Inter-Sector Collaboration, The session speakers included Mr. AmodKanth, he . spoke about Government – CSO Relationships, Ms. MeenakshiBatra, spoke about New Age Giving, Ms. Jaswant Kaur, on Community Engagement and Mr. Rajiv Tikoo about Media CSO Engagement. The need for community participation, inclusive decision making and feeling of co-ownership was stressed. The role of evidence in narrative building for media engagement and enhanced use of alternate media like Social Media, WhatsApp and community radio was discussed. Third session for the day was on futuristic Collaborations. The resource persons included Mr. C S Reddy, APMAS, Mr. DattaPatil, YRA, Mr. Mazher Hussain, COVA and Mr. Vishal Thakur from NASSCOM Foundation. Mr. C S. Reddy and Mr. DattaPatil shared their experiences of working with farmers producers associations and it's connect with almost 60 crore people.

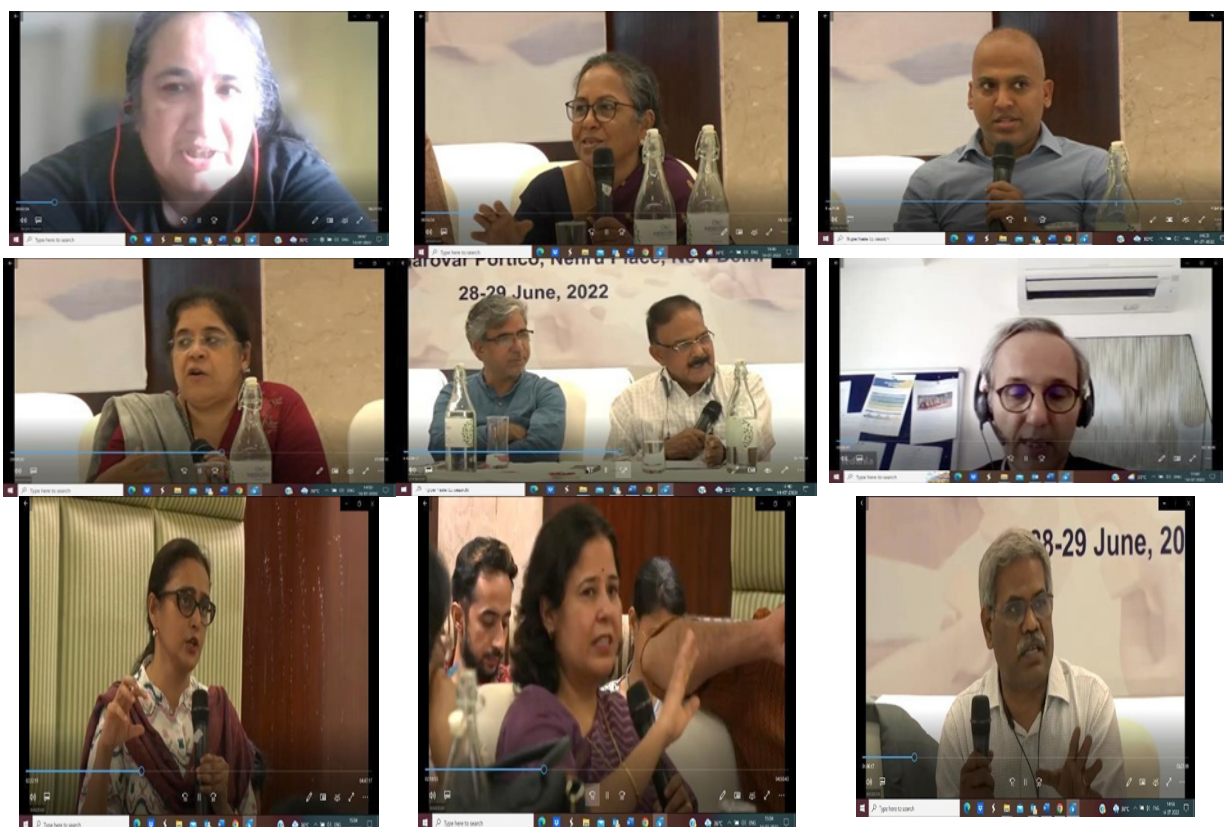
The first session on the second day of the National Level meeting, began with a discussion on Global Collaborations. Mr. Laurent Clement from EU, Ms. Rocio Morena Lopez, Accountable Now and Global Standard Secretariat, Ms. Deidre De Burca, Forus, Ms. AnjelaTaneja, Oxfam India, Ms. Jyotsna Mohan Singh from ADA were the speakers. During the session, global multidimensional crisis including resource crunch, covid mitigation, climate change, food security crisis, rising inflation, impacted democracies, shrinking civic space were discussed. Representative from EU shared information about the possibilities of collaboration direct or indirect on key identified issues in the area of renewable energy, secular economy, water, digitalization.

Fostering State Level Collaboration for an Inclusive and Equitable Future for CSOs in UP

A two-day workshop on “Fostering State level collaboration for an inclusive and equitable future” was organised by VANI and UPVAN in SahbhagiShikshan Kendra Lucknow. The meeting was for building up the strategy to develop a strong network of state level strong collaboration in CSOs in Inter-sector and Intra-sector organisation. The objectives were: To identify the needs of CSOs in fulfilling FCRA and other compliances; To enhance the administration and reporting process through digitalisation to incorporate automation in the future; To build a purpose-driven network of members that allows for exchanging ideas and dialogues at the State level. To discuss current challenges arising from government amendments on FCRA, eliminate non-issues and devise a systematic solution.

Fostering State level collaboration for inclusive and equitable future for CSOs in the states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand

The objective of the meeting was to discuss the challenges faced by CSO during and post the pandemic and emphasising the need to develop a strong network of State Level Collaboration both in Inter-sector and Intra-sector level. Mr. Mahendra Singh Kunwar (Secretary HARC) pointed out that the problems faced by CSOs are uniform, therefore the problems are common sectoral problems and must be dealt with collectively. Income and Financial sustainability are the two major issues faced by the sector. As the new laws and regulations are binding, a new plan of action is the need of the hour. This *Parivartan* (in taxation, FCRA) was inevitable and therefore it shed light on the sector's need for better governance. Mr. Mahendra emphasised the sector's lack of preparedness and lack of unity as the reasons for its downfall.



New Routes for Grassroots CSOs to Exist- What Does the Future Hold?

VANI organised an interactive face to face meeting on “New Routes for Grassroot CSOs to Exist: What Does the Future Hold?” A total of 55 participants from 7 states of India, were a part of the meeting. Mr. Datta Patil, CEO, Yuva Rural Association, made the opening remarks. He spoke about the current challenges and the scope for changing the route for the civil society. Ms. Seemantinee Khot, President, YRA, gave examples of the challenges that the sector has faced since its inception. She mentioned that there is a need to focus on the opportunities rather than the obstacles.

The second half of the meeting began with a discussion on “The future of the sector”, moderated by Mr. Mazher Hussain, Executive Director, COVA. He divided the participants into four groups and designated separate topics to them for internal discussion. The topics given were: *Group 1: Image Building for NGOs; Group 2: Role of NGOs Beyond Service Delivery; Group 3: Social Transformation; Group 4: Local Resource Mobilization.*

Dialogue on Indian CSOs 2.0: Unleashing a Dynamic Ecosystem

Dialogue on “Indian CSOs 2.0: Unleashing Dynamic Ecosystem” was a one and half day meeting. The context setting was done by Mr. Harsh Jaitli and opening Opening Remarks by Mr. Jayant Kumar, CASA. Vigorous discussions took place and finally very important way forward for CSOs were identified. They were: Issue of social security of the staff of CSOs; decentralisation to be promoted; need for integrated partnerships; engagement and leadership training of youth and developing of databank for supporters and engaging with old national, regional and local leaders from the sector who are a knowledge pool.



AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV



“Contribution of the Indian CSOs to the Socio-Economic Development of India”

The honourable speakers at the Round Table are authors of the Souvenir who will present their own articles



Amod K Kanth
General Secretary
Prayas JAC Society



Dr. Ashok Khosla
Chairman
Development Alternatives Group



Harsh Jaitli
CEO-VANI

**The Moderator -
Harsh Jaitli,
Chief Executive Officer,
VANI**



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Head of Programme
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Founder and President, PRIA



Sanjoy Hazarika
Founder and Managing Trustee
(C-NES)



Dr. Shabeen Ara
Consultant – Research, VANI



Dr. Vandana Shiva,
Environmental activist & author



Vijay Mahajan
Indian rural development
professional

3. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is an embodiment of all that is progressive about India's socio-cultural, political and economic identity. The official journey of “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” started on 12th March, 2021 with a 75 week countdown to our 75th anniversary of Independence and will end post a year on 15th August, 2023. To commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav VANI conducted the following activities.

Video Release: Videos showcasing the work of Indian Civil Society during pandemic and also the contribution of CSOs in 75 years of India's independence. The discussion framework of the videos was: What was the impact of nature and scale of COVID on their work? What were the challenges faced by the organisations and its partners? How everybody worked despite all the challenges? And what the lessons are there to be shared? The videos are made on the leaders of civil society like ,Dr. Rajesh Tandon (PRIA), Mr. Binoy Acharya (UNNATI), Ms. Poonam Muttreja (Health) (PFI), Ms. Puja Marwaha (Child Rights) (CRY), Harsh Jaitli (VANI & its work), Mr. Jayant Kumar (CASA), Mr. Moncho Ferrer (RDT), Ved Arya (RCRC), Amod Kant (Policy influence- NITI Ayog) (PRAYAS). The Videos were released with intervals on the VANI website, Social Media, and emails to the civil society, academia, media and government.

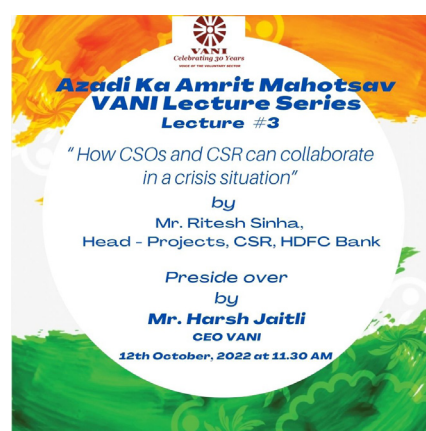
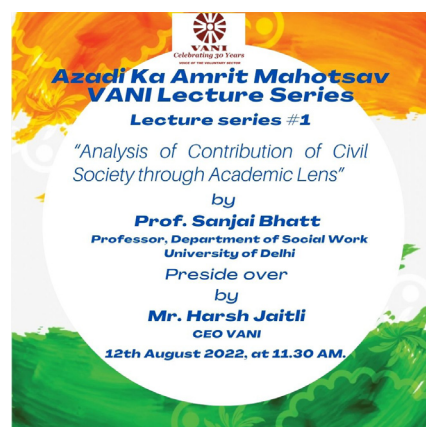
VANI Lecture Series: VANI organised online lecture series. The theme of the series is **"Contribution of Civil Society through different Lens"**. VANI through these lecture series wished to recognise and highlight the contributions of Civil Society Organisations to India's social development and tried to trace the journey of CSOs bringing social change. These were online Monthly Lecture Series where in academics, activists, journalists and bureaucrats give lectures from their perspectives.

Lecture #1 - The topic "Analysis of Contribution of Civil Society through Academic Lens"-by Prof. Sanjay Bhatt, Professor, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi.

Lecture #2 - The topic "The Path of Firms and CSOs intersected through CSR" by, Dr. Y. Suresh Reddy, Director - SRF Foundation, on 12th September 2022, at 11.30 AM.

Lecture #3 - The topic "Can CSOs and CSR co-exist for Social and Economic Development" by Mr. Ritesh Sinha, Head - Projects, CSR, HDFC Bank, on 12th October 2022, at 11.30 AM.

Lecture #4 - The topic "Civil Society 75 years of Independent India" by, Ms. Rajni Bakshi, a Mumbai-based freelance journalist and author, on 21st November 2022, at 3.30 PM.



Zoom Round Table – AnonlineDiscussion was organised on 12th December Monday 11.30 to 1.30 PM. The participants were authors of VANI Souvenir on the theme “Contribution of the Indian CSOs to the Socio-Economic Development of India”. The speakers were: Sanjoy Hazarika, Puja Marwaha, Amod Kanth, Mirai Chatterjee, Meenu Vadera, Vandana Shiva, Ashok Khosla, Vijay Mahajan, Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Jayant Kumar. The discussion was moderated by Mr. Harsh Jaitli & Dr. Shabeen Ara. The CSO heads, academicians of social work and development studies will be invited to contribute papers.

A Souvenir: An E - Souvenir Publication on the Theme - Contribution of the Indian CSOs to the Socio-Economic Development of India. This publication is to document the contribution of the Indian CSOs and their journey of 75 years since independence. **The articles contributed by the thematic stalwarts are:** 75 Years of Indian CSOs and their Contribution to the Socio-Economic Development of India; Boat Clinics of the Brahmaputra: “When Innovations Became Necessity for Health Delivery in Remote Locations”; Child Education - Bridging the gap; Protecting and Nurturing Childhood in India, the Role of CSOs; AROGYA SWARAJ: Women Take Control of Their Bodies and of Their Lives; Venturing Into Male Dominated Occupations to Break Stereotypes for Empowerment: Role of CSOs; One Step at a Time- Disability Rights Movement’s Contribution to India’s Development Journey; The Future of Seed: How 3 decades of Navdanya’s work has contributed to seed freedom, Food Sovereignty and protection of Biodiversity; Citizens’ Agenda 2050 for Rebuilding a New India; Taking Everyone Together: Collaborations and Partnerships within the Voluntary Sector; Role CSOs have played in disaster management.

5. VANI's Strategic Plan (2023-2028)

VANI while looking for answers to keep VANI Vibrant, to make VANI more inclusive and make VANI viable decided on a revised Strategic Plan for the period 2023-2028. It followed a rigorous process.

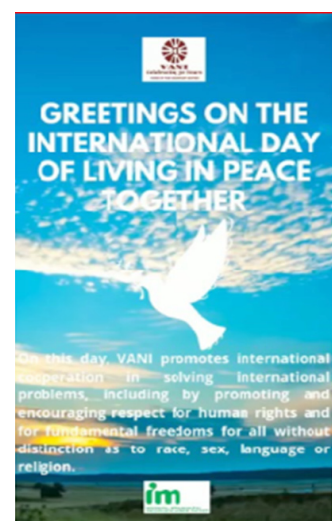
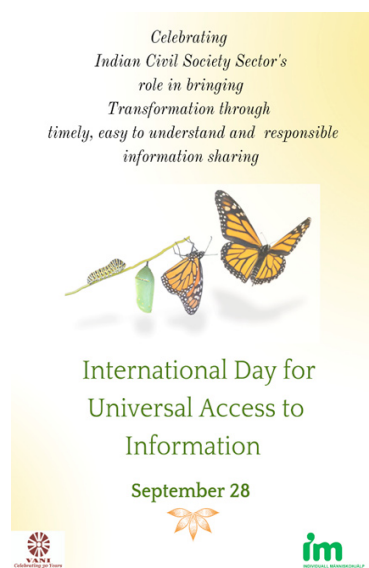
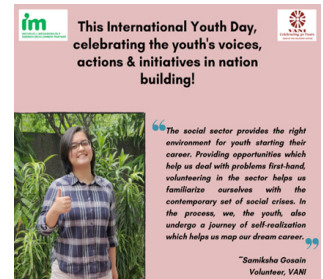
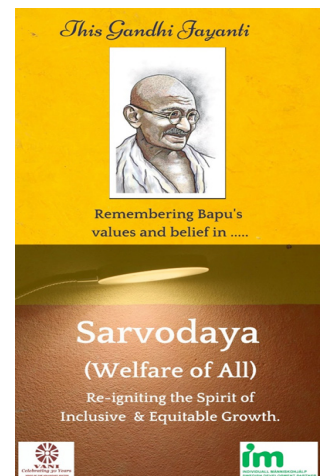
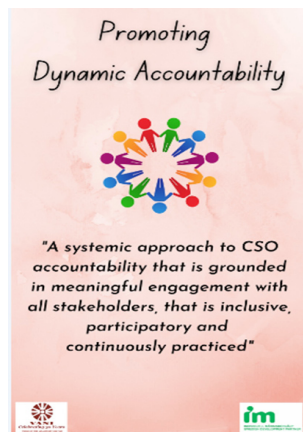
1. Held online discussions with Board members and identified stakeholders. Some of the Board members were Jaswant Kaur, Hemal Kamat, Binoy Acharaya, Amod Kanth. The stakeholders include: Maria Kempe, Rekha Panigrahi, Shalini Yog, NM Prusty, Jitendra Routray, Geeta Goel, Sudarshan Suchi, Anshu Gupta ji, Dr. Rajesh Tandon and many more were interviewed. VANI staff were also met and did SWAT analysis, discussed achievements of VANI as well as the issues VANI has faced.

2. National Level Meetings were organised where the draft plan was presented to seek inputs from the intellect and experienced people. Stakeholder Meeting was conducted at Nagpur, Tuesday, November 22, 2022; National Meeting - CSO 2.0, Thursday, December 1, 2022; Strategic planning meeting - Delhi

3. Finalised document was circulated among the luminaries of the sector and uploaded on the website.

Ms. Meenakshi Batra, was the consultant who had been appointed to draft the strategic plan during the period 4th November to 30th December 2022.

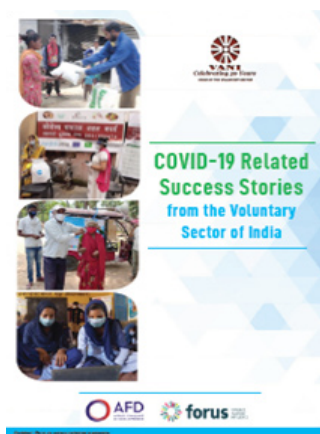
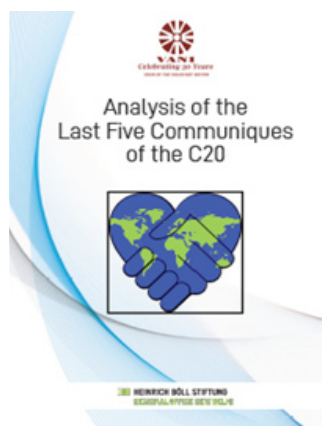
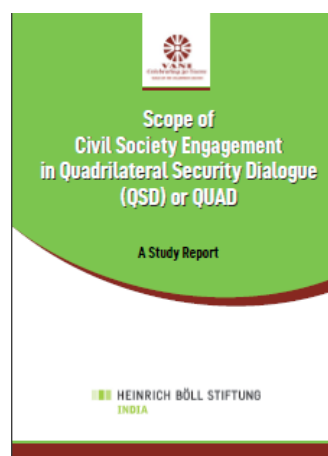
6. CAMPAIGNS CARRIED OUT BY VANI



7. List of The Meetings for the Financial Year 2022-2023

Date	Theme/Purpose	Venue
April 28, 2022	C20 in India: Preparations for 2023	
May 12, 2022	Webinar on Reporting of Grant/Donations (Form 10 BD)	Online
May 19, 2022	Meeting on inputs for Streamlining of FCRA Renewal Process	Delhi
June 09, 2022	Developing a Mutual Understanding on the Potential of Engagement in G20	Online
June 16, 2022	Webinar on New Age Fundraising by Rishabh Lalani	Online
June 28 & 29, 2022	National Level Physical meetings on strengthening capacity for collaboration and leadership	Physical
July 15, 2022	C20 Thematic Group Meeting- Health	Online
August 10, 2022	Social Media: A Double-Edged Sword, How Can You Safeguard your organisation?	Online
August 12, 2022	Lecture 1- Analysis of Contribution of Civil Society through Academic Lens by Prof. Sanjay Bhatt, Professor, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi	Online
August 17, 2022	CSO Engagement towards Successful C20 Processes in India	VishwaYuvak Kendra, Delhi
August 02 & 03, 2022	Fostering State level collaboration for an inclusive and equitable future	Lucknow
September 12, 2022	Lecture #2 - "The Path of Firms and CSOs intersected through CSR" by, Dr. Y. Suresh Reddy, Director - SRF Foundation	Online
12 th October 2022	Lecture #3 - "Can CSOs and CSR co-exist for Social and Economic Development" by Mr. Ritesh Sinha, Head - Projects, CSR, HDFC Bank,	Online
October 17, 2022	Dialogue on Key Take- aways for the Indian Civil Society from the Bali C20 Summit	Delhi/online
October 21, 2022	The Art of Effective Storytelling & Dynamics of Public Narrative	Online
November 09, 2022	Fostering State level collaboration for an inclusive and equitable future	Dehradun
November 15, 2022	Gender Mainstreaming Webinar Gender Mainstreaming and Institutional Transformation	Online
November 21, 2022	Lecture #4 - "Civil Society 75 years of Independent India" by, Ms. Rajni Bakshi, a Mumbai-based freelance journalist and author	Online
November 22, 2022	New Routes for Grassroot CSOs to Exist- What Does the Future Hold?	Nagpur
December 1 & 2, 2022	Dialogue on Indian CSOs 2.0: Unleashing a Dynamic Ecosystem	
December 12-14, 2022	Webinar on Fundraising Bootcamp	Online
December 12, 2022	Round Table on "Contribution of the Indian CSOs to the Socio-Economic Development of India"	Online
December 21 & 22, 2022	Webinar on Efficient Financial Management & Effective Practices	Online
December 26 & 27, 2022	Webinar: Unpacking Impact Measurement (Basics of Impact Measurement)	Online
February 06, 2023	Women Leadership Meet	Online
February 10, 2023	An online Conversation on Budget 2023	Online

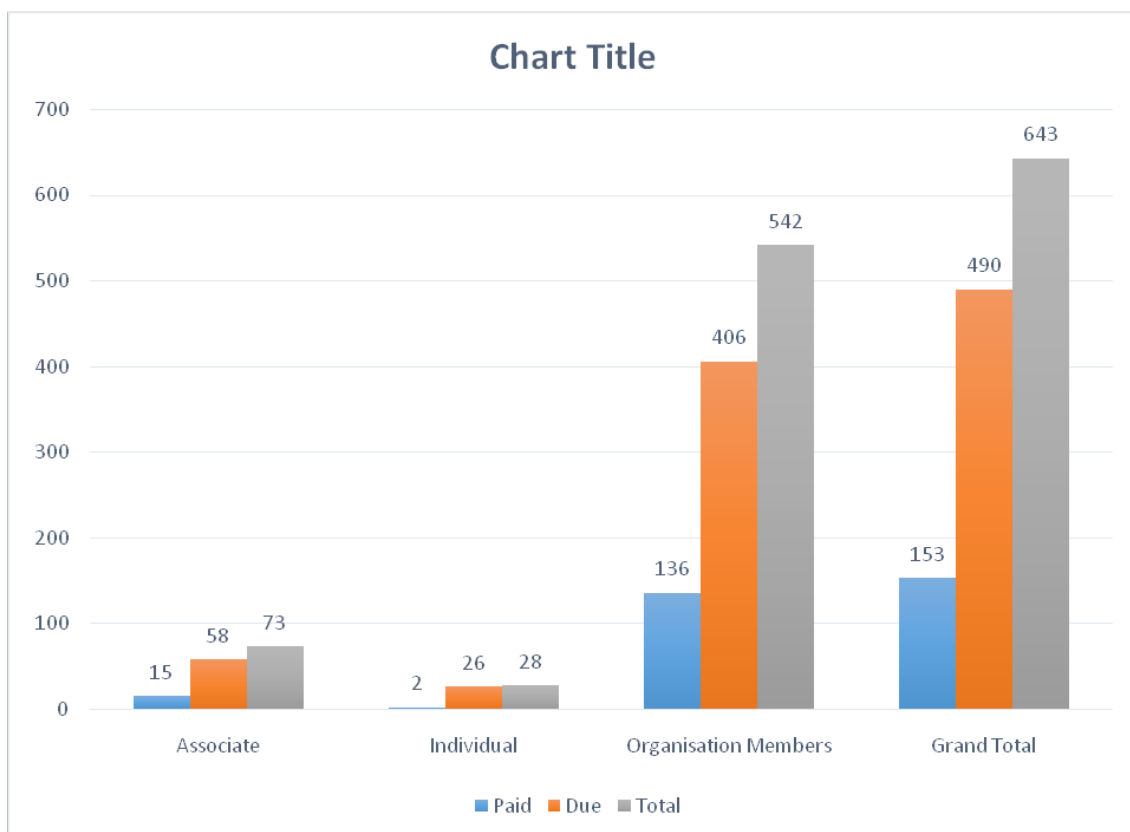
8. VANI PUBLICATIONS



9. Membership Management

F.Y. 2022-23

Category	Paid	Due	Total
Associate	15	58	73
Individual	2	26	28
Organisation Members	136	406	542
Grand Total	153	490	643



10. Summary of Income and Expenditure

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31.03.2023

Extracted from Audited Statement of Accounts 2022-23

In INR

Income

Grant Foreign Source 12,107,061.00

Other Income 1,207,883.00

Total Income 13,314,944.00

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Total Income 13,314,944.00

Expenditure

Programme 11,608,042.00

Administration 2,785,357.00

Depreciation 437,711.00

Total Expenditure 14,831,110.00

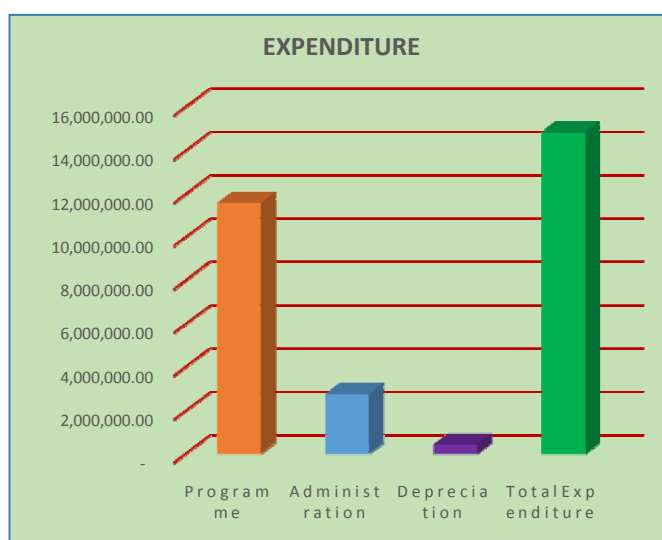
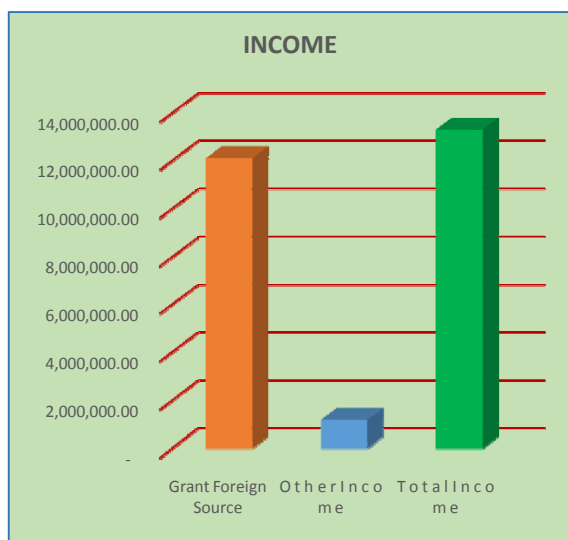
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Total Expenditure 14,831,110.00

Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure (1,516,166.00)



ANNEXURE 1:

VANI Team (as of 31st March. 2023)

Mr. Harsh Jaitli, Chef Executive Officer

Mr. Ravi R Rawat, Accounts Officer

Dr. Pallavi Rekhi, Programme Officer

Dr. Shabeen Ara, Consultant -Research

Mr. Dhiraj Kumar Tiwari, In-charge, Admin & Facility

Ms. Nivedita Datta, Programme manager

Ms. Kavita Rakheja, Knowledge & Membership management

Ms. Neha Shrivastava, Account Assistant

Ms. Aakansha, Admin Assistant



ANNEXURE 2: GOVERNING BOARD

Chairperson

Mr. Binoy Acharya,

Director, Unnati, Organisation for Development Education

Treasurer

Ms. Jaswant Kaur,

Individual, New Delhi

Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Harsh Jaitli,

Working Committee Members

Mr. Amod Kanth,

Founder & General Secretary, Prayas JAC Society

Mr. Basant Yadav,

President, Sahabhagi Samaj Sevi Sanstha

Mr. G. Placid,

Director, SAHAYI- Centre for Collective Learning and Action

Ms. Hemal Kamat,

Director & Secretary, Concept Society

Mr. K. Panchaksharam,

Secretary & CEO, SIPA-Federation of South India Producer Associations

Mr. K.N.Tiwari,

Director, Disha Social Organisation

Ms. Puja Marwaha,

Chief Executive, CRY - Child Rights and You

Mr. Saradindu Banerjee,

SHG Promotional Forum

About Voluntary Action Network India (VANI)

Voluntary Action Network India (VANI) is the apex body of Voluntary Development Organizations. VANI has always been upfront with the issues and challenges of voluntary organizations and has been working towards building a stronger network of civil society organisations in the country. VANI, as the voice of the sector, works relentlessly towards playing a constructive role in social cohesion, economic empowerment and national building. VANI acts as a catalyst for change through strengthening leadership, evidence-based research and documentation and outreach enhancement through membership engagement. Over the years, VANI has also worked with several policy making and government institutions to enhance partnerships and collaborations. Being a membership-based organisations, VANI strives for collectivisation of the sector through its membership engagement.



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