

**Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), India conferred Special Consultative Status under United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN-ECOSOC).**

21<sup>st</sup> Committee on NGO's recommended and 37th plenary Management Segment approved in meeting of UN ECOSOC held on 23rd July 2019 at UN Head Quarters in New York.

The consultative status is a phrase whose use can be traced to the founding of the United Nations and is used within the UN community to refer to "**Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council**" Consultative Status has its foundation in Article 71 of Chapter 10 of the United Nations Charter.

"The Economic and Social Council may make suitable arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations which are concerned with matters within its competence. Such arrangements may be made with international organizations and, where appropriate, with national organizations after consultation with the Member of the United Nations concerned."

In 1948, shortly after the founding of the United Nations, there were 45 NGOs in Consultative Status, mostly large international organizations. Currently there are 3900 NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and some 400 NGOs accredited to the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD). Organizations that have a special competence in, and are concerned specifically with, only a few of the fields of activity covered by the Council and its subsidiary bodies, and that are known within the fields for which they have or seek consultative status shall be known as **organizations in special consultative status**. At present, **APSWDP is among 4342 organizations in the world, 1408 in the Asia and 385 in India who have been given special consultative status so far since 1948.**

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh, India has been founded by a professional social worker, young activists, global youth leaders, thinker and a development practitioner in government Mr. **Vivek Trivedi** after his participation in UNESCO ESD World Conference 2014 held at Nagoya in Japan. The association received its legal status on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2014 i.e. World



APSWDP affirms to work on  
"Promoting Social Work Education  
for Sustainable Development"

AIDS Day, a historic day in social welfare domain. The association was launched by the H.E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, the Governor of Haryana, Punjab and Administrator Chandigarh U.T. on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 i.e. on the occasion of World Social Work Day 2015 at Raj Bhawan, Chandigarh.

He has been engrossed and motivated from his global participation in various UN and other Summits, World Conferences and social movements since university days i.e. 2004 onwards.

**Mrs. Ranju Chaturvedi, Mrs. Ranjana Saxena, Mrs. Suman Saxena** (Army Public School, Fatehgarh), **Lt. Didi Nirjala Deshpande** (Former Rajya Sabha Member, **T.N. Chaturvedi**, (former Rajya Sabha Member & Hon. Governor Karnataka), **Dr. Rajan M Welukar**, (Commonwealth Youth Programme), **Nicole Breeze** (Oxfam International Youth Parliament 2004, Australia), **Patrick Earl**, (DTP, UNSW, Australia), **Angela Rutter** (The Asia Pacific Climate Summit-2009 Australian Conservation Foundation), **Noble Laureate Al Gore** (former US Vice President), **Emeritus Professor Dr. Dai-Yeun Jeong** (Jeju National University, South Korea), **Aminul Islam Khan** (Regional Director, Commonwealth Youth Programme: Asia Centre), **Shri. Alkesh Sharma** (I.A.S.), **N. P. S. Randhawa** (I.A.S.), **Shri. Kamlesh Sharma** (Secretary General the Commonwealth Secretariat, UK) were key stimulating legends behind his never ending momentum, die-hard attitude and global envisioning and leadership.

His visit to United Nations University, Tokyo in 2014, United Nations Office at Geneva in 2016 and participation in UN events encouraged him to take local level thinking and work to global level i.e. Special Consultative Status under UN-ECOSOC.

He said that such illuminaries have instilled in him the institutional development, organizational strengthening, social leadership, build capacity to lead with a motto **“Think Global Act Local”**.

He further added that his core team including Dr. Monica Singh, Dr. J K Yadav, Dr. Sumit Arora, Mr. Amit Joshi, Mr. Karmaveer Singh, Mr. Sharad Singh, Rekha Trivedi and Navneet Trivedi had come forward to be a part of the association in 2014 on the beckoning of the founder Mr. Vivek Trivedi and have been working voluntarily for the last 4.5 years.

He has also clarified that he has made commitment and chosen to work in two of the five UNESCO Global Action Programmes (GAP) areas on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), which were envisioned and projected to **make a substantial contribution to the post-2015 agenda** in ESD Youth Statement under Nagoya Declaration 2014 i.e. Building capacities of educators and trainers and Empowering and mobilizing youth. The GAP is the follow up to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014).

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