

Launching of a Mobile Van for De-addiction Centre at Dandi Park – 05th Jan 2018

‘Galae Laganae sae samasyao kaa samadhan nikalta hai agar danda sae samadhan nikalta to police kee naukari mai nikal chukha hota’ [\[Please open the link: https://youtu.be/P-ICpG2CLXM\]](https://youtu.be/P-ICpG2CLXM) quoted by Mr Manish Sisodia, Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister commented for Amod Kanth, Former Director General of Police & Chairperson (Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights-DCPCR) and General Secretary Prayas JAC Society as the most befitting example of addressing social issues.

Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister Mr. Manish Sisodia on the occasion of the launch of Mobile Health Van at the Dandi Park (Delhi largest Homeless Shelter) on January 5, 2018 in presence of Ms. Shilpa Shinde, IAS Director, Directorate of Women & Child Development, GNCT Delhi, Ms. Alka Lamba, Member of Legislative Assembly, Chandni Chowk, Mr. Avinash Jain, Founder Director ‘SANGAM NGO’, representatives from various NGO’s and also the officials from the Department of Women & Child Development, GNCT Delhi & the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, (DUSIB) and large presence of the homeless who gathered at the Dandi Park quoted the most befitting example of Mr. Amod Kanth, who carries strong faith that only ***‘Galae Laganae sae samasyao kaa samadhan nikalta hai agar danda sae samadhan nikalta to police kee naukari mai nikal chukha hota’***.



Mr. Manish Sisodia expressed his gratitude to the present officials and the representatives including homeless people for the initiation of the noble service of providing medical services, treatment and rehabilitation of large number of people living near the Dandi Park, Kudasiya Ghat, Hanuman Mandir, Yamuna Pusta, ISBT Flyover, Dandi Park, Peti Market, Angoori Bagh and Calcutta Gate through Mobile Van, joint initiative of the Department of Women & Child Development, GNCT Delhi, Prayas JAC Society and SANGAM NGO, part of larger rehabilitation program for the homeless people on the day of birth anniversary of Guru Govind Singh and his birthday. He said that the Government should proactively support individuals and civil society organization in their initiation to address the social issues rather than impede their growth by becoming their partner which should be the first job of the government. He said that many of us have no inclination and even beyond their imagination to realize that people (large number of migrants) coming to Delhi every year for living have no bank accounts, aadhar cards and shelter to seek refuge. It shows that the city has not

been designed to address the needs of the people living under below poverty line, largely migrants by pointing towards the government. They all are the citizens of the country and their needs to be properly addressed should be of the paramount importance for the people sitting in the government corridors by becoming sensitive by quoting the most befitting example of *Mr. Amod Kanth who despite of his service in Police at the highest levels and heavy engagements has dedicated his life for the social causes, believe that social issues can only be addressed through mutual affection and respect for each other (Sirf Galae lagane sae samadhan nikalta hai) who further said that his association with Mr. Kanth is very close since his days of journalism. He thanked the representatives of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, (DUSIB) and to the Department of Women & Child Development, (DWCD) for creating the model shelter which has become one of the tourist spot in the country today and has attracted the attention of the tourist across the globe and the country visiting Delhi.*

Mr. Amod Kanth, General Secretary of Prayas JAC Society present on this occasion reminisced of the past during the period of 2002-2004 and undertook twenty two months of Study Leave to study the underlying dynamics on homeless people along with Harsh Mander, Former IAS Officer and Founder Director Centre for Equity Studies and others to bring the desired changes in the living conditions of the homeless people which was hardly carrying any paramount importance for the then government. He also shared that only 12 shelters (Rain Baseras) existed under the charge of 'Slum Resettlement Wing' attached with the Municipal Corporation which could accommodate nearly 2000 such people then rose to nearly 260



shelters which is providing holistic services to around 24,000 homeless people today managed by the NGO's across Delhi which is a revolutionary step. It was highly embarrassing then to come across the 3000 to 3500 unidentified dead bodies every year which has been reduced to large extent. He congratulated the government on the success of this program which aimed to provide the life of dignity and also reiterated that these shelters been emerged as the Model Shelter and one of the best program for the Homeless people across the world. **[Please open the link:**

<https://youtu.be/ssQDMEDkDCs/>

Ms. Shilpa Shinde, IAS Director, Women and Child Development, welcomed the guests and shared the holistic initiative of the government along with the non-profit organization Prayas JAC Society and SANGAM NGO to the large gatherings comprising officials from the government, NGOs representatives and homeless people living in the shelters who said that the services aimed to provide De-addiction & rehabilitation services coupled with Opioid Substitution Therapy, (OST) a therapy to counter

withdrawal symptoms through opioid medication and also promote the positive approach towards life through regular services such as screening of substance abuser, drug assessments and identification & treatment of various health disorders (TB, Mental health issues etc) and routine illnesses. It is estimated that nearly 75,000 to 1,00,000 people are living in areas of Kudasiya Ghat, Hanuman Mandir, Yamuna Pusta, ISBT Flyover, Dandi Park, Peti Market, Angoori Bagh and Calcutta Gate etc who are heavily addicted to substance abuse will be able to take the benefit of this services.



Ms. Alka Lamba, Member of Legislative Council, Chandani Chowk highlighted the success of her campaign initiated in 2015 on 9th August to 15th August which has reached out to many such people been driven towards the De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Centre' are totally came out of the addiction. She also apprised about her commitment towards similar campaign and drive started from 1st January 2018 to address the issue of drugs and of the substance abuse which is setting up new hope for those who wish to come out of their addiction. She placed her thanks to Ms. Shilpa Shinde for her efforts and also to the officials present from the government and representatives of the various organizations such as Amod Kanth, General Secretary Prayas, Avinash Jain, Founder Director SANGAM NGO, Bipin Rai, Member Secretary (Technical) DUSIB, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Founder Director Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses, (SPYM), Shailendra Dania, Chief Engineer and S.K Mahajan, Chief Engineer DUSIB.

The program ended with song from Sri Ishwar Chand dedicated on the life of Homeless People titled, **'Hal Chala kar kheto ko Mein he sajaya hai-mera liyae Kaam Nahee hai'**.