COVID-19 Pandemic Initiatives undertaken by Chandigarh Climate Leaders under Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP)

In Chandigarh Union Territory, the climate leaders under the dynamic leadership of Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) who is also an active Climate Leader of Class 2009 at Melbourne; came forward towards Solidarity Humanitarian Response Relief Campaign during COVID-19 Pandemic during the lockdown in Chandigarh region.

The five climate leaders Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Dr. Sumit Arora, Karamveer Singh, Youdhvir Singh, Navneet Trivedi and Hitesh Kumar Gulati, one of alumnus of Green Campus Program of
The Climate Project-India have planned and executed a **65 + days sustainable campaign** in addition to mobilization of resources from *philanthropists, civil society, religious & youth organizations and corporates under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)* for extending relief by way distribution of essential commodities for living including food, hygiene related kits among *migrants, economic weaker and marginalized communities including women, children, Persons with Disabilities, Trans-genders, old aged etc.*

The APSWDP Chandigarh has been entrusted by local government under patronage of Mayor and Municipal Commissioner Chandigarh to extend support and assistance to the urban poor including urban homeless living in slums, rehabilitation colonies and shelters in the city. Since the day one of the lockdown, the association with limited volunteers extended full support in the distribution of day-to-day cooked meal and other mobilizing necessary commodities including personal hygiene kit.

*Relief Resources mobilized by the Climate Leaders at Chandigarh with K. K. Yadav, IAS, Municipal Commissioner and Vivek Trivedi Climate Leader on the occasion of World Earth Day 2020*
The following key initiatives were taken by the Climate Leaders collectively:

- More than 15000 cloth based masks manufactured by women have been mobilized free of cost have been distributed among urban homeless families identified under survey living in 10 shelters in different location of Chandigarh, EWS colonies, slum areas, jhuggis and urban villages, etc.
- 2500 Nestle Cerelac worth approximate Rs. 5.00 lacs provided by Municipal Corporation Chandigarh, for children upto 24 months have been distributed by APSWDP in 10 temporary shelters, rehabilitated/slum colonies, jhuggis, EWS Colonies, etc.
1.5 tonnes of Dabur Chawanprash including Dabur Honey has been mobilized under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) through Dabur India Limited, for distribution among 10 shelters for urban homeless, slums, rehabilitated colonies, registered street vendors, rickshaw pullers, beggars and daily wagers, etc living and stranded in the city.

23,664 packets (900 kg) of Saffola Dry Oat Meals were distributed in 10 shelters for urban homeless, slums, jhuggis, EWS Colonies, outside hospitals etc. from CSR division of Marico Limited felicitated by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Chandigarh.

Approximately 47,000 cooked meals have been mobilized with support from religious, Civil Society Organization, Residents Welfare Association, have been distributed by climate leaders under APSWDP in 10 shelters for urban homeless, EWS Colonies, jhuggis, kabadi colony, slum and rehabilitated areas of Chandigarh.

30,000 women sanitary pads procured from Prime Minister introduced Jan Aushadhi Kendra was distributed among women and adolescent girls of Economic Weaker Sections living in colonies, slums and rehabilitated colonies.

9300 litres of beverages vis-à-vis Juices, cold drinks, coconut water and tetra packs of different flavours, glucose provided by Dabur India which were distributed in 10 shelters for urban homeless, EWS Colonies, jhuggis, kabadi colony, slum and rehabilitated areas of Chandigarh.

Gloves, Dettol Soap Bars, Savlon Liquid, Hair Oil were distributed among urban homeless living in 10 shelters, EWS Colonies, jhuggis, slum areas/rehabilitated areas and street vendors deployed during COVID-19 emergency to maintain their personal hygiene.

600 families were extended full support during the entire lockdown time during the COVID-19 pandemic with periodic dry ration, provided by Resident Welfare Association, Sector 44,
Chandigarh, APSWDP, Swarmani Youth Welfare Association (SYWA), Sant Nirankari Mission Chandigarh Chapter, Shaping Careers Education Society & Shri Anil Garg, Additional Commissioner-III, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh.

- Pencils, Stationery, Crayons, Biscuits specially mobilized from Civil Society Organization were distributed by Climate Leaders among children for engaging them at their homes during quarantine on the occasion of World Earth Day and World Environment Day 2020.

Observing World Earth Day 2020 Celebration during COVID-19 Pandemic with Mayor Chandigarh. Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Climate Leader pinning TCP India badge.

Support raised under Corporate Social Responsibility