




IN  
SUPPORT  
OF

UN75  
2020 AND BEYOND

SHAPING  
OUR  
FUTURE  
TOGETHER

## APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE UN75 2020 AND BEYOND SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (Sunday) | 11:30 am to 01:00 pm (IST)

Platform: 

Join the  
Conversation:  
UN 75 and Beyond

Who can attend ?

Social Work Students,  
Researchers, Corporates, Civil Society  
Members, Youth, Change Makers,  
Development Experts, Academia

Make Your Voice  
Heard



### Series V Women and Girls – Closing the Gender Gap



**Dr. Monica Munjial Singh**  
Chief Guest

Associate Professor and Chairperson  
of Centre of Social Work,  
Panjab University, Chandigarh

#Partnership

#UN75

#GenderEquality

#Empowerment

#SustainableFuture

PANELISTS



**Manjula Thakur**  
Director,  
Prasanchetas Foundation,  
Chandigarh



**Ritika Singh**  
CEO & Founder,  
Kontent Factory,  
Chandigarh



**Prof. Priyadharsini R.**  
Assistant Professor,  
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Coimbatore



**Priyanka Sud**  
Advocate,  
Punjab & Haryana High Court,  
Chandigarh

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Program Convener  
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Member APSWDP

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## BACKGROUND

In pursuit of celebrating the **75th Anniversary by igniting people's debate: UN75**, the Secretary General Antonio Guterres has launched a global dialogue, which is perhaps the largest and furthest reaching global conversation ever on building the future we want.

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is a professional association which has been conferred **Special Consultative Status** under the **United Nations Economic and Social Council** (ECOSOC) and has also been affiliated with the **United Nations Department of Global Communications** (DGC). On this occasion, APSWDP has conceived a dialogue in support of UN75 2020 and Beyond, Shaping Our Future Together by organizing a **Virtual Dialogue Series - V** What Future We Want on the **theme "Women and Girls - Closing the Gender Gap"** on **27th September 2020** (Sunday) from **11:30 am to 01:00 pm**.

In a world of Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity (VUCA), we are passing through several human crisis ranging from climate crisis, health issues, digital divide, gender inequality, population burst, rising conflicts and violence, etc.; APSWDP has come forward to corroborate with the United Nation's global initiative of encouraging people, especially youth and marginalized to put their heads together to define how enhanced international cooperation can help realize a better world by 2045, the UN's 100th birthday.

**APSWDP stand, support and initiated the action** through this virtual dialogue **aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda**: "Gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls is a goal in itself (Sustainable Development Goal 5) as well as a catalyst for the achievement of all the other goals. Ultimately, development will only be sustainable if its benefits accrue equally to both women and men. The world has a decade left to turn this promise into action". The view and ideas presented in this virtual dialogue will be submitted to the offices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council as well as to United Nations Department of Global Communications for incorporating the ideas discussed into their next agenda.

## KEY OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of the UN75 Virtual Dialogue is to develop a continuous support for leading a discussion, identifying alternatives and implementing the solutions by involving unheard voices of women, girls and communities for promoting Gender Equality and building a sustainable, inclusive and peaceful world.

With this dialogue, APSWDP aims to ignite vibrancy in thoughts and creating synergy among youth across tough geographical remote locations, languages, ethnicity, culture, economic background, etc.

## APSWDP UN75 DIALOGUE

**APSWDP in support of the UN75 objectives and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)** has identified a wide range of Development Practitioners as Key Panelists from Social Sector, Education and Branding industry to initiate discussions, gather diverse perspectives and ways to empower Women and Girls for promoting Gender Equality. Aligned to the goals of APSWDP UN75 Series programs, APSWDP is commemorating a Virtual Dialogue, Series V on Women and Girls – Closing the Gender Gap can help make our world fairer and more peaceful.

The **UN75 Dialogue, Series V** will be **inaugurated and chaired** by **Dr. Monica Munjial Singh, Associate Professor and Chairperson of Centre of Social Work, Panjab University, Chandigarh**. We feel privileged to witness deliberations from our **Chief Guest** and **Eminent Panelists** on the following topics:

- *Women and Girls - Unbarring the Disparity Barriers*  
**Manjula Thakur**, Director, Prasanchetas Foundation
- *We are Women, not Superwomen - Maybe We Don't Want it All*  
**Ritika Singh**, CEO & Founder, Kontent Factory
- *Gender Equality in India - A Way Forward*  
**Prof. Priyadharsini R.**, Assistant Professor, SRCAS, Coimbatore
- *Gender Equality - Most Neglected and Much Awaited*  
**Priyanka Sud**, Advocate, Punjab & Haryana High Court

## MODE OF COMMUNICATION

The mode of communication for UN75 Dialogue is English. However, the participants from regional background are also encouraged to join the conversation in their respective vernacular. APSWDP does not discriminate on the grounds of language. We believe in participation from across the lines. Our volunteers will felicitate the participants in case if they are not comfortable with the language.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

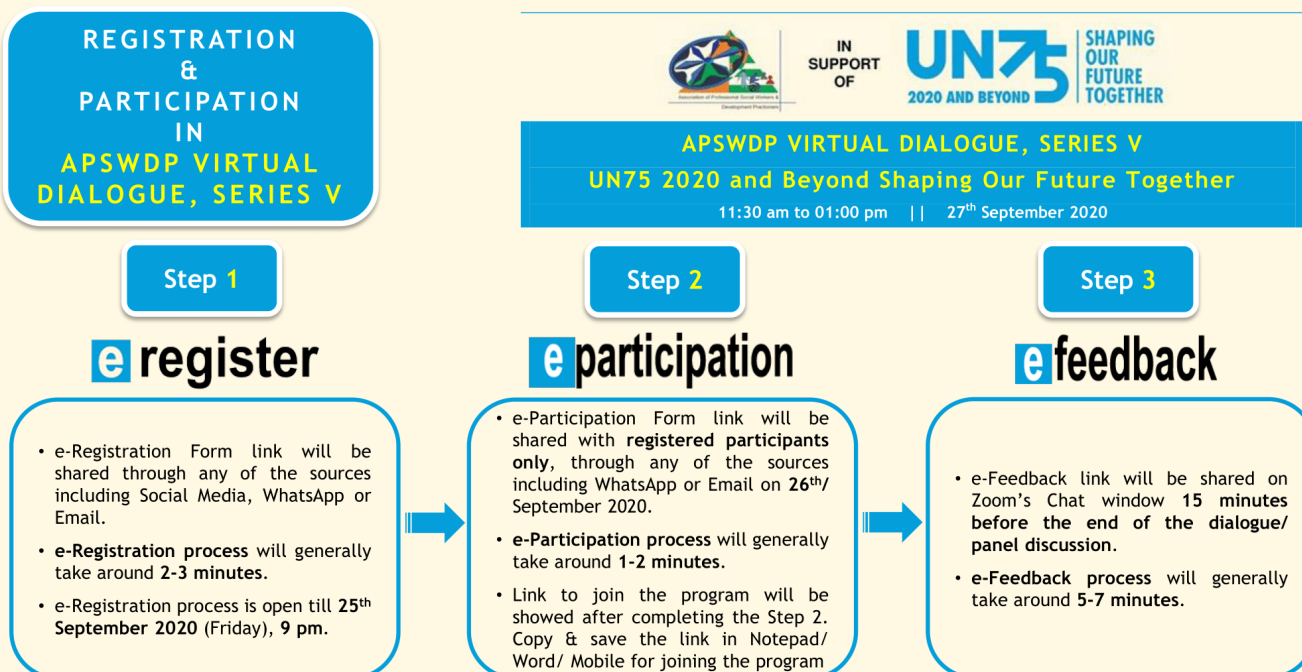
- Social Worker
- Social Activist
- Development Practitioner
- Business Consultant
- Legal Practitioner
- Researcher
- Academician
- Corporate Sector Professional
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Self Employed
- Government
- Student
- Others

## OUTCOMES

The **outcomes** of the **UN75 Dialogue, Series V** will enable all the participants and panelists to document their ideas and solutions for making a **gender-equal world in years to come** and it will be further shared with the United Nations for framing a comprehensive global plan of the future we want. In addition, the following outcomes are expected from the UN75 Dialogue:

1. Develop understanding of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with special focus on Gender Equality (SDG 5).
2. Confidence building, sensitizing youth, professionals, social workers, and global community for acting with determination to accelerate development and achieve gender equality for all women and girls.
3. Exposure to understand various issues and solutions for building a gender-equal sustainable future together. Enlighten our children to be inclusive and discuss what gender equality means.
4. Sensitization and adopting the practice of “Think Global and Act Local” in bridging the gender gap.
5. Create awareness and build leadership in community through the workshops and sharing of success stories.

## STANDARD PROCESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DIALOGUE



**Please Note:** Step 1 and Step 2 are compulsory to participate in the program and based on your online presence in the **complete program** (monitored by APSWDP Organising Team), you'll be awarded an e-certificate on or before 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.



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