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APSWDP Young Volunteers during Humanitarian Relief Campaign

MESSAGE FROM EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

DR. SUMIT ARORA

It gives me immense pleasure to release the third issue of our monthly newsletter. I hope the information and content in the newsletter will provide a deep understanding about the pre and post activities undertaken by APSWDP during COVID-19 lockdown.

This edition is dedicated to the young volunteers who worked from dawn to dusk in the Response Relief campaign initiated by our association through CSR support. The self-driven operation was a motivation to our team intended to work hard amid all the challenges. I am glad that Ms. Dea Andrea Wehrli has contributed her ideas on E Waste for current issue.

I congratulate all the members of editorial team for their support in this issue. With these words, I take this opportunity to invite short write-ups from our esteemed members which will be published in our forthcoming issues.

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Mayoral Appreciation to Members and Volunteers of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) for COVID-19 relief work



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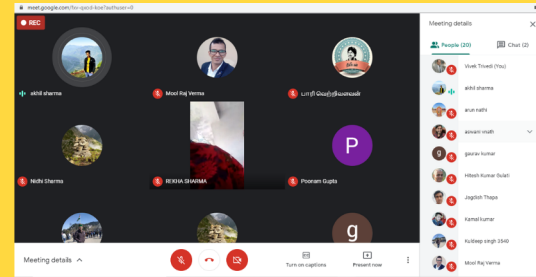
The members and volunteers of the association were honored by Smt. Raj Bala Malik, Hon. Mayor Chandigarh and Shri. K. K. Yadav, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Chandigarh on 6th and 11 June 2020 for their contribution and voluntary services during COVID-19 Pandemic crisis towards Humanitarian Response Relief campaign organized with Local Government.

GESTURE MEETING OF APSWDP GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS WITH SMT. RAJ BALA MALIK HON. MAYOR AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC



In Picture: (L-R) Hitesh Kumar Gulati (Director Policy and Administration), Rekha Trivedi (Secretary General), Dr. Monica Singh (President) and Dr. Sumit Arora (Treasurer) with Smt. Raj Bala Malik, Hon'ble Mayor Chandigarh presenting a memento to her on 13th June, 2020.

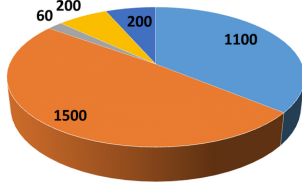
Online Webinar on NGO Management



An online webinar was organized by Himachal Pradesh Professional Social Workers on 14th June, 2020 NGO Management by inviting Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder APSWDP to share his vast experience in social sector with fellow Social Work professionals, NGO aspirants and representatives of civil society organizations. The objective of the webinar was to disseminate core knowledge of administering and managing the affairs of NGO in development sector. The webinar was conceived by Shri. Mool Raj Verma, Assistant Professor, CBLU, Bhiwani and convened by Mr. Nivesh, Research Scholar at Central University, Himachal Pradesh. The session on NGO Management includes Classification of Non- Government Organization, Registration and Legal provisions under central and state acts, fund raising, proposal and grant writing, affiliations etc. The webinar was attended by more than 30 social work professionals from Himachal Pradesh and others states including researchers, scholars, Social Work students, Social Work faculty, NGO representatives and professionals in government and corporates.

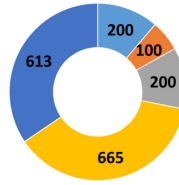
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and other social support raised during COVID-19 Pandemic

Quantity of Relief Distribution (in Kgs)



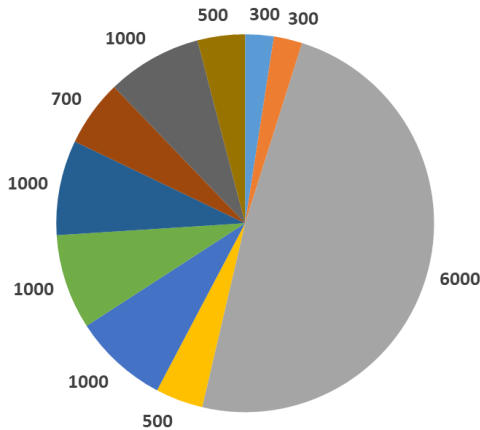
■ Dry Oats ■ Chawanprash ■ Honey ■ Potatoes ■ Onion

Quantity of Relief Distribution (in Litres)



■ Real juices ■ Coconut Water ■ Coke Sparkle ■ Hair Oil ■ Cooking Oil

Quantity of Relief Distribution (in pcs)



■ Dettol Soap Bar
 ■ Savalon liquid
 ■ Cloth Face Mask
 ■ Hand Sanitizer (small bottles)
 ■ Pencil Colours
 ■ Pencils
 ■ Biscuits for children
 ■ Protein rich packets
 ■ Distilled Water
 ■ Sanitary Pads

Details of Relief Material Distributed

The association with support from their members network has successfully raised resources in kind for distribution among masses including weaker sections, marginalized communities including women, youth, children, adolescents, old ages, transgender, LGBT and persons with disabilities during COVID-19 Pandemic. The corporate and industrial houses which supported association are Dabur India Ltd, Coca Cola India Ltd. and Marico Ltd. with cold summer beverages including juices, coconut water, chawyanprash, honey, tea, dry oats meals, edible oils etc.

In addition, the local philanthropists, members of the association have contributed towards relief campaign for migrants, local slum dwellers, daily wager, road side street homeless, rickshaw pullers, street vendors etc.

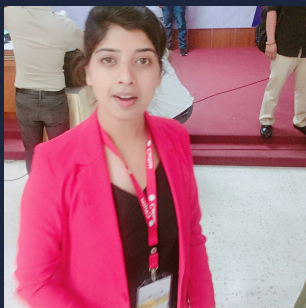
Events, Social Action and Community Out-reach



Report of Capacity Building Programme on Human Trafficking held at Judicial Academy in October, 2019 was released by Shri Mahavir Singh, Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), Chandigarh and Shri Vivek Trivedi, Founder, APSWDP in presence of Shri V. K. Kapoor, Coordinator SLSA, Chandigarh (Retd. IPS) and Shri Hitesh Kumar Gulati Director Policy and Administration APSWDP on 11th June 2020.



Presenting FICCI and APSWDP supported COVID-19 Warriors hampers to Print Media correspondents for coming forward in building motivation and encouragement to civil society, government and youth organizations by way of positive and inspirational stories.



Anupriya Singh

DISASTER MANAGEMENT EXPERT

Know Your Member



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PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERT

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E[co]work - an innovative and affordable co-working space for micro-entrepreneurs in the e-waste sector in India. - Dea Andrea Wehrli

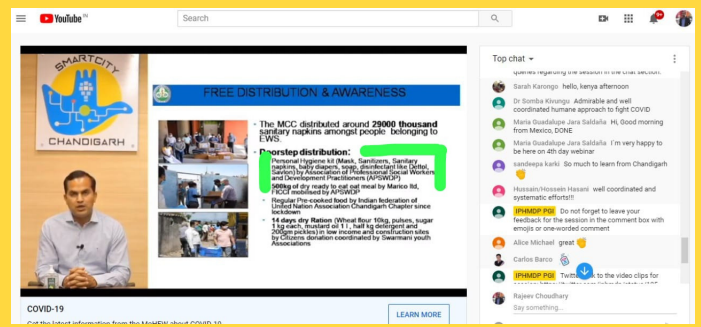
E-waste, one of the world's fastest growing waste streams, contains both highly valuable and toxic materials. In India, 95% of the approximately 2 million tons of e-waste generated per year are collected and processed by informal micro-entrepreneurs, acting as a critical link for closed material cycles and sustainable resource management. Inefficient and unsafe recycling operations – using inadequate tools, machinery and hazardous chemicals while wearing no protection equipment – result in severe health and environmental implications, losses of valuable resources such as precious metals and inadequate processing of plastics. The impacts are not limited to the workers but also affect their families and nearby communities. However, the well-established network and material flow chain of the informal sector combined with their work skills at the same time strongly support the local economy and provide a livelihood for the urban poor. There is worldwide consensus that the integration of the informal sector into the official waste management system is a key requirement to improve its operation. However, informal micro-entrepreneurs are seen negatively and often considered illegal and ignored by most 'formal' stakeholders.

With the E[co]work project, we aim to bridge exactly this gap between the well-established informal e-waste dismantlers and sound practices in a safe and professional environment. We take the idea of co-working spaces, which are very successful among freelancers and techworkers and adapt it for the informal e-waste sector. By pooling costs, the so-called E[co]work Space shall provide an affordable, legal, and safe work environment and be able to offer services currently not accessible or affordable by the informal micro-entrepreneurs. This includes but is not limited to adequate tools, machines, protection equipment, as well as services such as trainings, healthcare and business support. The co-working space shall work as independent business model, that only relies on external funding for the initial setup and then be operational self-sustaining and hence a solution for the long-term. A first pilot E[co]work Space shall be implemented in Delhi, the e-waste hub of the country and serve as example business model that can be replicated and adapted in other cities in India and potentially worldwide.

To successfully implement an E[co]work Space, the interaction with and trust to the community are key elements. We therefore work closely together with local partners and social organizations to strengthen and build up the relationship to the informal sector. This strongly helps to understand their concerns, business activities and interdependencies among stakeholders. Furthermore, letting them participate at a very early stage in the setup of the E[co]work Space supports the creation of a co-working space that truly addresses their needs. We want the E[co]work Space to be a sustainable solution for the micro-entrepreneurs, that enables them to continue their work with legitimacy and grow as eco-entrepreneurs, while preventing health hazards and environmental pollution.



Dr. Sumit Arora, Shri Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Shri Navneet Trivedi participated in a Principal's Conclave- Sustainability Education in COVID Era, organized jointly by UNESCO, and The Climate Reality Project India on the occasion of World Environment Day 2020.



The relief work during COVID-19 Pandemic was highlighted and referred as an innovative and best practice by Shri K. K. Yadav, IAS, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Chandigarh -cum-Chief Executive Officer Chandigarh Smart City Ltd. in one of the global webinar organized by School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh under Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India..



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