

- Triangulation of constructive understanding and dependability between the village communities, developed society and civic society.
- Provide education to senior citizens and children specially women.
- Community Health Programme- as free medical/ health camps to provide medical facilities and create awareness on common Health, Nutrition, Hygiene, sanitation etc.
- Special/ Sponsorship programme to rehabilitate widows, PRI representatives, women representatives and handicap people.
- Organize leadership development training for the sustainability of the program.
- Conservation and development of Forest, wildlife & reserved areas.
- Organic farming & Formation of Kissan (Farmers) clubs with the help of public/private sector companies involved in development sector e.g. NABARD (National Agriculture Bank and Rural Development) etc.
- Awareness and education on sensitized issues in society.
- Building of community centers in villages for meetings, entertainment etc.

Our Partners

- Ford Foundation
- Turner Morrison Foundation
- Bhoruka Charitable Trust
- Jaipur Virasat Foundation
- Rajasthan Aajeevika Mission
- Priya
- Unnati
- Housing International Coalition
- GVP-Ghumantoo Vikas Panchayat (Nomadic & Semi-Nomadic Community Leaders Network)

Executive Board: The organization is well supported by prominent social reformer and judicial custodians, experts with indepth knowledge of constitutional rights of the people.

★ **Justice Shri S. N. Bhargava (Chairman):** has been judge in Rajasthan High Court, Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court and Chairman of State Human Rights Commission for Assam and Manipur. He is also past district Governor of Rotary International District 3050.

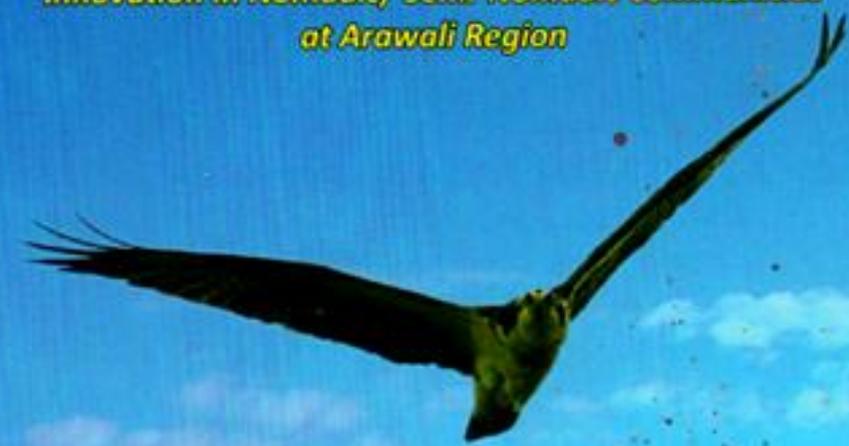
★ **Shri Ratankatyayni (Secretary)** is well known social activities and a reformer apart from prominent advocate in Rajasthan High Court.

Our Recognition

Shri Ratankatyayni (Secretary) being Honored

- **Man of the Year-2000** by internationally acclaimed magazine "THE WEEK" in 2000.
- **Disha Anebi Award-2002** for his outstanding contribution for the special- up- liftment of most deprived segment of the society (Nomadic/ Semi-nomads).
- **Sarda Samavasir Award -2003** for his contribution of most deprived segment of the society (Nomadic/ Semi-nomads).

Innovation in Nomadic/ Semi-Nomadic Communities at Arawali Region



Muktidhara

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About Us

"Muktidhara" is a non-political social organization working in the rural areas of North India which includes Rajasthan, Gujarat, Northern Maharashtra, Western Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttaranchal and Delhi. The organization was formed 3 decades back by Shri Ratan Katyani- an Advocate and a socialist to rehabilitate, establish and connect Nomadic communities to the main stream of development, who were struggling hard for their survival. The organization is working extensively for the welfare of nomadic/semi-nomadic/de-notified, notified, SC & ST communities of North India. Apart from broaching upon development issues, Muktidhara's main focus is on the citizenship rights, housing, education, health, civic amenities, discrimination & overall development of the nomadic & deprived sections of the society so that they are brought into the mainstream of society.

Our Vision

We dream to see the weaker and deprived sections of the community are self-reliant for their economical and social needs, availing all constitutional and government benefits endowed to them as citizens. They should be partner in the development process of the country as part of the main stream of society. nomadic/ Semi-nomadic tribes should be recognized as citizens of India with right to vote and entitled to BPL benefits.

Our Objective

- To evoke love and faith in poor marginalized and downtrodden communities so that they are brought into the mainstream of development.
- To advocate citizenship rights and sensitize judiciary, parliament and assembly on the constitutional rights of wandering tribes.
- To build the capacities and self-confidence of weaker communities so that they live with dignity.
- To triangulate constructive understanding and dependability between the village communities with the civic developed society.
- To get citizenship rights, housing facilities, education, health, employment and civic amenities for the vulnerable communities.

Working Area

Muktidhara is working in the rural areas of North India which includes Rajasthan, Gujarat, Northern Maharashtra, Western Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttaranchal and Delhi. The pilot projects of Muktidhara are at Viratnagar Block of Jaipur district and Thanagazi Block of Alwar district in Rajasthan.

Progress made So far :

Muktidhara has initiated social rehabilitation and development programme for Nomadic /semi nomadic communities falling under the foothills of Aravali ranges. There was a time when this community stood at a juncture where they had no option except for becoming beggars or criminals. The organization made a benchmark in the development sector by rehabilitating 400 nomads in hamlets in the foothills of Aravali. Muktidhara pioneered the movement to invoke love and faith in Nomadic community, which contributed to their progressive thinking and

motivated them to be a part of the main stream towards national integration and development. Muktidhara fought for the voting rights of the community due to which male/female members of this community became elected PRI members. The organization's persistent efforts were successful in forming Gram Panchayats or Councils of nomads in Arvali range, 18 Gram Panchayats are under the leadership of Women Sarpanch (leader of council) from Nomadic Community. This has provided powerful leadership to Nomadic/semi nomadic

Communities. These meet periodically to settle issue and discuss development strategies. Endeavors of Muktidhara were instrumental in establishing informal education centers for nomadic children to provide basic reading and writing skills. The organization has supported the digging of wells and worked hard to obtain voter identification and ration card for every member in the district. Muktidhara's have identification have reaped outcome because of which several nomadic communities in Alwar district have been allotted land entitlements. With the efforts of Muktidhara Honey banks have been developed, Self Help Groups (SHG) have been formed and we are having good networking with NGOs. The organization generates awareness among the weaker community for their entitlements from government schemes for their development.

Our Strategy

Muktidhara's strategic plan to fulfill its vision for all round development of the tribal, weaker and deprived sections of the community is as follows:-

- Lobbying and advocacy for voting rights of nomads and other tribes.
- Sensitize the judiciary, parliament, Civic societies and assembly on the constitutional rights of the wandering tribes.
- Making villages litigation free by generating legal awareness, helping them in mediation and arbitration with the help of Lok Adalat and gram Nayalaya.
- Provide shelter to the wandering tribal groups; organize them with civil society, building their capacities and development of able leaderships.
- Conduct campaigns for building public consciousness.
- Awareness programs for the common people about the benefits available under various Central and State Government policies and ensuring transparency and accountability of Government officials.
- Ensure employment opportunities are generated for this community and their unmatched traditional skills are strengthened and established in the national/ international market, which are at the verge of vanishing, i.e. Bhopas become part of music world, Gadia Lohara are merged into metal industry, Banjara women are linked with garment industry as they are good with their traditional embroideries.
- Make tribal, weaker and deprived community aware of their rights by propagating government schemes made under various laws for them and help them in utilization of these facilities so that the village develops as a whole
- Pioneering the efforts to provide social & professional education for the tribal, weaker and deprived sections of the community.