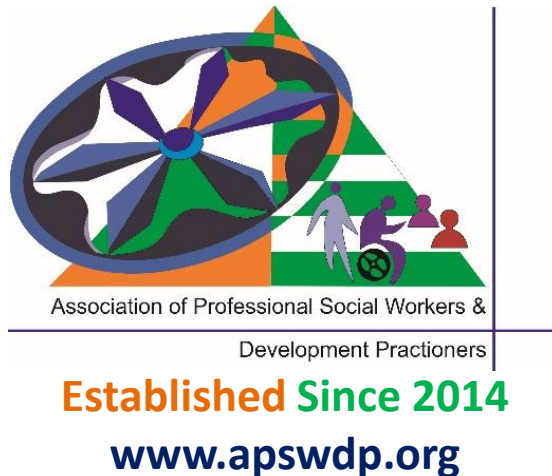


# ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS & DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONERS (APSWDP)



**PROMOTING SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION  
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

# BACKGROUND

**Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)** is a registered not for profit professional association of professional social workers and development practitioners working in various social welfare domain across the country.

Social issues like **poverty, livelihood, health, education, water & sanitation, unemployment, disease control programme, urbanization, youth issues of drug addiction** and others have covered the whole gamut government, development agencies and academic institutions.

Since, the influx of specialization and expertise has increased over the current decade in the country among implementation agencies, then requirement of trained social work professionals and practitioners is indeed a factual requirement.



# BACKGROUND (CONTD...)

The association focuses on creating a country wide and global network of dedicated social work professionals and development practitioners from remote geographical rural areas, to discuss, debate and develop key framework on evidence & practice based interventions, methods.

Focus will be to enable social workers and development practitioners all around the globe to share their ideas and working on various development issues.

APSWDP will also offer a platform to youth leaders, scholars/researchers with striving passion to participate in bringing reformation through correctional measures in existing policies.



# GENESIS

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) was founded initially by a group of professional social workers working in development sectors led by **Mr. Vivek Trivedi**, development practitioner and a global youth leader.

It primarily started with a popular online social forum 'Alliance of Social Work & Development Practitioners' on the occasion of 65th Republic Day 2014 i.e. 26th January, 2014. The forum productively stretched to BSW and MSW learners of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) with support from Regional Centre Chandigarh.



# GENESIS (CONTD...)

An orientation program-cum-workshop was organized jointly by the Forum of Professional Social Workers coinciding World Social Work Day and Month for the first time at Chandigarh involving research scholars, learners, civil society and line departments on 29th March, 2014.

It was felt during the workshop at regional center that the forum must be taken on a next higher level by attaining a legal status. On 1st December, 2014 on the eve of World AIDS Day, online forum received its legal status as an association under the Society Registration Act 1860 as 'Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)'.

# LAUNCH OF APSWDP

The APSWDP after getting its legal status, it was launched on the occasion of World Social Work Day i.e. 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Raj Bhawan on the summoning of **H.E. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Hon'ble Governor Haryana, Punjab and Administrator Chandigarh.**



# VISION



To have a state of art inclusive network of professional social workers and development practitioners, APSWDP aims at showcasing a noteworthy role in promotion of social work education, and evolving practice based methods, approaches, skills and ethics through social innovation, proven models and vibrant social leadership.



# MISSION

- To achieve the vision of APSWDP, our mission is to work in proximity with togetherness, unlocking the inherent potential and building a sustainable network of professional social work and development practitioners.
- It was thought to be accomplished by way of promoting social work profession to rural and urban under privileged youth, mid-aged to undertake the flagship of development, understand the global trend, be a partner and agent of social change at local stratum.



# PRINCIPLES

- Work in partnership, team with brotherhood;
- Commitment to Vision, Mission and Values;
- Solidarity with poor, marginalized and vulnerable;
- Gender respecting and sensitive to specially abled;
- Respecting human, women and child rights;
- Cross cultural relationship across all social affiliation;
- Working across diversity of language, religions, ethnicity, geographical area;
- Committed to be goal driven, outcome oriented and honest to work approach in bringing visible social;
- Committed to build a social-economic equilibrium and sustainable social development;
- Work for global peace, resolving social conflict and better tomorrow.



# AIMS

- To promote social work as a profession through national, regional & International cooperation and Network;
- To strengthen professional values, ethics, standards and professional relationship with the employing organizations;
- To support social organizations, community based organizations for the promotion of professionally educated and trained social workers participation in planning, formulation of policies, social work trainings, monitoring & evaluation;
- To strengthen the values of great Indian reformers into social work education and profession;
- To bridge between the Professional Social Work organizations and Development agencies also including the faith based & Cultural organizations.

# KEY OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Work for developing cooperation between Professional Social workers in the Country.
- ❖ Organizing workshops, conferences, social work forums, exposure visits, researches, field projects for the promotion and expansion of Professional Social Work.
- ❖ Work for building relationships between local Social Work organizations & their members to International organizations and bodies.
- ❖ Engaging with political leaders, researchers, corporate icons, technologists in the country with the view to fostering cooperation among Professional Social Worker & international issues, including UN organizations.
- ❖ Focus on strengthening relationship with professional Social Work organizations with SAARC countries with the view to provide impetus on regional development.

# KEY OBJECTIVES (CONTD...)

- ❖ Establish working relationship between social work scholars, statesman administrators and corporate leaders in the country.
- ❖ Undertake focused area based studies targeting international social issues with respect to Indian context.
- ❖ Work for innovative development models through Public Private Partnership in Social Work profession.
- ❖ Develop a think tank of Social work professionals so that this can provide solutions & action plan to complex social issues of national importance to national, state and local government.
- ❖ Examine social work curriculum taught by the universities from the prospective of professional career with a view to improving credibility of Social Work Profession.
- ❖ Develop statistical tool and evidence based indicators pertaining to human development.

# PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

- Conduct of Training Courses with an inter-stakeholder approach where Social Work professional, policy makers, Civil Society representatives are invited for cross fertilization of ideas.
- Development of Case Studies and documentation of best practices from Social Workers working in various organizations.
- Conduct of Research Studies with emphasis on primary research through sample surveys, use of SPSS and other sophisticated statistical software and qualitative methods of research including Focus Group Interviews and Participant Observation.
- Organization of Seminars, Workshops and Symposia for in-depth discussion on focused subjects: more and more about less and less.

# PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

## (CONTD...)

- Publication of a periodical Technical Journal/ News bulletin on Social Work and Development sector addressing frontier research and critical analytical techniques on the one hand and best practices in difficult existential situations on the other hand.
- Special emphasis on Trainee Assignments in the form of Syndicate Reports, Individual Assignments and other instrumentalities with a view to challenging the Trainees capacity to think and imbibe critical knowledge and skills.
- Converting Research Studies into priced publications, monographs and reports with a view to sharing of project experiences and research outcomes.
- Participation in citizens advocacy campaigns with a view to bringing about actual improvements on the ground.
- Starting of Research Portals for sharing research outcomes with other researchers and program implementing teams.

# PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

## (CONTD...)

- Any other work deemed fit by the Governing Body in Social Welfare domain w.r.t any developmental project, international humanitarian context, international tie-ups with educational institutions, international trusts, organizations including intergovernmental and others.
- Initiate, hold, direct, manage, take part in and contribute to conferences, congress, meetings, lectures and demonstrations on any aspect of Social Work Profession and social welfare for the purpose of advancing any of the objectives of the association.
- Hold an Annual Convention and periodic meetings or conferences, CME of members of the association and of the social work and social development profession in general.
- The association can join/ partner with any global forum and federation or allied Federations.
- The association can establish its own academy, institute in future.



# AFFILIATIONS

United Nations Special  
Consultative Status under  
Economic and Social Council  
(UN-ECOSOC).



Niti Aayog (National Institute for Transforming India and Former Planning Commission of India).

European Commission under  
Research and Innovation.



# PARTNERSHIPS

- The Climate Reality Project- India;
- National Service Scheme (NSS);
- Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD);
- Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA);
- State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), Chandigarh.

# RESOURCE, INSTITUTIONAL & FUNDING SUPPORT

- Indian Bank;
- Punjab National Bank;
- Union Bank of India;
- The Climate Reality Project-India;
- Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh;
- Panjab University, Chandigarh;
- State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) Chandigarh;
- Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Regional Centre, Chandigarh;
- Municipal Corporation Chandigarh;
- Chandigarh Administration;
- Office of Chief Electoral Officer, Chandigarh.

# BENEFITS OF GETTING ASSOCIATED

- **Recognition:** Membership with APSWDP will assist you in raising your profile in the professional community.
- **Networking:** Association provides you with a diverse network of Social Workers and Development Practitioners at Regional, State, National, and International level. Moreover, the association shall also make it prudent for the members to access Global opportunities.
- **Professionalism:** Membership of any respected organization is perceived as advantageous by prospective employers and brands you with a tag of professional. Hence, the association will provide the ambience of professionalism which will accelerate your future prospects.
- **Community involvement:** Association will provide you with an opportunity to serve the community and contribute to society in various sectors of social work including philanthropy.
- **Program participation:** Association will also provide an opportunity to be a panellist or a resource person in any of the event, subject to your consent as well as the area of expertise.

# HOW TO GET ASSOCIATED

- Volunteering;
- Participation in programmes;
- Joining formally as a student member and in various other categories like Life Associate or annual member etc.

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- Web portal: [www.apswdp.org](http://www.apswdp.org)
- You tube channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYIXWGEQxmDTnNmd2MPpozQ?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYIXWGEQxmDTnNmd2MPpozQ?view_as=subscriber)

**RECALL THE FACE OF THE POOREST AND WEAKEST MAN YOU HAVE SEEN,  
AND ASK YOURSELF IF THIS STEP YOU CONTEMPLATE IS GOING TO BE  
ANY USE TO HIM...**

**MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI.**

**THANKS**



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