

MAHATMA GANDHI'S SATYAGARH
REVIVED

CITIZENS OF DELHI DECIDE
'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH'

7th JULY 2005

THE BEGINNING

- Government & Discoms decide to hike electricity rates by 10%
- Citizens offered no explanations nor opportunity to discuss issue
- Arbitrary decision rejected...slow burn opposition starts
- RWAs band together for non-violent struggle for justice & fair play

THE CAUSE

- Unilateral imposition of power tariff hike
- Faulty meters running too fast
- Apparent collusion between Government & Discoms
- Tacit acceptance of Power Theft at a continuing high level

*BATTLE LINES DRAWN BETWEEN
CITIZENS & GOVERNMENT*

THE STRATEGY

- RWAs, earlier encouraged by Govt, now leading the struggle
- From all across Delhi, RWAs unite in CAPTH (Campaign Against Power Tariff Hike)
- Project prominent citizens and RWA leaders as spokespersons
- Seek & secure widespread local/national media support

THE TOOLS

- Agitate against unfair/unjustified hike
- Refuse to pay enhanced charges
- Core Teams help mobilise individuals & groups, encourage & motivate
- Make Cause No1 Issue in the Capital City through daily meetings, press/TV coverage
- Alert politicians to citizens' concerns

THE COUNTER ATTACK

- Attempts made to divide RWAs...they fail
- Threats made to cut off power of those who do not pay the hiked rates...they fail
- Misinformation disseminated suggesting agitation is limited and rapidly petering out...facts prove otherwise

*PANIC SETS IN AS CAPTH GAINS
STRENGTH & PUBLIC SUPPORT*

THE CUTTING EDGE

- The Cause is Just & Citizens United
- The Issue is Focused & of Public Concern
- The Media is Responsive & Supportive
- The Leadership Emerged from Amongst the Citizens
- Resentment & Anger were Harnessed in a Non-Violent Struggle...Satyagarh Revived

*RISING CITIZENS TIDAL WAVE MAKES
GOVERNMENT BEND*

31st AUGUST 2005

JUST 8 WEEKS LATER

- Citizens' Will prevails
- Government & Discoms retreat
- All threats withdrawn
- Power hike cancelled
- Better more consumer-friendly service promised

ROLL-BACK COMPLETE!

THE LEARNING

- Strength of New Satyagarh Movement proven
- URJA (United Residents Joint Action) formed on 3rd September 2005
- Citizens resolve to tackle other Good Governance issues
- Political & Bureaucratic institutions on notice

THE MORAL OF THIS STORY

Citizens United in Action
Are an Unstoppable Force to Secure
Justice & Fair Play
For All

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS

- RWAs from all across Delhi who formed the backbone of the movement:
- Old Rajinder Nagar, Lado Sarai, Govindpuri, Sheikh Sarai, Rohini, I P Extension, Mayur Vihar, GK 1, Dwarka, North West Delhi Citizen's Forum, Kalindi & about 10 other areas who raised their Voice.

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS

- Core Teams who worked tirelessly:
- Sanjay Kaul, President - People's Action & Promod Chawla – Convenor, CAPTH, Trustee nafi, Col Dinesh Shandiliya, Ajay Jain TCP, Mou Banerjee, Pawan Jain, S P Gupta & R L Dua, Old Rajinder Nagar, D M Narang, Arvind Mehta, Anant Trivedi, Ishwar Nagar - strategist nafi
- Lado Sarai RWA, Col Shivraj Kumar, Munirka, Ravinder Singh, Inventor Engineer, R K Atri, Dwarka, Rajiv Kakria, Divya Sehgal, Sat Goel, GK1, R C Kamboj, Rohini, A M Prabhakar, Malviya Nagar, Dr Mohanty NW Delhi, Anil Sood, Chetna, S R Sangar & Varinder Arora, I P Extension. Also C R Park.
- Umpteen other stalwarts who signed up & spread awareness, never to forget Simran Deep, Nisha Puri of Govindpuri also Anil Khanna, Tilak Nagar.

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS

- Prominent citizens who provided unstinted support :
- Roshan Seth, Tara Sinha, Shiv Khera, Pritish Nandy, Joginder Singh, Sanjay Parikh, Prashant Bhusan & Ram Tahiliani

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS

- Media...Press/TV/Radio...both National & Local, whose intensive and extensive coverage were essential elements
- NDTV, 7 Channel, Sahara , Times Of India, Hindu, HT, Navbharat Times, Regional & Neighbourhood papers - our grateful thanks to all.

FOR OUR FUTURE

- We need citizens across the country to mobilise themselves
- Guidance and support from local citizens...prominent persons and celebrities, a key factor
- Media participation essential...and available in support of Justice & Fair Play

THE BATTLE WAS WON...BUT THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

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