

ACTION INDIA'S JOURNEY (1976 - PRESENT)

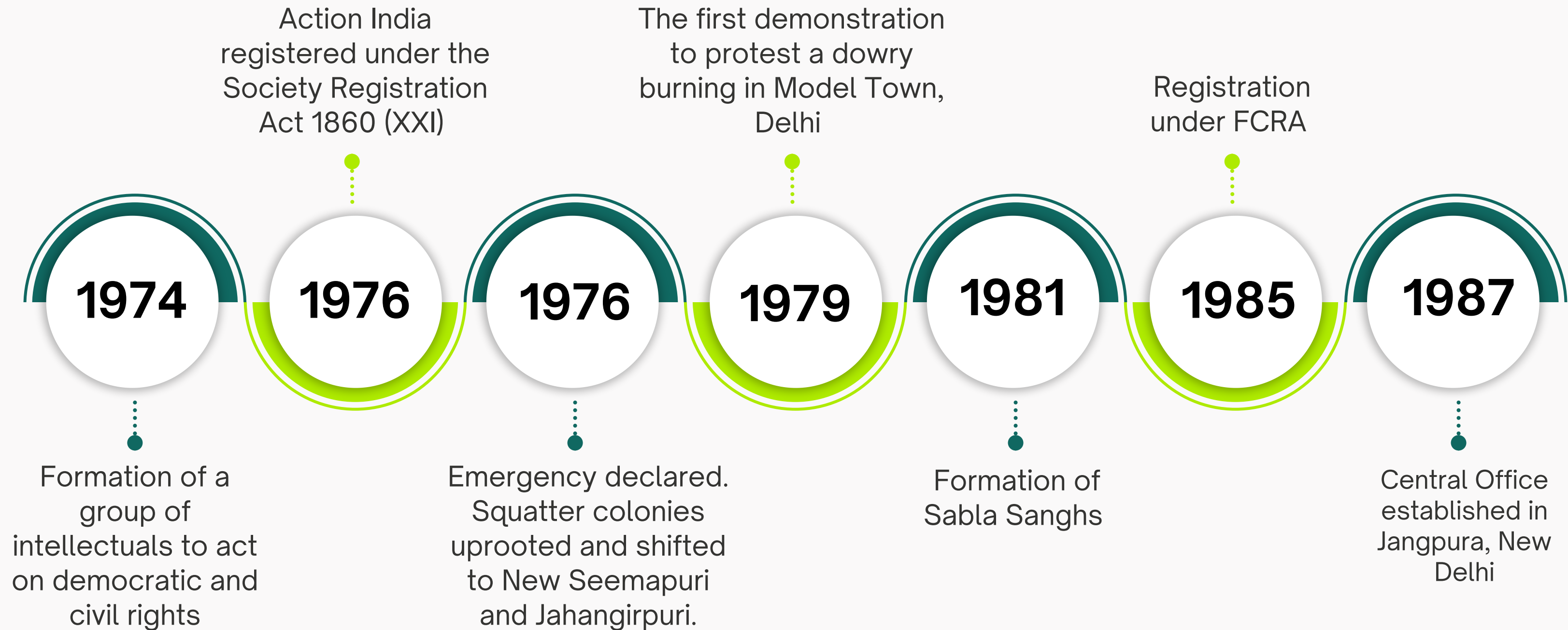
48 years of Action India
-Pivotal Moments and Key
Interventions

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ESTABLISHMENT OF ACTION INDIA

Chronology of Key Events leading to Formation of Action India





Vision

A Gender Just and
Egalitarian Society



Mission

Empowering Women to
achieve Equality and
Equity and the Right to
Live with Dignity and Self-
esteem

Themes

01

Women
Centered
Health

02

Women,
Law and
Social
Change

03

Empowering
Adolescent
Girls and
Boys

04

Education for
Equality and
Community
Participation



Programmes

Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

1984

Women-centered Health: Holistic Approach to Identity and Autonomy Beyond Reproductive Functions.

Fertility Awareness, Self-Help Centers, Indigenous Herbal Medicine, ApniRasoi, Informed Choice, and Safe Contraception.

Health Melas in the Community and Volunteer Program at GTB Hospita

2000

The Government Health services-volunteer program began at GTB Hospital.

2000
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Empowerment Tools: Fertility Consciousness, Self-Help, Holistic Health, HIV/AIDS Awareness, and Informed Decision-Making.

Study on Mother and child health and safe birthing- Breaking the silence.

2009
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Forming Groups for Pregnant and Lactating Mothers, Community Monitoring, and Access to Public Health Services.

Activation of Village Health and Sanitation Committees

Mahila Panchayat

- a community redressal mechanism

1980

Breaking the Silence on domestic violence and protests against dowry killings.

Action India organized Sabla Sanghs as support groups to victims/survivors of violence.

1994

Mahila Panchayats Collectives acts as a redressal mechanism. They are widely respected by the community and agreements signed by the disputing parties are acknowledged by them and recognized by the police.

2000

-07

Collaborating with NGOs and Delhi Commission for Women to expand Mahila Panchayats.

2014

-17

Mahila Panchayat State Level Network – 2500 women members across 20 Panchayats in 7 districts. Engaging with 600 Sampark Families with a focus on youth- men and boys.

2018

-24

Mahila Panchayats address violence against women and girls: a community-based sustainable redressal mechanism.

Women's Economic Activity and Empowerment

1995

Study on handloom weavers conducted in Sunder Nagri and Nand Nagri

1996

102 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) were formed in Delhi.

2000

Study conducted on home-based workers in the global market, Hapur District.

2001

Over 250 SHGs formed in Hapur, Uttar Pradesh.

2001
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Microcredit introduced for bead workers' business venture called 'Agaz'.

2017

Empowering women economically and ensuring girls don't miss school due to periods. Action India started a Micro Enterprise for environment-friendly, biodegradable sanitary pads- two pad manufacturing units set up in Sudna and Ubarpur, Hapur District, U.P.

2019

"Period. End of Sentence" won the 91st Academy Awards under the Best Short Documentary category. The documentary is based on our sanitary pad unit in Kathikheda, U.P.

2011
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Highlighting the role of marginalised women in agriculture in Hapur, Saharanpur and Muzaffarnagar in U.P.

Empowering Adolescent Girls & Boys

1993

Chhoti and Nanhi Sabla (girls) and Tarun groups (boys) – Gender and sexuality, identity and autonomy, body knowledge and life skills trainings.

1995

Study of three generations on child marriage in Sunder Nagri, Jahangirpuri, Seemapuri and Dakshinpuri.

1998

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Newly married groups taught about marriage, consent, pregnancy, contraception, etc.

2008

-21

Girls Learn International, India – Connecting schools in Virginia, USA with Chhoti Sabla groups in Delhi and Hapur District.

2004

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WE CAN Stop VAWGs – South Asian campaign with AI and 10 NGOs in Delhi, engaging 80,000 youth.

2011

-12

WASHE – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene education in schools, including Menstrual Hygiene Management.

Empowering Adolescent Girls & Boys

2012
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Menstrual Health and Hygiene awareness activities in communities and schools of Delhi, Hapur (Uttar Pradesh), Ludhiana (Punjab), Budni (Madhya Pradesh) and Ramgarh (Jharkhand).

2014
-16

Making Girls Leaders – Promoting Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.

2016
-18

The Disha Project – Economic Self-Sufficiency through Training and Skill Development for Women; 5000 women mobilized, 650 Enrolled in National Skill Development Centers.

2019
-24

Action India's young master trainers having 5-7 years of experience worked with a gender perspective to develop a training manual on environment. They guided the work of Clean and Green Centers and effectively used tools for communication with groups of women and children in the schools.

2019
-20

SRHR in Adolescent Program – Body knowledge, sexuality, safe sex, and partner choice.

Education for Equality and Community Participation

1995

Non-Formal Education (NFE) classes and school enrollment program began.

**1997
-22**

Scholarship Program began to empower adolescent girls with career skills.

**2000
-06**

Primary Education Enhancement Program (PEEP) – enrolment campaign and Sahayak Shiksha Kendra.

**2017
-24**

Parwaz Adolescent Centre for Education (PACE) – Educational Intervention for Girls and Young Women Aged 15-25. These girls are either drop outs or have never enrolled in the formal education system.

**2018
-21**

"Play Every Day" Initiative – enhancing learning and family bonding in low-resource communities for children aged 3-6.



Interventions with the Government

National Level Advocacy

Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005

2004–2005: National Campaign advocating for the Domestic Violence Bill.

2005: Collection of 250,000 signatures across 8 States for early passage of PWDVA, 2005. Women's movement success: Law enacted in 2005, notified in 2006.

2006–07: National Conferences organized by Action India for PWDVA Implementation with participation of 22 states.

- **Calls for adequate budget, Protection Officers and infrastructure for Direct Information Report Filing.**
- **Ensuring women's right to reside in shared household and access economic and medical relief within 60 Days.**
- **Training conducted with justices and advocates of Tis Hazari court.**

*Struggle continues to enforce the PWDVA, 2005
in its true spirit and word.*

Campaign Against Sex Selection and Pre-birth Elimination of Females

2001: the travelling KARVAN campaign informed the public of the PCPNDT Act that made sex selective testing punishable and promoted the value of the girl child to every corner of Delhi. A network of 52 Delhi NGOs was formed.

2001: *Beti Utsav–Mubarak Ho Beti Hui Hai* campaign celebrated the birth of daughters and honoured the mothers of girls at the community level. This has now been adopted by the Government of Delhi.

2003: Study in North West Delhi– *Rising Sons Setting Daughters* – a case for public advocacy.

2004–05: National Seminars organized in collaboration with NMML–The New Paradigm of development and sex selection.

2009: Implementation of the PCPNDT Act. Action India was appointed as member of District Supervisory Body (NCT Delhi). Action India continues to be an Appropriate Authority (AA) in East and South west Delhi, monitoring the PCPNDT.

Swachh Delhi Swasth Delhi

- **Ensuring participation in local governance: implementing the 74th Constitutional Amendment. Funds leveraged from the Delhi Government for water and sanitation infrastructure development- Rs. 6,95,84,160.**
- **Promoting behavioral change for healthier and cleaner environments. Monitoring water quality and advocating for safe drinking water.**
- **2008-16: Empowering grassroots women to claim basic services.**
- **Collective action by 350 women for access to WATSAN Services. "Me to We": WATSAN Committees, Youth Clubs, School WASH Programs, Gyan Vigyan Melas, and Public Hearings.**

2012: Study on Socio-economic Conditions and Issues of Ragpickers in Delhi's Urban JJ Clusters and Resettlement Colonies.

2020-21: Re-imagining slums & resettlement areas of Delhi as 'Green & Clean Centers' through sustainable environment development. 500 Women Community Leaders were mobilized across 10 locations.

Other Interventions

- **The Delhi Commission for Women acknowledged Action India's outstanding work on the Mahila Panchayat programme. An invitation to expand and duplicate the same with 28 NGOs and CBOs was extended to Action India.**
- **The Government of Delhi acknowledged the establishment of 117 Gender Resource Centers. Vocational courses in computer skills, dress design, cutting and tailoring, and mehendi art were launched in the communities. The main focus was implementation of the government's numerous schemes.**
- **Action India became a Member of POSH Committee of Sahastra Seema Bal, the CISF, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.**

- **Village Health and Sanitation Committee revived in several villages in Hapur, U.P.**
- **Action India's community workers became members of District Task Force at village, block and district level.**



Thank You