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## Three Year Report

**Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)**

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MESSAGE

I am pleased to put forth the first edition of our comprehensive report on completion of three years with various activities including workshops, conferences, social campaigns and celebration of days of national and global importance.

I am delighted to mention here that APSWDP has been successful in creating a space among various stakeholders including government institutions and non government bodies as well.

I think the association will certainly fill the void in the region where such network are not existing and will bring social and community network come closer to act together. The association will definitely promote professionalism in the non government organizations working in social welfare domain.

I am quite hopeful that the association will achieve its mission as per vision laid for promotion of social work education.

President

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)

Dr. Monica Singh
I am excited to put forward three years report of Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) on its successful completion of three years.

I am happy to be a part of the association which is a blend of academicians, professionals in government and international agencies working in the country.

I hope that APSWDP will work for promotion of Social Work Education and Reforms by way capacity building programmes, awareness creation, socio-economic empowerment, network building, advocacy, negotiations and ethical lobbying with policy level intuitions of national importance.

I congratulate all the members who have made contributions in shaping the association.

Vice President
Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)

Dr. J. K. Yadav
I am very happy to present our first comprehensive report of three years on the occasion of 3rd anniversary celebrations of Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP).

I would like to share that a “Decade of Youth Work” and leadership development among youth by legendary persons in social development and Social Work including Late. Didi Nirmala Despande, Former Rajya Sabha Member, Dr. Rajan M. Welukar, Vice Chancellor Mumbai University, Prof. K. D. Gangrade, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Delhi School of Social Work, Md. Aminul Islam Khan, Former Regional Director Commonwealth Youth Programme: Asia Center, Al Gore, Noble Laureate, Masami Miyazaki, Director Goi Peace Foundation, Japan, Nicole Breeze, International Coordinator, Oxfam Australia have inspired to evolve a young network and APSWDP is a reality now.

I am especially thankful to Md. Aminul Islam Khan who continuously mentored and provided sustained handholding in persistent thought making, leading ad network building. He not only pushed me and guided of course to arrive at juncture when this association was conceived.

In the past years, APSWDP has evolved and strengthen relationships with various organizations including State NSS Cell, Chandigarh Administration, State Legal Services Authorities, Chandigarh, Center for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India, Reserve Bank of India, UBI Chandigarh etc in gaining institutional support.

I am thankful to all the members who have come forward in shaping this association.

Founder & Secretary General
Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)  
Vivek Trivedi
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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, urbanisation, youth issues of de-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. 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. An orientation programme-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 centre that the forum must be taken on a next higher level by attaining a legal status. On 1st December, 2014, the World AIDS Day, the online forum received its legal status as an association under the Society Registration Act 1860 as 'Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)'. The first founder President, Vice-President, Secretary General and Treasurer of the association are Dr. Monica Singh, Dr. J. K. Yadav, Mr. Vivek Trivedi and Mr. Karamveer Singh respectively.
FUNCTIONAL FRAMEWORK

President

- Vice President
- Secretary General
- Treasurer
- Executive Members (4)
IDENTITY

APSWDP is a non-government, not for profit, registered country-wide professional association of social work and development practitioners with a vision to strengthen Social Work Education and Profession in development sector. APSWDP construe that working in association with diverse stakeholders is a key to achieve the vision. Our genesis as an association will assist us to focus on forming robust, reverential and germane vision which will strengthen our mission, objectives and relationships with the social work practitioners, under-privileged, most-disadvantaged and vulnerable communities. This relationship will further boost our mandate, assert our practice based learning at the grass root level to eloquent and publicize evolved models, practices and methods to build capacity, empower and to build leadership qualities among the masses for attainment of Sustainable Human Development.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Vision:
To be a state of art inclusive network of professional social workers and development practitioners, APSWDP will showcase 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 by way of promoting social work profession to rural and urban-underprivileged youth, mid-aged to undertake the flagship of development, understand the global trend, be a partner and agent of social change at local stratum.

Purpose:
APSWDP works to build a strong network of social work and development practitioners, where all the members can partner, express their professional views, discuss to work for change in social, welfare, development policies, implementation practices, models of innovations, social values, principles and ethics to warrant inclusive development.
Values:

- Understanding differing ethnic and cultural patterns, as well as the capacity to engage in ethnic-gender and age-sensitive practice.
- Respecting and Welcoming.
- Committed to disperse social work and developmental leadership at bottom of the pyramid.

Principles:

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

Strategies:

1. Providing transparency to our programme and activities.
2. Open and shared policy and collective decision making.
3. Connecting the digital elements and use ICT in our programmes.
4. Continuous Capacity Building and Training of members.
5. Getting access to resources and the right tools.
Aspire:

1. To promote social work as a profession through national, regional and international cooperation and network.
2. To strengthen professional values, ethics, standards and professional relationship with the employing organizations.
3. 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 and evaluation.
4. To strengthen the values of great Indian reformers into social work education and profession.
5. To bridge between the Professional Social Work organizations and Development agencies also including the faith based & Cultural organizations.

Key Objectives:

1. Work for developing cooperation between Professional Social workers in the Country.
2. Organizing workshops, conferences, social work forums, exposure visits, researches, field projects for the promotion and expansion of Professional Social Work.
3. Work for building relationships between local Social Work organizations & their members to International organizations and bodies.
4. 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.
5. Focus on strengthening relationship with professional Social Work organizations with SAARC countries with the view to provide impetus on regional development.
6. Establish working relationship between social work scholars, statesman administrators and corporate leaders in the country.
7. Undertake focused area based studies targeting international social issues with respect to Indian context.
9. 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.
10. Examine social work curriculum taught by the universities from the prospective of professional career with a view to improving credibility of Social Work Profession.
11. Develop statistical tool and evidence based indicators pertaining to human development.
Programme Activities:

1. 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.
2. Development of Case Studies and documentation of best practices from Social Workers working in various organizations.
3. 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.
4. Organization of Seminars, Workshops and Symposia for in-depth discussion on focused subjects: more and more about less and less!
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Converting Research Studies into priced publications, monographs and reports with a view to sharing of project experiences and research outcomes.
8. Participation in citizens advocacy campaigns with a view to bringing about actual improvements on the ground.
9. Starting of Research Portals for sharing research outcomes with other researchers and program implementing teams.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. The association can join/partner any global forum and federation or allied Federations.
14. The association can establish its own academy, university, institute in future.
The first meeting of the founding members was held on 1st December, 2014 at Panjab University, Chandigarh after receiving the legal status under the Society Registration Act, 1860. The meeting was held under the chair of Dr. Monica Singh, the first President of the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh.

The meeting was convened by Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Secretary General and founder of APSWDP which was attended by all the founding members including Dr. J. K. Yadav (Vice President), Mr. Karamveer Singh (Treasurer), Mr. Sharad Kumar Singh, Mr. Amitoz Dogra, Ms. Rekha Trivedi and Dr. Sumit Arora, the executive members.

In the first foundation meeting, Mr. Vivek Trivedi put forth a road map of the APSWDP for discussion with the founding members to prepare discrete long term and short term plan for organizational development including all the mandatory requirements under the Income Tax Act, 1961; for example- registration under Section 12. A, 80.G and FCRA, registration under Planning Commission, Government of India under NGO portal, United Nation Civil Society Organization (UN-CSO) partnership.

All the members stressed on celebration of World Social Work Day, Social Work Week and Month for spreading awareness and sensitizing community on promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development (SW-ESD).

It was agreed by all the members to work on building relationship and network with other CSOs, Social Work organizations and professionals working in Social Development sector.
Following the first foundation meeting, first Governing Body Meeting (GBM) of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) was convened under the chairmanship of Dr. Monica Singh, President and co-chairmanship of Dr. J. K. Yadav (Vice President), Mr. Vivek Trivedi (Secretary General) wherein a blueprint and road map of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) was discussed with all the members as per decision taken during the first foundation meeting.

Secretary General presented membership kit to all the worthy members including ID card, stamps of key functionaries, Visiting cards, letter heads and other requisite office stationeries which were essential for official bearers. For smooth functioning for the society, various committees were constituted and allocation of roles and responsibilities were also made namely creating office space, hand holding of general administration, resource mobilization through various channels, annual action plan, creation and maintenance of website, designing of IEC material etc.

For creating a workforce of student volunteers and also to provide career counseling, it was stated that with assistance of IGNOU Regional Centre (RC) a resource pool shall be created in order to promote volunteerism among youth.

Members also came to forefront and pledged to celebrate National and International days of observance which will also create a sense of awareness pertaining to various days of observance.
Programmes & Activities
The World Social Work Week celebration kicked off with a curtain raiser held on 15th March, 2015 at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute Youth Development (RGNIYD) followed by a Joint Press Conference with organizing partners including Sponsored, technical support group and media partner. During the day event, the founder members of the Association of Social Workers and Professional Social Workers (APSWDP), the representatives of SUNEHRA AAJ, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Indira Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (IGNOU), Regional Center, Chandigarh, Union Bank of India, Regional Office Chandigarh, Society for Promotion of Research Education Aid and Development (SPREAD) and volunteer shared their commitment and affirm on celebrating the upcoming scheduled World Social Work Week 2015 with diverse communities, civil society organizations, government & non-government and educational institutions.

At a press conference called by the SUNEHRA AAJ on behalf of the association, the convener of the World Social Work Week-2015, Dr. Sumit Arora briefed about the weeklong activities to be undertaken by the collaborating partners throughout the city from 17th to 22nd March, 2015. Dr. Sumit Arora, mentioned that we need to create a work force of Professional Social Workers so that polices laid down by Government could reach the beneficiaries without any hassles.

During the press conference, Dr. Monica Singh, the President of the association said that “Social problems are rooted deep within our society which cannot be eradicated without commitment and negotiation from youth. Our focus will be spreading awareness of Social Work Profession among youth in the region and building a network of young social work professionals and development
practitioners. There will be emphasis on bridging the gap between theory and practice. Besides, we will award bright young social workers and development practitioners in the region’.

Ms. Rekha Trivedi, the co-convener and official spokesperson of the event said that “Social Work Week has been designed exclusively for those who are committed to annihilate social problems from our society. We will also celebrate 70 years of UNESCO during the week long activities. The suggestions and recommendations which will come up during the festivities will be forwarded to relevant and concerned bodies for their information which can be used for policy formulation or amendment in existing policies”.

Launch of World Social Work Week 2015 by H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solnaki, Hon’ble Governor Haryana on 17th March 2015 at Raj Bhawan Haryana, Chandigarh

The launch of the Social Work Week 2015 has been planned in association with Indira Gandhi National Open University, Regional Centre Chandigarh and Union Bank of India, Regional Office Chandigarh. It came to our notice Hon’l governor of Haryana Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki is a social worker and served NSS in educational institutions while listening to him in of the educational programme at Law Bhawan Chandigarh. Therefore, our association approached to the office of ADC, Haryana Governor. We shared a thought on celebrating World Social Work Day and also dedicating a full week by celebrating diverse activities in the community along with marking UNESCO’s 70th Anniversary Celebrations.

Hon’l Governor accepted our request and invited us to launch the programme from the Raj Bhawan.
Dr. Joginder Kumar Yadav welcomed H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor Haryana, Punjab and Administrator Chandigarh on behalf of principle organizers. He also welcomed the representatives of leading partner agencies including Dr. D. B. Negi, Senior Regional Director, IGNOU, Regional Center, Chandigarh, Mr. Keshav Baijal, Deputy General Manager, Union Bank of India, Regional Office, Chandigarh, Mrs. Achala Bhatnagar, Chief Post Master General, Punjab Circle, Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), official representatives of CPMG office, Raj Bhawan, members of the association and media representatives.

In his welcome note, Dr. Yadav shared about the genesis of the association by explaining that the need of such network was felt during an orientation programme organized by the IGNOU Regional Center in March, 2014 in association with a forum of Social Work Students on the occasion of Social Work Day 2014.

Dr. Yadav requested Mrs. Rekha Trivedi to welcome H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki by offering him a Bouquet of flower.
A talk and an exhibition was organized in partnership with GPW National Service Scheme Unit on the second day of the social work week at auditorium, Government Poly-technique for Women, Sec-10 Chandigarh.

An exhibition was displayed in the gallery of the auditorium by the volunteers of the association displaying Climate Change concept, its impact and solutions to overcome the problem. The exhibition was inaugurated and opened to public by the Principal Government Poly-technique for Women. Afterwards, the Programme Coordinator of NSS Unit GPW welcomed the Principal, the Climate Reality Corps Leaders mentored by the Al Gore this year namely Dr. Sumit Arora, Mr. Karamveer Singh, Mr. Youdhveer Singh and Mr. Navneet Trivedi.

On this occasion, NSS coordinator said that it is a good opportunity today for the NSS unit of the college that four of the city youth mentored by Al Gore on Climate Change are among them in the college. He thanked to four of the invited youth for planning an event for creating awareness and sensitizing youth on the issues of Climate Change. Mr. Navneet Trivedi in his presentation explained the basic fundamental of emission of CO₂ and GHG emissions by recalling the science which we read in school days. He explained all
the basic phenomenon of evolution of earth, universe and the natural disasters. Mr. Navneet has also explained the science involved in Climate Change to the young students by showing various pictures and documentaries from the Al Gore presentation. Dr. Sumit Arora in his part presentation stressed on the severity of climate change by discussing statistical information, present facts and put forth a discussion mode among the young audience. Mr. Karamveer Singh, who is a programme officer with social welfare department in his slides explained the ways to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change in context of local area.

While concluding the presentation, Mr. Vivek Trivedi, the first climate leader from the city, mentored by Al Gore at Australian Conservation Foundation led The Asia Pacific Summit on Climate Change at Melbourne in 2009. He shared about the promotion of eco friendly ways to cremate our loved ones by replacing burning pyre using wood. He urged the young to volunteer for the cause and join a campaign to pledge for eco-friendly ways for the cremation by replacing wood. He shared that for sure, hurdles will be in the way as religious orthodox people will no like the idea, as these have only demoted electric crematorium started for 2 decades in the country. He insisted that poor must be informed of the electric and eco friendly crematorium as these are affected most due to debit to carry out religious rituals.

In the valedictory address, the principal of the college thanked the Association of Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP). She affirmed to take apart in the future activities of the association and invited the association to first kick start any environment led initiative or advocacy campaign from her college NSS unit.
On the 19th March, 2015, a painting competition on promoting the Dignity and worth of people was organized among children from deprived and vulnerable groups. Mr. Gurmeet Singh, young fine artist from Government College of Fine Arts, Chandigarh who is a living example of struggle, shared his thoughts, life history among budding children. They were inspired by his life story. At the end, Mr. Gurmeet Singh gave tips on art work and streams of fine arts.

He said, I am living traces of my life with fine art, be it is painting, music and folk art.

Volunteers and staff of home have also joined the event.
An awareness session on Social Work as a Profession in the community at Community Sewa Kendra, Sector-25, Chandigarh

Volunteers from the community, students led by Mr. Karamveer Singh organized a community camp in the Sec -25 colony, Chandigarh with support from Women Community Development Society-25 to promote social work as a profession among poor and marginalized communities to pick up such studies through correspondence from Indira Gandhi National Open University, Chandigarh. It was observed during the camp that people from the community uses alcohol, drugs in open and fight with local community people. Violence in the street is a quite common feature. It has created an impact on the studies of girls, who opted to stay at home and leave studies due to teasing and unsafe environment.

Following the previous year commitment at IGNOU Regional Centre, Chandigarh to organize World Social Work Day every year; a Two Day Orientation Programme-cum-workshop on Social Work as a Profession in the area of Global Development: Issues and Challenges was organized. The workshop was organized with technical support from Indira Gandhi National Open University, Regional Centre Chandigarh, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Regional Centre Chandigarh and financial support from Union Bank of India, Regional Office, Chandigarh, Indian Bank, Sec-7, Chandigarh from 21st -22nd May 2015 at RGNIYD Campus, Chandigarh.

In the workshop, researchers, faculties and Social Work learners from IGNOU and other universities took part during the two days deliberations.
Outcome and Recommendation of the Two Day Workshop

One of the key objectives of this two day workshop was to compile the proceedings along with outcome of the two days deliberation in the form of recommendation.

Following the various sessions taken up by the experts from diverse background, cross fertilization of ideas among participants, discussions led to following outcome in the form of suggestions and recommendations:

A. Government
   1. To introduce Social Work subject in civil services examination
   2. To institutionalize national and state level council on social work
   3. To introduce Social Work Profession as Practicing like, Law and Medical. Licenses should be issued to professional trained Social Worker by the council.
   4. To introduce Social Work as a subject in schooling too at the level of secondary and above

B. IGNOU, Regional Centre, Chandigarh
   1. To streamline Field Work course at the study centre by empanelling NGOs, Government Institutions for training purposes to avoid defunct organizations.
   2. Certificate of Completion must be mandatory for field work done as per guideline in the Field Work Journal.
   3. Induction meeting for Social Work students must be kept separately than an Induction meeting organized by the study centre at the beginning of the session.
   4. Group Conference must be chaired by the Field Work Supervisor.
   5. A calendar of a session may be passed from the IGNOU Regional Center so that manipulation can’t take place and uniform dates can be decided for assignment submission, field work submission before sitting for TEE.

C. APSWDP:
   1. Suggested to organize a Social Work Congress on annual basis
   2. Launching a journal on social work areas
   3. Initiating some expert and specialized training module for professionals engaged in development sector.
   4. Open membership in various categories.
World Earth Day was observed at Model School, Sector 25, Chandigarh with support from School of Public Health, Post Graduated Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) at Community Seva Kendra on 22nd April 2015.

During the celebration, a painting competition was organized in which school children have taken part and portrayed paintings reflecting various social issues.
World Environment Day 2015 celebration at Government Model School, Sector-10, Chandigarh in association with The Climate Reality Project on 5th June 2015
The Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in partnership with The Climate Project Foundation India and State NSS Cell Chandigarh organized the launch of The Climate Reality Project's Online Teachers' Training Program on Climate Change at Government Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 10, Chandigarh on the occasion of the World Environment Day.

Dr. Sumit Arora, Convener APSWDP, also a climate leader with The Climate Reality Project, welcomed the guests and the high profile audience consisting of NSS coordinators and program officers from all the NSS units at Chandigarh among others. The beginning of the event was marked by the veneration of Goddess Saraswati, where in the lamp was lightened along with offering of flowers at the statute of Maa Saraswati by the guests and some members from the audience. One of the program officers of NSS also recited a prayer for Goddess Saraswati on the occasion. Mr. Navneet Trivedi, Programme Officer with the APSWDP, who is also a climate leader with The Climate Reality Project, read out the message of UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon on the World Environment Day whose this year theme was 'Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with care' and also presented a short brief on the background of launch of this program at Chandigarh.

He stated that the APSWDP is a non government, not for profit, registered country wide professional association of social workers and development practitioners with a vision to strengthen social work education and profession in development sector. He further stated that the founder of APSWDP, Mr. Vivek Trivedi was one of the eight members to draft the Youth Statement at the UNESCO ESD Youth Conference at Okayama, Japan in November 2014. Under 'Capacity building and training' component of the Aichi-Nagoya declaration at the outset of the UNESCO World Conference 2014, the association resolved to engage all the teachers in the region, among other stakeholders, for the spread of awareness on the global issue of climate change. This culminated in to the conceptualization of the launch of The Climate Reality Project's online Teachers' Training Program with the strong support of State NSS Cell and The Climate Project Foundation India.

A brief on The Climate Reality Project was presented by Mrs. Apinder Sodhi, who is a Management Professional with over 25 years of experience in the corporate sector and also currently the Branch Manager of Punjab and Chandigarh. She stated that The Climate Reality Project was founded and chaired by former US Vice President and Nobel laureate Al Gore and had a mandate to spread the awareness on the global issue of climate change and its mitigation.

The key presentation on Climate Change and Teachers' Training Program was delivered at the event by Mr. Bhavesh Swami who is working as Manager with Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India and is also District Manager Haryana & Rajasthan for The Climate Reality Project. The presentation on climate change firstly acquainted the audience with the basic science and causes behind the global warming leading to climate change. Further it illustrated various impacts of climate change on human life, other species, vegetation, land, atmosphere and water bodies etc. One of the key lessons of the presentation was to sensitise the audience towards various activities / ways that are environmentally sustainable and helps in mitigating the challenges of climate change. It includes switching over to cleaner energies like solar & wind power, using energy efficient appliances, recycling of waste, conservation of water, car pooling, plantation of more and more trees etc.
The school management of Ryan International Public School has extended an invitation to Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to conduct a training programme for school teachers on Climate Change Education which was based on the ‘The Climate Reality Project’ as part of Training of Trainers (ToT).

The programme was conducted on 4th July 2015 in which more than 30 teachers participated. During the training, various facts were shared by the Climate Leaders pertaining to the change which is occurring over the course of time. At the end of the session, various questions were asked by the teachers and same were answered by the Climate Leaders who received training under ‘The Climate Reality Project’ under the guidance of Al Gore, former US vice president and noble laureate.

Concluding remarks were given by The Climate Leaders namely Mr. Navneet Trivedi, Mr. Karamveer Singh and Youdhvir Singh that such Training of Trainers (ToT) are very essential to identify master trainers who can further impart training to the youth and masses of this country.
Launch of USHA sponsored Women Empowerment Project under CSR on 15th July 2015

An exclusive initiative on economic empowerment of women through skill building in apparel designing under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in association with USHA International under USHA Silai School (USS) monitoring project was started on 15th July, 2015 under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Monica Singh, President of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) Chandigarh.

The project was of one year duration with a target of opening of fifteen silai schools in the city under CSR support. The training and sewing machine was provided by USHA company without any cost to the women. The project was started primarily in the villages, rehabilitation colonies and EWS colonies of Chandigarh including Dhanas, Khudda Lahore, Khudda Ali Sher, Kaimbwala etc. The training was conducted at Young Women Christian Association (YWCA), Sector 11, Chandigarh.
A plantation drive was conducted in association with Panjab University, Chandigarh at various hostels within the campus. The drive was organized in partnership with Larson & Turbo (L&T) under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). L&T has sponsored the cost of more than 100 trees saplings.

The plantation drive was conducted in the presence of Professor Devi Sirohi and Wardens of various hostels under the leadership of Karamveer Singh, Treasurer, Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) Chandigarh and the Climate Reality Leader.

The drive was highly appreciated by the wardens of the hostels and widely & voluntarily supported by the students of the university with a strong commitment to make the campus more green and clean.
A consultation meeting was held on 24th October 2015 with National Education Policy (NEP) at State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT), Sector-32, Chandigarh in collaboration with Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) Chandigarh.

During the meeting various issues pertaining to education policy were discussed including Improving State Public Universities, Integrated Skill Development in Higher Education, Addressing Regional Disparity, Bridging Gender and Social Gaps, Linking Higher Education to Society etc. The consultation meeting was attended by all the members of APSWDP including Dr. Jatinder Dhaiya, Mr. Manoj Kumar Teotia, Ms. Reena Raheja, Ms. Radhika Arora, Dr. Vishal and Mr. Navneet Trivedi.

Final report was submitted to State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT) Chandigarh.
The school management of Carmel Convent School has extended an invitation to Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to conduct a training programme for NSS students on Climate Change Education which was based on the ‘The Climate Reality Project’ as part of Training of Trainers (ToT).

The programme was conducted on 17 & 20 October 2015 in which more than 60 students participated in two batches. During the training, various facts were shared by the Climate Leaders pertaining to the change which is occurring over the course of time. At the end of the session, various questions were asked by the students and same were answered by the Climate Leaders who received training under ‘The Climate Reality Project’ under the guidance of Al Gore, former US vice president and noble laureate.

Concluding remarks were given by The Climate Leaders namely Mr. Navneet Trivedi, Dr. Sumit Arora that such training are very essential to identify youth who can further impart training to the youth peers and masses of this country.
Seminar on Climate Change Adaptation (CAA), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Education for Sustainable Development on 26th December 2015 at Jawahar Navodya Vidyala (JNV), Sector-25, Chandigarh
The school management of Jawahar Navodaya Vidalaya (JNV) has extended an invitation to Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to conduct a training programme and a workshop for school NSS students on Climate Change Education which was based on the ‘The Climate Reality Project’ as part of Training of Trainers (ToT).

The programme along with a plantation was conducted on 26th December 2015 in which more than 50 students participated. During the training, various facts were shared by the Climate Leaders pertaining to the change which is occurring over the course of time. At the end of the session, various questions were asked by the teachers and same were answered by the Climate Leaders who received training under ‘The Climate Reality Project’ under the guidance of Al Gore, former US vice president and noble laureate.

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Shri. Sharad Singh, Executive Member, APSWDP also shared communication skills and global opportunities for students under student exchange programme.
The school management of Government Model School has extended an invitation to Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to conduct a training programme for school teachers on Climate Change Education and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) which was based on the ‘The Climate Reality Project’ as part of Training of Trainers (ToT).

The programme was conducted on 27th December 2015 in which more than 70 students participated. During the training, various facts were shared by the Climate Leaders pertaining to the change which is occurring over the course of time. At the end of the session, various questions were asked by the teachers and same were answered by the Climate Leaders who received training under ‘The Climate Reality Project’ under the guidance of Al Gore, former US vice president and noble laureate.

Concluding remarks were given by The Climate Leaders namely Mr. Navneet Trivedi that such Training workshops of students are very essential to identify young trainers who can further impart training to the youth and masses of this country.
Seminar on Climate Change Adaptation (CAA), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Education for Sustainable Development on 29th December 2015 at Sharda Sarvhitkari Model School, Chandigarh

The school management of Sharda Sarvhitkari School has extended an invitation to Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to conduct a training programme for school teachers on Climate Change Education which was based on the ‘The Climate Reality Project’ as part of Training of Trainers (ToT).

The programme was conducted on 29th December 2015 in which more than 30 NSS students participated. During the training, various facts were shared by the Climate Leaders pertaining to the change which is occurring over the course of time. At the end of the session, various questions were asked by the teachers and same were answered by the Climate Leaders who received training under ‘The Climate Reality Project’ under the guidance of Al Gore, former US vice president and noble laureate.

Concluding remarks were given by The Climate Leaders namely Mr. Navneet Trivedi that such Training workshops (ToT) are very essential to identify young trainers who can further impart training to the youth and masses of this country.
Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh has organized a Certificate Distribution Programme under USHA Silai School Monitoring Project on 8th January 2016 at Young Women Christian Association (YWCA), Sector-11, Chandigarh.

In the programme, all the women got training under Silai School opened under USHA projects were awarded training certificates by Dr Monica Singh, President, Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh in presence of official of USHA International including Mr. Shukla and Ajai Yadav.

The programme was moderated by Mr. Karamveer Singh, Treasurer, Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh.
The school management of Government Model Senior Secondary School Sector-32, Chandigarh has extended an invitation to Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to conduct a training programme for school teachers on Climate Change Education which was based on the ‘The Climate Reality Project’ as part of Training of Trainers (ToT).

The programme was conducted on 23rd January 2016 in which more than 30 NSS students participated. During the training, various facts were shared by the Climate Leaders pertaining to the change which is occurring over the course of time. At the end of the session, various questions were asked by the teachers and same were answered by the Climate Leaders who received training under ‘The Climate Reality Project’ under the guidance of Al Gore, former US vice president and noble laureate.

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Celebration of Women Empowerment Day and commemorating World Social Work Day on 8th March 2016 in association with SPREAD and Sunehra Aaj at YWCA Chandigarh

International Women Day and World Social Work Day 2016 were celebrated together with ‘Building Sustainable Women Livelihood through Skill Building’ ‘Promoting the Dignity and Worth of Peoples’ theme on 8th March 2016 at Young Women Christian Association (YWCA), Chandigarh. Dr. Priya Somaiya, Executive Director, USHA Social Service was the Chief Guest. Several sessions were organized on Economic Empowerment, Skill Building and Financial Inclusion of Women with support from SPREAD, SUNEHRA AAJ and FLCC PNB, Chandigarh. More than 100 women participated in the programme. Shr. Harkit Singh Financial Literacy and Counselling Centre, PNB, Dr. Monica Singh President, APSWDP, Dr. Sumit Arora Founder SPREAD, Karamveer Singh Treasurer APSWDP, Ajai Yadav, and Shri. Shukla Ji from USHA Social Service Division and Rekha Trivedi Member APSWDP were also present on this occasion.
A special campaign under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBM) along with a plantation drive was conducted on the occasion of World Environment Day i.e. 5th June 2016 at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD).

In the programme, more than 40 youth participated in the community led drive to make a model towards making Clean India.

Plantation was also organized in the campus to mark the day with a memory. In picture, Shri. Kamlesh, Gardner, RGNIYD is putting effort to plant trees in the campus.
Sponsoring Wheelchair Cricket Players from Punjab for emergence of organized Punjab Wheelchair Cricket Team for representation in Wheelchair Cricket Tournament organized by Shaan-e-Khalsa Sewa Samiti at Sirsa on 10th September 2016.

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) Chandigarh was approached by Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) from Chandigarh and Punjab region prominently Veer Singh (Moga, Punjab), Rahul John and Sunil Sen from Mother Teresa Home, Chandigarh for supporting and organizing a Punjab team for Wheelchair Cricket to represent in a Wheelchair Cricket Tournament organized by Shaan-e-Khalsa Sewa Samiti at Sirsa in Haryana. In absence of structured and informal set up with no legal framework, APSWDP under Rekha Trivedi, Chairperson Committee on Empowerment of Women and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and has put in effort in organizing a Punjab Wheelchair Cricket Team for participation in a tournament hosted at Sirsa. APSWDP has given sponsorship to the emerging team for the first time for promoting empowerment and capacity building of persons with disabilities.

The Punjab team took part in the triangular tournament played between Delhi and Haryana and Punjab and won the trophy. The tournament was played by more than 36 players from different parts of the country in the absence of united states teams. This tournament at Sirsa set a foundation to form a state and national level network for promotion of wheelchair cricket.

Seema Poonia and Rajeev Kumar, the two volunteers from Haryana have provided full dedicated support to the newly emerged Punjab teams.

Smt. Asha Jaswal, Mayor Chandigarh was the Chief Guest on the occasion. She said in her address that the APSWDP is doing its responsibility with great sincerity towards promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development.

Shedding more light on the subject, Dr. Monica Singh, President APSWDP said “Social problems are rooted deep within our society which cannot be eradicated without commitment and negotiation from youth. Our focus will be spreading awareness of Social Work Profession among youth in the region and building a network of young social work professionals and development practitioners. There will be emphasis on bridging the gap between theory and practice. Besides, we will award bright young social workers and development practitioners in the region’. On this occasion, Stanzin Dawa, Rekha Trivedi, Dr Sumit Arora and Karamveer Singh were also present.
A one day programme on celebration of World Environment Day was organized by Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in association with MSW students under IGNOU at Zirakpur on 5th June, 2017.

The Programme highlighted the importance of creating green spaces in the sub urban spaces due to increasing infrastructure development and concretization. The programme was inaugurated by local Member Punjab Legislative Assembly Shri. N P Sharma in presence of Chairperson of Municipal Council Zirakpur and Area Councillor.

Dr. Monica Singh President welcomed Chief Guest and other invited dignitaries on behalf of the APSWDP.

The MSW IGNOU students led by Ms Shivani Raina mobilized resources and volunteers for the programme.
Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in association with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), FICCI organized a one day seminar on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day on 15th July 2017.

The seminar highlighted various areas where there is need to give stress on like Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Skill Gap Analysis and identifying green skills as well in the era of Climate Change Adaptation (CAA).

The seminar has witnessed by participants from academia, skill training providers, students, government departments and industries.
Launch of Interstate Wheelchair Cricket Tournament 2017 by Hon. Mayor Asha Jaswal and Shri. Nirmal Chand Ji Regional Director, RBI, Chandigarh on 21st - 22nd October, 2017 at Panjab University, Chandigarh in association with RGNIYD, Chandigarh.

Inspired by the Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group (SDP IWG) hosted by the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP); Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in principal partnership with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Regional Center under Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India has initiated an innovative step to organize a regional level wheelchair cricket tournament by inviting Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh teams. The Mayor Chandigarh Smt. Asha Jaswal and Sh. Nirmal Chand Ji, RBI Regional Center, Chandigarh were the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor respectively and launched the tournament on 21st October 2017. The closing ceremony was presided by former Indian Cricket Sh. Dinesh Mongia on 22nd October 2017 at Panjab University, Cricket Stadium, Chandigarh.
Workshop on Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through sports on 23rd October, 2017 at in association with RGNIYD, Chandigarh.
Dr. Monica talked about the various aspects of disabilities, social entitlements available from the Government and standard operating procedure to be followed to deal with Divyang children. She focused on 21 categories of disabilities available under the new law ‘Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2016’.

During this session, the resource person laid thrust on social construction regarding disability and its various forms. The session starts with the definition of disability and various signs related to it in the entire world.

Teresa Paul who is a great eminent personality, a Senior Supreme Court lawyer and a social activist bestowed RGNIYD, RC Chandigarh and APSWDP, Chandigarh for organizing such kind of workshops for empowerment of PwD. She also praised the partakers for their strong initiative by participating in the event and representing different States of India. During her presentation she mentioned that one must have legal knowledge about their rights guaranteed under the Constitution of India. S/he can only be fight for the rights if it is known to them, she added during her presentation.

RGNIYD, RC, Chandigarh in collaboration with APSWDP, Chandigarh has successfully completed a historical workshop on “Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through Sports” cum Inter-state Cricket Tournament on 23rd October 2017. The four states participated in the cricket tournament were Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. The final was won by the Punjab team beating their arch-rivals Uttar Pradesh by hitting six on a very last ball by Sh. Veer Sandhu, Captain of Punjab. On the concluding ceremony, Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi (IAS), Deputy Commissioner Chandigarh was the chief guest on the occasion.
Supported International Conference on Mountain Cities, Climate Change and Sustainable Development on 6th – 8th November, 2017 organized by CRRID, Chandigarh in association with Asia Climate Change Education Centre (ACCEC), Jeju, South Korea as Knowledge and Network Partner.
Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners has been involved in the capacity of Knowledge and Network Partner in organizing an International Conference on Mountain Cities, Climate Change and Sustainable Development from 6-8 November 2017 at Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID) in partnership with UNHABITAT, Panjab University Chandigarh, Asian Institute of Climate Change and Education, Jeju (South Korea), International Sociological Association (ISA), The Climate Reality Project India, Centre for Urban Green Spaces (CUGS).

The members of APSWDP including Dr. Monica Singh, Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Dr. Sumit Arora, Ms. Rekha Trivedi and Mr. Karamvir have participated and presented a paper on various social issues during the international conference.

Dr. Monica Singh and Mr. Vivek Trivedi were honoured for their significant contribution for making this conference a success. Also, they were honoured by His Excellency Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Hon’ble Governor of Haryana for the success of this event.
Award of Honour received on 6th November, 2017 for Promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development (SW-ESD) received in Youth Forum for Social & Solidarity Economy, Peace and Urban Sustainability at CRRID from The Climate Reality Project-India, Chandigarh.

APSWDP was awarded with a certificate of appreciation for spreading awareness and promoting social work education for sustainable development by Hon’ble Member of Parliament Sh. Varun Gandhi in the conference.

Dr. Sumit Arora, Ms. Rekha Trivedi and Mr. Karamvir Singh received award from Hon’ble Member of Parliament Sh. Varun Gandhi during the event. The award was conferred under the aegis of The Climate Reality Project India.
Launch of Interstate Wheelchair Cricket Tournament 2018 by H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor Haryana on 20th-21st January, 2018 at Punjab Engineering College (PEC), Chandigarh in association with RGNIYD, SLSA Chandigarh.
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His Excellency Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Hon’ble Governor of Haryana was the Chief Guest at the launch of the tournament at Punjab Engineering College (PEC) Chandigarh on 20th January 2018. The Chief Guest H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Hon’ble Governor, Haryana praised the efforts of APSWDP for initiating a new concept in Chandigarh and applauded RGNIYD too for supporting institutionally for bringing the wheelchair events for the first time to the Chandigarh. While addressing the audience, he mentioned that he has heard of blind cricket, deaf cricket but has never thought of wheelchair cricket which has actually put sign of exclamation in his mind and made him speechless to say anything. He also stated that while handshaking with players on wheelchairs, he has felt the energy and confidence of each players.

H.E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Hon’ble Governor, Haryana mentioned that, “formation of human body is inevitable and those who strive in order to eradicate celestial imperfections are next to God.”

The two day programme was also attended by eminent guests including Dr. M.M.Goyal (Director RGNIYD), Sh. Mahavir Singh (Member Secretary, State Legal Service Authority), Sh. Amarinder Sharma (Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Service Authority), Sh. Deepak K Dhingra (President, Chandigarh Management Association), Dr. M.S.Kamboj (Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh).
Workshop on Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) through Sports on 22nd January, 2018 in association with RGNIYD and SLSA Chandigarh.
The workshop was organized for leadership & capacity building of persons with disabilities through sports and also as a forum for exchange of ideas and concrete ways to make effective Sport for Development programmes on 23rd October 2017. It provided a platform that brought together the persons with disabilities struggling in daily life for their mainstreaming and recognition in sports.

The emphasis was on creating a network of sports organization working with persons with disabilities to foster the Sport for Development & Peace, enable practitioners, Non Government Organizations, donors, and corporate houses to learn about and implement effective Sport for Development programmes.

Opening Address by taken by Dr. Kottu Sekhar, Coordinator of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Regional Centre, Chandigarh followed by a session on Financial Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities by Sh. Kulwant Singh Bhullar and Sh. Manu Bhardwaj, FIDD, Reserve Bank of India, Chandigarh.

The most demanded session was on Features and Provisions of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 which was taken by Sh. Mahavir Singh, Member Secretary, State Legal Service Authority, Chandigarh. Understanding the need of the hour, a session of Leadership Building of Persons with Disabilities was taken by Sh. Amarinder Sharma, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Service Authority, Chandigarh.

Session on Overcoming Challenges in the life since birth was taken up by a well renowned public figure in the literary world Sh. Vivek Joshi which is known for his Motivational Speech on which was based on overcoming the stigma of being disabled. He gave perfect example of Prof. Hawkins who despite of bring disabled achieved great heights in his professional career.

His views were also supported by Sh. Prabhakar Pundir on overcoming stress and coping mechanism for PwD by sharing his own life experience when an railway accident made him total disabled and how he went into physical and mental trauma without any hope but his self-motivational character supported by friends assisted him in mainstreaming with the existing social structure where
disability is seen as a curse and lots of stigma is attached with it. Both the session were highly motivating and deservingly followed by huge applaud.

During the closing ceremony of the event, Sh. Anil Garg (PCS), Additional Commissioner of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh presided and deliberated on the significance of such events which are required at the most to uplift the social status of PwD. He also appreciated the efforts of APSWDP team in organizing such an event which requires lot of energy, resources, manpower and above all finances. He finally congratulated APSWDP team for their resilience and determination in organizing this event.

He also awarded each player with Medal of Honour along with participation certificate. During the award ceremony various officials from RGNIYD and APSWDP were present.
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**City to celebrate first Social Work Week**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

**CHANDIGARH, MARCH 15**

**TAKING** a first-of-its-kind initiative, the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is all set to celebrate ‘Social Work Week’ for the first time in the city. The celebration will be kicked off on March 17 coinciding with the World Social Work Day.

The week will be celebrated in collaboration with the regional centre of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNFYD). On the occasion of World Social Work Day, a cover envisaging the sanctity behind the profession of social work in the current scenario will be released. The closing of the week will be marked by organizing a workshop on social work profession, issues and challenges on March 21 and 22, wherein seminars will be on ideas of social reforms among the youth in the development sector. The event will also witness participation from prominent dignitaries. Highlights will also include an exhibition on encountering climate change, a painting competition “Promoting the Dignity and Worth of People - Spotlight on Lesser Known” and a session promoting professional social work education.

Dr Monica Singh, president, APSWDP, said, “Social problems are rooted deep within our society which cannot be eradicated without commitment from the youth. Our focus will be spreading awareness on social work profession among the youth in the region and building a network of young social work professionals and development practitioners.”

Adding to it, Co-convener for the event, APSWDP, Rekha Thvedi, said, “Social Work Week has been designed exclusively for those who are committed to annihilate social problems from our society. We will also celebrate 70 years of UNESCO during the week.”

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Regional Centre, Chandigarh; Union Bank of India, Regional Office, Chandigarh; Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNFYD) Regional Centre, Chandigarh; and NGOs SPREAD and Sunehra Aaj will be a part of the programme.

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The celebration will be kicked off on March 17 coinciding with ‘World Social Work Day’ which marks the significance of social work across the globe. On this occasion of ‘World Social Work Day’, a special cover envisaging the sanctity behind the profession of social work in the current scenario will be released.

The closing of Social Work Week will be marked by organizing a two-day workshop on social work profession, issues and challenges on March 21 and 22.

The workshop will put forth an era of thought-provoking and brain storming sessions and cross fertilization of ideas on social reforms among youth.

**Social Work Week celebrations set to begin tomorrow**

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The five-day workshop will host a number of sessions on social reforms among youth.

The highlights of the celebrations include an exhibition on encountering climate change, painting competition on the theme Promoting the Dignity and Worth of People - Spotlight on lesser Known and a session promoting professional social work education.

Besides, there will be a two-day workshop on social work profession in the era of global development.

Dr Monica Singh, president, APSWDP, said: “Our focus will be to spread awareness of social work profession among youth in the region and build a network of young social work professionals and development practitioners.”

Dr Sumit Arora, chairperson of the Standing Academic Committee and Convener of the APSWDP, said: “We need to create a workforce of professional social workers so that policies laid down by the government could reach the beneficiaries without any hassles”. — TNS
Social work professionals must engage with youth: Solanki

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A ‘Social Work Week’, on the occasion of World Social Work Day, was inaugurated at Haryana Raj Bhawan by Professor Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor of Haryana, Punjab and Administrator of Union Territory of Chandigarh, Prof Solanki was presented the First day special cover after it was released by Mrs. Arshia Bhardwaj, Chief Post Master General (Punjab Circle), titled ‘Promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development’.

Speaking to delegates of Chandigarh-based Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), the Governor emphasised the need for social work professionals across the spectrum of disciplines to engage with the youth and empower them. “It is incumbent on everyone to drive the change that we want to see through education and empowerment. The Government or the law-makers cannot achieve this gigantic task alone,” he said.

The Governor said that he was happy that practitioners from diverse fields had come together to volunteer shoulder societal responsibility and share their knowledge and experiences. He particularly praised the role of APSWDP founder Mr Vivek Trivedi, global youth activist recognised by UNESCO ESD World Youth Conference 2019. Mr Trivedi also presented the UNESCO Youth Statement on ESD which was adopted by the world body at Nagoya, Japan, in November 2014.

The Governor called upon the delegates to take this initiative to voluntary shoulder societal responsibility and share their knowledge and experiences. He said he would be happy to offer his support for this important cause “in whichever way possible.” He asked the APSWDP delegates to engage with Central and State Government organisations also so that this movement can take root and benefit a larger number of citizens.

The social work professional should organise several activities over the entire week including seminars, talks and seminars, besides painting competitions, to spread awareness about the profession, its issues, and services.
ACTIVITIES

World Social Work Week
Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners will celebrate ‘Social Work Week’ from March 17, which coincides with ‘World Social Work Day’. Social work professionals will celebrate noble deeds through innovative activities. The highlights include an exhibition on encountering climate change, painting competition ‘Promoting the Dignity and Worth of People - Spotlight on lesser Known’ and innovative session.

Haryana and Punjab Governor and UT Administrator, Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki at World Social Work Day function organized by Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) at Chandigarh yesterday.
APSWD celebrates World Environment Day

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Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWD) in partnership with State NSS Cell Chandigarh and technical support from The Climate Reality Project India organised Training of Trainers for the programme coordinators of NSS at NSS Unit, Government Model School, Sector 10, Chandigarh.

The objective behind organising the event was to share environmental issues with teachers so that they can disseminate same information to students through holistic teachings. These teachings lead to behavioural transformation in upcoming students so that they are aware about the environmental concerns that are need of the hour.

The TOT was planned in consonance with the key strategies of ESD Youth Statement of UNESCO particularly capacity building and training of trainers.

In Friday’s programme, emphasis was to impart free training to teachers associated with NSS units in Chandigarh. Idea was to take the climate reality certified online teachers training programme on climate change to teacher’s fraternity.

Navneet Trivedi, programme officer APSWD informed that upon completion of course, a school will be certified by The Climate Reality Project in India within two teachers from the school successful complete the course.

Dr Sumith Arora, spokesperson of APSWD said that on this occasion the programme will be taken to each schools in the city after completion of teachers training programme for students.

Dr Bikram Kana, State Liaison Officer, Chandigarh assured to all the stakeholders that support will be provided in taking up the advocacy as well as capacity building programmes to teachers as well as to the students.

Vivek Trivedi, founder of the initiative said that Youth are committed for bringing social change at the bottom of the pyramid. He assured that association will promote voluntary technical support in every possible manner for resource mobilisation, network building, capacity building and training programmes to the government and non-government agencies.

Bhavesh Swami, Manager with Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power (District Manager, Rajasthan, The Climate Reality Project) and Apinder Sodhi, Leading Management Professional (District Manager, Punjab and Chandigarh, The Climate Reality Project) shared The Al Gore’s Climate Reality presentation and teachers training programme respectively.

In the programme, as many as 180 participants has taken part from government, academics, civil society, youth and students in various activities during the whole day.

Dr Harbir Singh Anand, Dr Priti Garg, Sharad Kumar Singh, Karamvir Singh, Youdhvir Singh were also present on the occasion.
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गति इंजनोर को बजाते हैं वोल्फ्सबर्ग पर दिन के दौरान दीवाने हैं।

पीएचसी, भविष्य की धारा लेकर आयुष्मान और अनुभव की साथी तैयार है।

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जागरण संहारादास, संबंध: इंटर स्टेट लील चैयर क्रिकेट टूर्नामेंट के बेंचमैन पहलवान गीती में सबसे चाहे था इसे को हार दिया। वीर ने अंतिम गेंद पर दिखा नहीं किया तो उन्हें राना सियास के लोक सभा सदस्य किया गया।

पंजाब भूमिकासती के क्रिकेट खेल में सिक्स का पहला स्कॉर में यूपी ने दोनों जीता और फाइनल में खेला। गीती ने 12 ओवर में 122 रन मारे।

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...And my mother and father's smile on the phone...
Destiny’s child

The new rules of getting a passport have been eased. But it takes a social worker like Rekha Trivedi to help orphans secure one...

Rekha Trivedi, a social worker from Chandigarh, was surfacing online when she read an article on the new changes that have been introduced in the passport process.

Out of the various points that had been mentioned to facilitate the passport application process, one point drew her attention: applicants can now choose to fill in the detail of only one legal guardian or parent, making it much easier for single parents to get a passport for the children. It was no longer mandatory to write father’s name in the application form. The rules for obtaining passports had been eased for single mothers, orphans, sadhus and adopted children.

YEARS OF JOY
Rekha almost yelled with joy, as the smiling face of Rahul Jalan, an orphan, came flashing by her mind. "Rahul had expressed his desire to go abroad for playing a wheelchair tennis tournament, but he had no passport. And that one day, I read about the new rules."

That day onwards, Rekha started collecting documents. “There are so many orphans who have the talent, but couldn’t go anywhere because they didn’t have a passport.” She finally assembled the papers, a matric certificate and a birth certificate from his orphanage where he grew up and received schooling, and following the new procedure, helped Rahul get a passport, which he flaunted with joy.

Rahul now has a proof of his identity and he can fulfill his dream. "There are many like me who have dreams, who want to travel the world. This new relaxation will certainly be of great help."

RAY OF HOPE
Rekha is now being approached by more such kids, who also want to avail the facility. Chandan, 24, an orphan staying in Malwa with a friend from his village, is a trained plumber. He got an offer to work in Dubai, but since he didn’t have a passport, he couldn’t go. "All this time, I have moved around with an id, tattooed ration card, but now I’ve heard that I too can get my passport made, which sounds really great," says Chandan, still sceptical whether he can ever go to Dubai.

PLEASE NOTE
Orphans who do not have any birth certificate can now get the head of the Orphanage, where they were raised, to confirm their date of birth on an official letterhead. This document is now accepted by the government for issuing passports.

Like Chandan, Suresh, Kumar K and Mohit John are young boys who want to own their own passports. Suresh, 21, staying in Devils Majra Colony, too had a job opportunity as a drone cleaner in Germany, but had no passport. He is already collecting the necessary documents and soon will be able to send you my passport with my passport on whaapp, he texted with joy, as he requests us to add him on our whaapp list.

Suresh

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- **M.K. Gandhi**