



VANI
Celebrating 30 Years
VOICE OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR



To strengthen the collective voice of the voluntary sector, PRIA also began to document the roles and contributions of VDOs towards national development

Subsequently, Voluntary Action Network of India (VANI) was functioning informally since 1988, and became a legal entity in 1991, with Dr. Rajesh Tandon as its first Chairperson

The political context between 1989-1991 was in flux, both at national and international levels



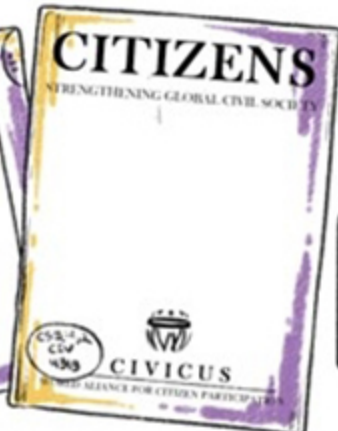
The fall of the Berlin Wall, and the disintegration of the USSR created a unipolar world, with related economic implications



Liberalisation, Privatisation, and Globalisation in India also had implications for rural and urban poor



This prompted fresh academic discussions on civil society—its meaning, roles, and impacts



Internationally, a new global civil society initiative called CIVICUS (World Alliance for Citizen Participation) was created in 1993, with Dr. Rajesh Tandon as its Founder-Board Member and second chairperson

The years between 1986-1996 began to formulate the 'identity' of the sector of VDOs in India, later on bringing in the larger canvas of civil society.