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Empowering Community Voices

## Volunteer with IndiaUnheard Correspondents



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## Video Volunteers featured in Fast Company Magazine

The Founder of VV was selected as an Innovation Agent by Fast Company, one of the leading business publications in the US. The author writes that, thanks to Video Volunteers, "Millions of impoverished people in Ia way to challenge traditional news coverage, by creating their own stories through Video Volunteers." Read the whole article [here](#).

## Featured video

### CVU Video Help Bring Clean Water to Villages



Apna Malak Ma Community Video Unit, which is sponsored by our

**Video Volunteers** is an international media organization empowering the voices of the world's unheard communities. Our mission is to empower the world's poorest citizens to right the wrongs they witness by becoming players in the global media revolution. Video Volunteers provides disadvantaged communities with journalistic, critical thinking and creative skills, teaching people to articulate and share their perspectives on the issues that matter to them - on a local and a global scale. Read about our main [programs](#).

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NGO partner Navsarjan, made a film on water shortages and the government's legal responsibility to provide all citizens drinking water. After watching this film, women in seven villages that had no access to drinking water decided to unite and fight for water. These women are from poor Dalit families and everyday they travel several kilometers to fetch water from other villages. They organized protest rallies and demonstrations, demanding government supply drinking water. Today, thanks to the inspiring CVU film, all seven villages have drinking water supplied to their homes. Watch [here](#) the video that the CVU made on this impact.

## **Improving Livelihood Through IndiaUnheard: VV Community Correspondent Takes Loan, Buys a Computer**

Rohini, one of our IndiaUnheard correspondents, has just bought a computer to improve her livelihood through IndiaUnheard. Rohini who is from a poor farming family, struggled to make ends meet since she got married eight years ago. She says, "I'm the first woman to buy a computer in my village. Everyone is coming to my house to see how a computer looks and how the buttons work. I'm so excited! Now I can do all my Video Volunteers work -- writing scripts, transferring visuals, burning DVDs -- from my own computer," instead of traveling to the cybercafe which is 45 minutes away.

We have several examples of people like her from our work, who have used their VV training to help them set up their own businesses. She is one more reason we are so convinced that media is an important livelihood option for the poor, and one that uses their creativity and gets out important stories at the same time.

Click [here](#) to watch Rohini's profile video, and [here](#) to watch her video about her microcredit group.



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