

Universal Just Action Society / Seemant Lok Sangathan

Brief Organization Profile



OUR HISTORY

In 1999, Mr. Hindu Singh Sodha founded the community-based organization Pak Visthapit Sangh, "Displaced Pakistanis' Organization," (PVS) to address the previously unrecognized needs of Hindu-Pakistani refugees living in India.

In 2005, Mr. Sodha expanded the organization by creating Seemant Lok Sangathan, "Border Area Peoples' Union," (SLS). SLS replaced PVS and built upon its efforts, not only aiming to help refugees gain Indian citizenship, but also to engage with wider issues encompassing the refugee and border communities, such as communal harmony, livelihood, public awareness, and policy advocacy.

In 2008, Seemant Lok Sangathan was registered as a non-governmental organization under the name Universal Just Action Society (UJAS). SLS and UJAS are synonymous; UJAS serves as an NGO with international recognition, while refugee communities most commonly refer to the organization as Seemant Lok Sangathan.

OUR MISSION

Universal Just Action Society (UJAS) advocates for Hindu-Pakistani immigrants in India who are fleeing religious persecution. Despite escaping dangers in Pakistan, they are still denied basic human rights in India. Among these are the rights to citizenship, rehabilitation, livelihood, and education.

UJAS' mission is to aid Pakistani refugees in obtaining justice by raising awareness, empowering refugee communities, and pressuring the government to provide them with legal rights.



OUR OBJECTIVES

- Raise public awareness on issues facing post-1965 Pakistani refugees in India through documentation and publication;
- Organize and empower refugee communities to improve their living conditions and provide a more secure future for their children;
- Promote communal harmony in border areas by highlighting shared traditions and encouraging collaboration in the preservation of culture;
- Provide a platform from which oppressed refugee communities can air their grievances and seek their basic human rights; and
- Draft policies demanding regular and fair treatment of refugees living in India and put pressure on the government to observe these policies, particularly in the form of granting Indian citizenship.

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