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MESSAGE FROM EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

DR. SUMIT ARORA

It gives me immense pleasure to release the sixth issue of our monthly newsletter. I hope the information and contents given in this newsletter will provide a comprehensive understanding about the activities/ tasks undertaken by APSWDP during the month.

In this issue, we will have a chance to read about the successful launch of APSWDP's Virtual Dialogue Series on UN75 2020 and Beyond Shaping Our Future Together: What Future We Want; participation of members in UNITAR/CIFAL sponsored trainings; selection of APSWDP for State Award by Chandigarh Administration and an article on "Gender Mainstreaming" contributed by Ms. Kiran Jeet Sandhu, a Social Development-cum-Gender Specialist.

I congratulate all the team members for putting up their ideas in this edition. With these words, I further take this opportunity to invite short write-ups from our esteemed members which shall be published in our forthcoming issues.

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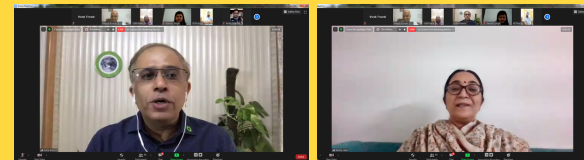
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APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE SERIES II

Climate Crisis: Create your own Climate Story

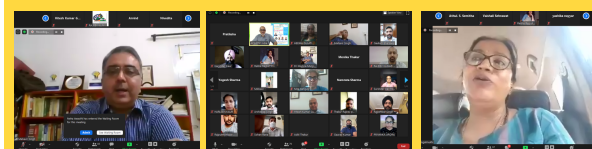
A virtual dialogue on the theme 'Climate Crisis: Create Your Own Success Story' in partnership with The Climate Reality Project-India was organized as a part of dialogue series initiated by APSWDP on 29th August, 2020 (Saturday). Shri Aditya Pundir, Country Head, TCRP India was the chief guest and inaugurated the dialogue, where as Ms. Geethanjali M. Jeyakumar, IFS, a Research Fellow at UOH, Finland gave her special address. Among the key panelists, Ms. Sheetal Antil, Program Manager, TCRP-India, Ms. Kamini Singh, Environmental Sustainability Professional, Ms. Neeta Lalla Program Manager, TCRP-India and Mr. Devender Sura, Tree Man and Environmental Activist from Haryana shared their case studies and social action based motivating stories. The key objective of the dialogue was to ignite vibrancy in thoughts and creating synergy among youth across country and beyond on environmental sustainability. The virtual dialogues was attended by 125 participants from various professional background including researchers, educators, post graduate students, environmental activists, Government and CSO representatives from development sector, etc.



APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE SERIES III

Status Quo of Transgender Community: Issues, Challenges and Way Forward

APSWDP had organized a virtual dialogue on the theme 'Status-Quo of Transgender Community: Issues, Challenges and the Way Forward' in partnership with State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) Chandigarh U.T. on 19th September 2020 (Saturday). Shri Mahavir Singh, Additional District Judge (ADJ) cum Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) was the chief guest and inaugurated the dialogue. The key panelists were Dr. Monica Munjial Singh, Chairperson of Centre of Social Work, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Mx. Kajal Mangalmukhi, (a transgender right activist), and Advocate Gautam Bhardwaj (empanelled lawyer with State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) and Consultant with Chandigarh Child Protection Right Commission. In the dialogue, the panelist discussed about the sufferings of the TG community; neglection & apathy from society as well as from the Government in addition to various legal reforms and legislation. The virtual dialogue was attended by 124 participants from various professional background including researchers, post graduate students, lawyers, government employees in social sector, etc.



APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE SERIES IV

Impact of Digital Technologies under the ambit of SDGs

A virtual dialogue on the theme 'Impact of Digital Technologies' under the ambit of SDGs in partnership with Signicent Technologies was organized as a part of dialogue series initiated by APSWDP on 19th September, 2020 (Saturday). Shri Baldeep Singh, Technical Director, Department of Local Government, Punjab was the chief guest and inaugurated the dialogue. The key panelists namely Mr. Joseph Jude Chief Technical Officer, Net Solutions, Mr. Harit Mohan Founder and Chief Executive Officer Signicent LLP and Mr. Vivek Trivedi Research Fellow, Centre for Social Work, Panjab University Chandigarh and Development Expert shared the role of prevailing technologies by citing case studies and best practices along with innovations. The key aim of the dialogue was to inspire the communities on harnessing digital technologies for a better future as it can support and accelerate in achieving each of the 17 UN SDGs. The virtual dialogues was attended by 78 participants from various professional background including researchers, educators, post graduate students, environmental activists, Government and CSO representatives from development sector, etc.

Signicent IN SUPPORT OF **UN75 2020 AND BEYOND** SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE UN75 2020 AND BEYOND SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

19th September 2020 | 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm (IST) Platform: ZOOM

Series IV
IMPACT OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES
under the ambit of SDGs

Chief Guest
Baldeep Singh
Chief Guest
Technical Director
Department of Local Government, Punjab

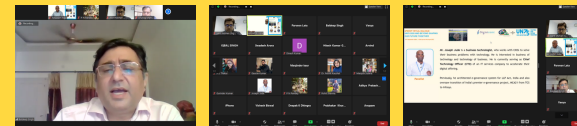
Panelists

- Joseph Jude**
Chief Technology Officer (CTO)
Net Solutions
- Harit Mohan**
Founder & CEO
Signicent LLP
- Vivek Trivedi**
Research Fellow, Center for Social Work,
Panjab University, Chandigarh
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Hon. Director, APSWDP
- Rajew Choudhary**
Co-Convener & Rapporteur,
Member APSWDP
- Yogesh Sharma**
Co-Convener
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APSWDP being invited by Chitkara University, Punjab Campus on the occasion of Ozone Day and School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh in the 5th Virtual NCTOH

Dr. Sumit Arora represented APSWDP in a online webinar organized by Chitkara University on the occasion of celebrating World Ozone Day on 16th September 2020 and also in the 5th Virtual National Conference on Tobacco and other Health (NCTOH) organized by Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, (PGIMER) Chandigarh on 26th September, 2020.

CHITKARA UNIVERSITY
OZONE DAY

Cordially invites
Dr. SUMIT
for
OZONE DAY
To deliver a talk on
Ozone for Life
Date: 16 September 2020
Time: 01:00 pm to 02:00 pm

5th National Conference on Tobacco or Health (Virtual)

26th September 2020
Time Slot (12:30 to 1:45 pm)

TOPIC
Role of Civil Society Organizations in Preventing Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

Dr. Sumit Arora

Current Situation - India's perspective

The development as permanent change is possible with changes in socio-economic conditions of the society, that is largely the responsibility of Government but at the best of Non-Governmental effort, the citizens and citizens can act as makers and agents of social change.

Government of India has launched a portal called NCD Dagan which is Under NITI Aayog National Institution for Transforming India. It was started to create transparency and promote a healthy partnership between CSOs, NCDUs, NGOs and the Government of India. In order to contact the society with the Minister/Department, a CSO/NGO has to register all portal to obtain a unique identity number (UID) by providing the required details like registration number of the organization, PAN of the organization, PAN and Aadhar details of the office bearers/trustees, etc.

At present, a total of 98,936 CSOs/NGOs are enrolled with NITI Aayog including members of 19th and 20th NCTOH. CSOs/NGOs are members of NCTOH.



MRS. MANJULA THAKUR

LIFE SKILLS COACH, SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR

Mrs. Manjula Thakur is CEO of The Transformers Value Creators, a nationally renowned life skills training enterprise and pioneers in Character Education and Director of 'Prasanchetas Foundation' - An NGO promoting health hygiene and safety amongst children though sensitization, awareness and education.

Know Your Member



DR. SURESH KUMAR DHAMEJA

PROFESSOR

Dr. Suresh Kumar Dhameja is an engineering cum management post graduate and specialize in entrepreneurship development and Technical & Vocational Education and Training (TVET). He has versatile experience of more than 30 years in Training, Teaching, Research, Instructional Material Development, Curriculum Development and Consultancy.

Gender Mainstreaming

- Kiran Jeet Sandhu,
Social Development-cum-Gender Specialist

Gender mainstreaming is an approach to policy-making that takes into account both women's and men's interests and concerns. The concept of gender mainstreaming was first introduced at the 1985 Nairobi World Conference on Women. It was established as a strategy in international gender equality policy through the Beijing Platform for Action, adopted at the 1995 Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women in Beijing, and subsequently adopted as a tool to promote gender equality at all levels. In 1998, the Council of Europe defined gender mainstreaming as, "The (re)organisation, improvement, development and evaluation of policy processes, so that a gender equality perspective is incorporated in all policies at all levels and at all stages, by the actors normally involved in policy-making."

Gender mainstreaming means integrating a gender equality perspective at all stages and levels of policies, programs and projects. Women and men have different needs and living conditions and circumstances, including unequal access to and control over power, resources, human rights and institutions, including the justice system. The situations of women and men also differ according to country, region, age, ethnic or social origin, or other factors. The aim of gender mainstreaming is to take into account these differences when designing, implementing and evaluating policies, programs and projects, so that they benefit both women and men and do not increase inequality but enhance gender equality. Gender mainstreaming aims to solve –sometimes hidden– gender inequalities. It is therefore a tool for achieving gender equality.

Public policies have been based on the needs of the dominant group in society or on the needs of those who have traditionally been the decision-makers, mostly men. The women's rights movement, an increased presence of women in decision-making, strong commitments to women's human rights at all levels, and the development of gender studies and sex-disaggregated data, have all helped unveiling the fact that public policies often did not take into account women's differing needs and situations.

Evidently, decisions regarding public policies and services, which do not fully take into account the needs and situations of all final users may lead to inappropriate solutions and an inadequate allocation of public funds. Gender mainstreaming is an inclusive strategy, aimed at integrating the need of all people. It is also based on the fact that women are not a "vulnerable group", as they represent more than half of the population in most societies. Gender mainstreaming is a strategy to improve the quality of public policies, programs and projects, ensuring a more efficient allocation of resources. Better results mean increased well-being for both women and men, and the creation of a more socially just and sustainable society.

Upcoming Events in October, 2020

- APSWDP's UN75 Virtual Dialogue 2020 and Beyond Series-VI: Investing In Health for an Equitable Sustainable Future on 3rd October 2020 at 11:30 AM to 01:00 PM.
- APSWDP's UN75 Virtual Dialogue 2020 and Beyond Series-VII: Shifting Demographies on 4th October 2020 at 11:30 AM to 01:00 PM.
- APSWDP's UN75 Virtual Dialogue 2020 and Beyond Series-VIII: An Era of Conflict and Violence on 4th October 2020 at 03:00 PM to 04:30 PM.
- Virtual Webinar on Climate Change Mitigation on the occasion of observing 24 Hrs of Climate Reality on 11th October, 2020 at 11:30 AM.
- Celebrating International United Nations Day on 24th October, 2020 at 11:30 AM.

Launch of e-Report
Virtual Dialogue Series-I: What Future We Want
on 27th September, 2020



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