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A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

Series – II What Future We Want

THEME

CLIMATE CRISIS: CREATE YOUR OWN CLIMATE STORY

*Get Inspired with Solutions and
Inspire Others*



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The Climate Reality Project (TCRP), India



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UN marks 75-year milestone anniversary of Founding Charter



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The UN Charter being signed by a delegation at a ceremony held at the Veterans' War Memorial Building on 26 June 1945.

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The UN Charter “brought rules and hope to a world in ruins”, Secretary-General António Guterres told a virtual [ceremony](#) on Friday, commemorating 75 years since the Organization’s foundational text was signed.

Founder & Convener

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MESSAGE

It is a matter of great privilege that Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) has received Special Consultative Status and affiliation under Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Department of Global Communications (DGC) of the United Nations respectively in 2019 when the United Nations initiated the celebrations of completing 75 years of existence.

The Civil Society Organisations (CSO's) under the United Nations has been entrusted to celebrate 75th Anniversary by organising various activities promoting the UN values worldwide. 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.

I wish the APSWDP Virtual Dialogue - “UN75 2020 and Beyond: Shaping Our Future Together”, Series II, with the theme “Climate Crisis: Create Your Own Climate Story” on 29th August 2020 has taken the global conversation ahead in India by inviting Young Panelists from different parts of India, with audience from diverse background and age groups.

I am sure that the APSWDP UN75 Dialogue, Series II on similar lines with the objectives of the United Nations will contribute towards shaping a global strategy in redefining a comprehensive global plan of the future we want.

I congratulate the entire organizing team, volunteers and experts to come forward in the times of COVID-19 pandemic in joining the global conversation initiated by the United Nations.

Vivek Trivedi

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BACKGROUND

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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* conceived a *dialogue in support of UN75 2020 and Beyond: Shaping Our Future Together* by organizing a *Virtual Dialogue Series-II*, with the theme "*Climate Crisis: Create Your Own Climate Story*" on *29th August, 2020 (Saturday)*.

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 came forward to corroborate with the United Nation's global initiative of encouraging people, especially youth and marginalised to put their heads together to define how enhanced international cooperation can help realize a better world by 2045, the UN's 100th birthday.

The aim of this virtual dialogue was to sensitize the communities on **climate change and solutions**, from different walks of life. 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 Series was to develop a continuous support for leading a discussion, identifying alternatives and implementing the solutions by involving unheard voices of youth and marginalized communities for creating a sustainable, inclusive and peaceful world.

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

➤ BACKGROUND

APSWDP UN75 DIALOGUE SERIES II

The UN75 Dialogue, Series II was inaugurated and chaired by *Mr. Aditya Pundir, Country Manager, The Climate Reality Project India*. We witnessed the deliberations from *Special Guest, Mrs. Geethanjali M. Jeyakumar, Indian Forest Service (IFS), Research Fellow, UOH, Finland* and eminent young *Climate Change Panelists* on following topics:

- Climate Education and Awareness
Ms. Sheetal Antil, Program Manager, The Climate Reality Project India
- Climate Change is not Gender Neutral
Ms. Kamini Singh, Environmental Sustainability Professional
- My Green Initiatives
Mrs. Rekha Lalla, Program Manager, The Climate Reality Project India
- Climate Action Story
Mr. Devender Sura, Environmental Social Activist

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Panelists

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Participants

MODE OF COMMUNICATION

The mode of communication for UN75 Dialogue was English. However, the participants from regional background were 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 Convener & volunteers felicitated the participants when they were not comfortable with the language.

TARGET AUDIENCE

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

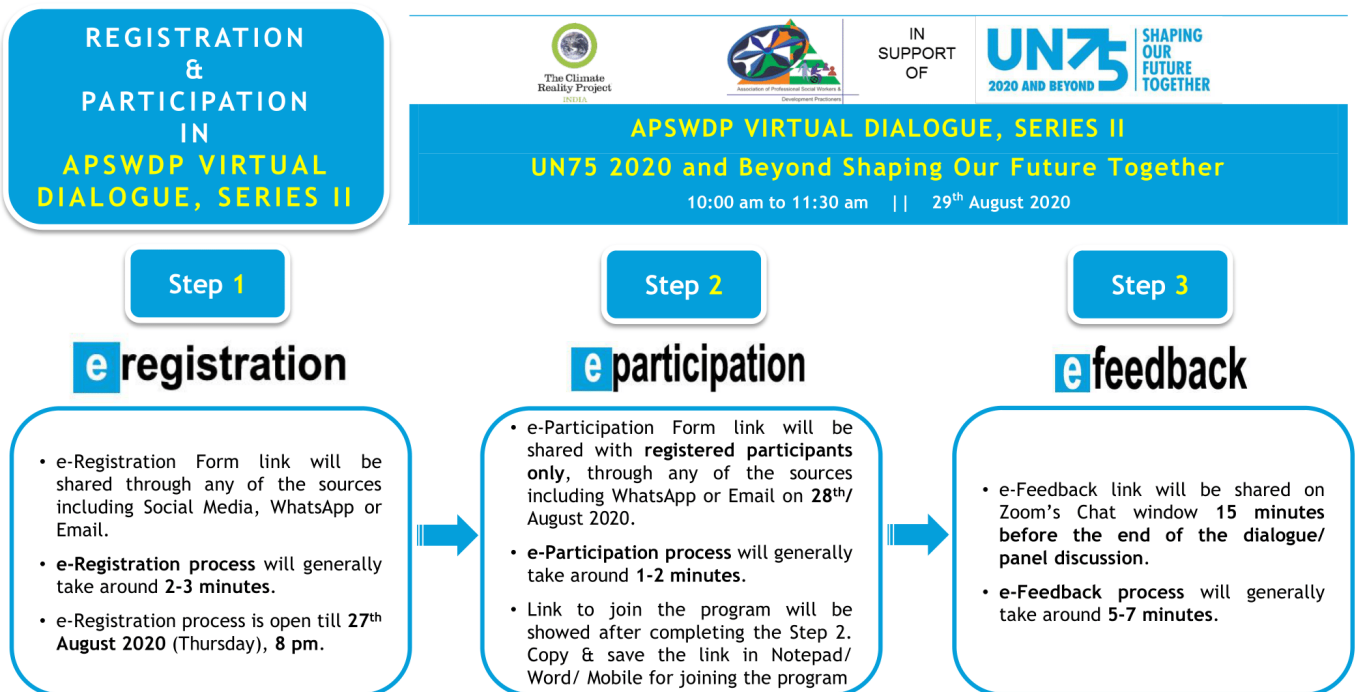
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OUTCOMES

The following outcomes emerged from the Series II Dialogue:

1. Develop understanding of global development issues.
2. Confidence building among youth and marginalized community on identifying their issues and taking them forward for getting their voices heard.
3. Exposure to understand various issues and solutions for building a future together.
4. Sensitization and adopting the practice of Think Global and Act Local.

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 **05th September 2020.**



**OPENING
CEREMONY
AND
INAUGURAL**

➤ OPENING CEREMONY AND INAUGURAL

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder APSWDP and Principal Convener of the Program shared about the conception of APSWDP Virtual Dialogue, Series II with the theme “Climate Crisis: Create Your Own Climate Story” on 29th August 2020. He further mentioned that the world is full of volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity wherein humanity is passing through several human crisis ranging from climate to health related issues, digital divide, gender inequality, population burst, rising conflicts and violence.

APSWDP as a Civil Society Organization has come forward to collaborate with the United Nations Global Initiative of encouraging people especially the youth and marginalized to put their hands together to define how enhanced international cooperation can help realize a better world by 2045. He stated that the aim of this virtual dialogue was to sensitize the communities on **climate change and solutions**, from different walks of life.



FORMAL WELCOME

Mr. Vivek Trivedi extended his sincere gratitude to the **Chief Guest - Mr. Aditya Pundir**, Country Manager, The Climate Reality Project India and **Special Guest - Ms. Geethanjali M. Jeyakumar**, Indian Forest Service (IFS), Research Fellow, UOH, Finland, of the UN75 Dialogue Series II, for giving their consent to lead the function. He also formally welcomed the eminent panelists from various parts of India working in the area of climate protection.

➤ OPENING CEREMONY AND INAUGURAL

INTRODUCTION OF CHIEF GUEST

Mr. Aditya Pundir is the Country Manager for The Climate Reality Project India. He took over the branch in 2010 and is posted in New Delhi. He received his training from Honorable Vice President of US, Al Gore in 2009 on Climate Change, and was selected for Australian Leadership Awards Training 2013 in Environment. He has worked extensively in the field of climate change and sustainability in India.



He has authored 2 Books on Natural World Heritage Sites for UNESCO, 5 Environment Education CD ROM's and 8 Comics for children on environmental issues. He is also represented on consultation committees on climate change in India formed by UNDP, World Bank and UNESCO.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST

Mr. Aditya Pundir, Country Manager, The Climate Reality Project India commenced the session by throwing some light on health and economy of today's era (COVID-19 pandemic). Massive health and economic emergencies have been the major problem this year globally, he added. He apprised this as a blessing in disguise as the emissions from various sources have been decreased to 8% (for the first time) resulting in more cleaner and healthier environment.



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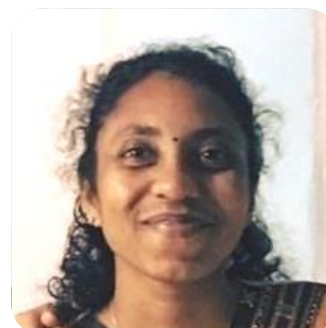
INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST

Furthermore, Mr. Pundir discussed some ways by which we can achieve an ideal climate change. In regard to this, he said that if the emissions are decreased to a certain level then the earth's ecosystem (forests, oceans, soils, and atmosphere) will start healing automatically. He shared some of the ideas which can be adopted by individuals at their levels which can contribute to a cleaner environment in a nutshell. He ended his session by saying that it's a biggest challenge and an opportunity as well to use our resources wisely and let's not pull down ourselves with this pandemic.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST

Mrs. Geethanjali M. Jeyakumar is an Indian Forest Service (IFS) Punjab Cadre Senior Officer with background in Agriculture, Forestry and Biodiversity.

She is also an alumna of UNITAR/CIFAL Jeju and currently pursuing Ph.D. at University of Helsinki, Finland. She also possess flair for wild life photography and social activism.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY SPECIAL GUEST

At the onset of her keynote address, Mrs. Geethanjali M. Jeyakumar introduced the term Climate crisis to which she referred as the change caused due to human intervention on this planet, resulting in environmental degradation and biodiversity loss and vice versa. It has threatened the future of human existence on this earth. Science alone cannot bring about this transformation. It needs a spiritual and cultural transformation to lead us to sustainability. No amount of money spent on cleaning up the pollution, research, conferences, acts and laws couldn't take us closer to cleaning them. She mentioned about the present lock down situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has resulted in clear skies and clean water. This shows the resilience of nature if human intervention is put to a halt. The present situation has also demonstrated the incompetency of human beings as a co-creator and proves that the planet is better off without us.

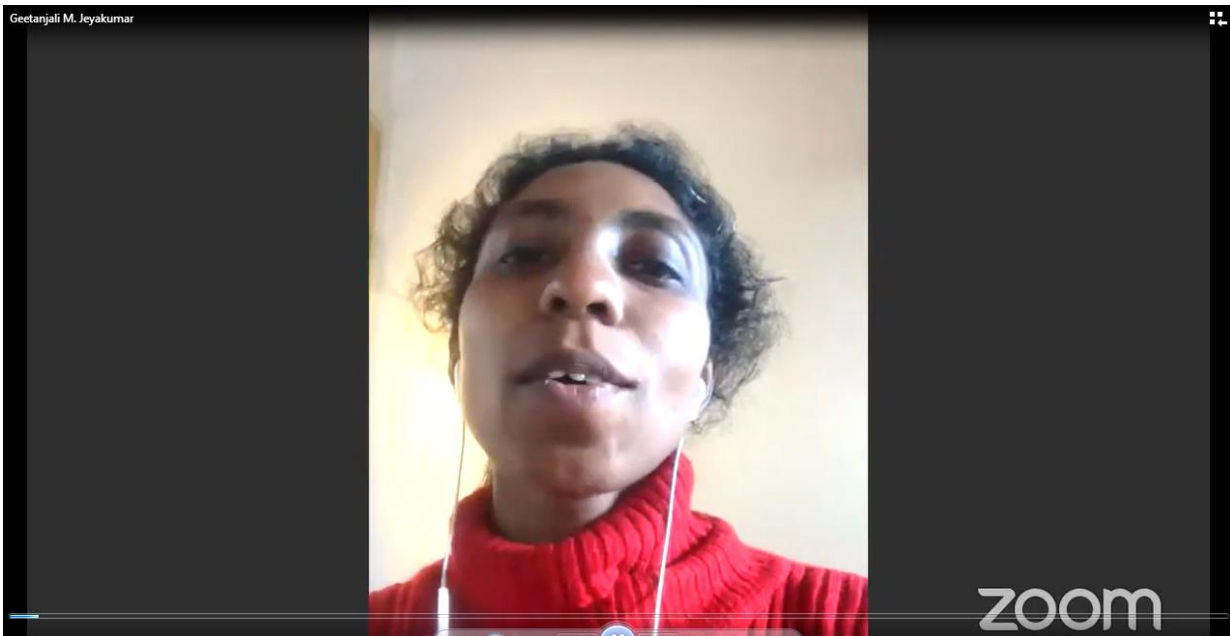
She strongly put forth that we as human beings need to realise who exactly we are. Human body is a complex ecosystem of microbes 10 times more in number than our own cells & to keep this microbiome in a favourable composition, we need poison free food, mostly of plant origin rich in fibre. These microbes

➤ OPENING CEREMONY AND INAUGURAL

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY SPECIAL GUEST

determine our health, immunity, mood and well-being. We are souls with a body and mind and hence we should orient ourselves more with our souls and listen to our souls' voices. For the spirit is always connected to the supreme consciousness and will feel the oneness with every living being on earth.

She also stated that our lifestyles and successful orientations need to change drastically and similarly our consumption pattern also needs to change for the betterment. As a race, we all must have a collective goal towards sustainability which will strengthen our scientific as well as traditional knowledge. Though the awareness is happening and change is felt, it is progressing very slowly. She endorsed that this is an opportunity and we all should make use of it for the better of us, our families and our mother earth. We all have been hearing this quote since our childhood that, 'It is better late than never'. So, a lifestyle that is healthy for us will also be healthy for the planet. So, let's make a change.



She propounded a quote of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of our Nation that, "Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed." It's our greed that has led us into this climate crisis and to get over this, we need self-introspection. Mindfulness, yoga and meditation can assist us in leading the path to it. She then cited another quote of Ralph Waldo Emerson that, "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."

At the end of her session, she stated that we all must be indebted to our children to be eating into their resources for the future. We need to realise our responsibility and manage the resources wisely and restore their resilience. Let's live our life judiciously and hand over the planet to our future generation.

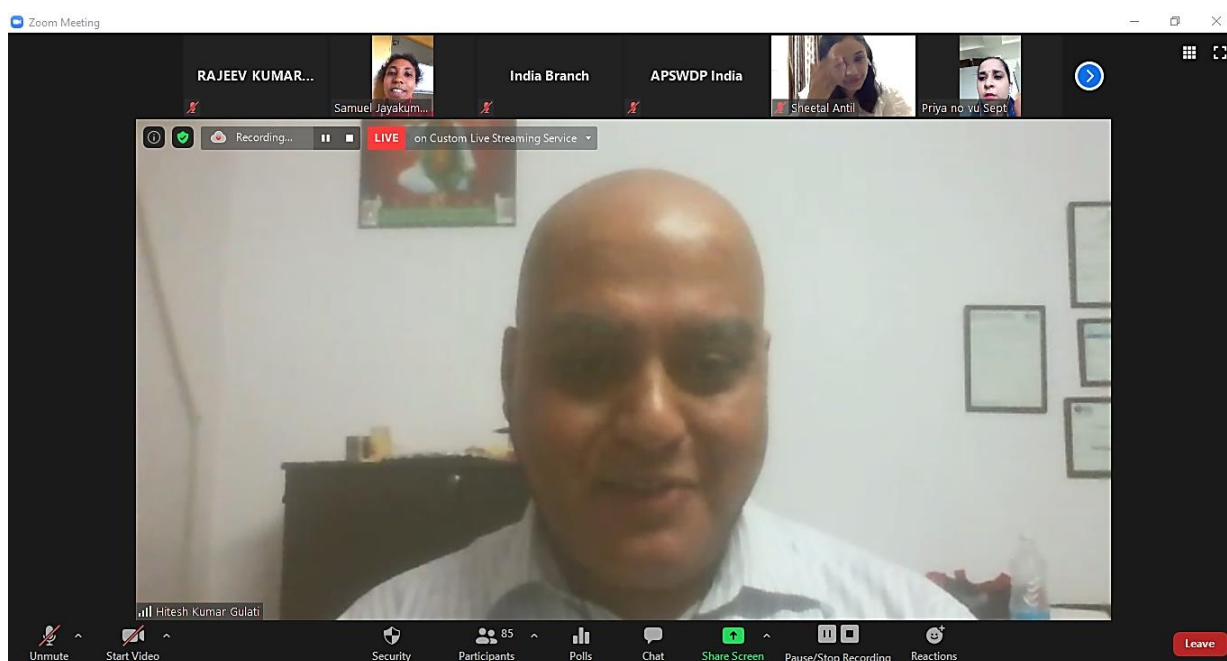


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PANELISTS WELCOME

Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Director (Hon.) - Policy and Administration and the Moderator of APSWDP Virtual Dialogue Series II welcomed all the four (4) eminent panelists from different parts of India and introduced them to the august gathering.



VIRTUAL DIALOGUE/ PANEL DISCUSSION

PANELIST INTRODUCTION

Ms. Sheetal Antil is working with The Climate Reality Project India as Program Manager and looking after climate change education and awareness program. She is a Climate Reality Leader, attended her first training in 2015. She has been working with teachers, youth, and school community members; organized various awareness campaigns and education programs, with different themes related to climate action.



She has worked briefly with International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), India and Delhi Pollution Control Committee in different capacities. She is CII Certified Expert in climate change and sustainability. She has a Master's degree in Biodiversity and Conservation and Management degree in International Marketing from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.

DIALOGUE BY MS. SHEETAL ANTIL CLIMATE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Being a climate leader herself, Ms. Sheetal Antil started her session by mentioning the role of Education and awareness that are crucial for climate action as it has exceptional power to evolve mindsets and behavior in the long run.' She presented a climate story on the theme 'Climate Education and Awareness' from the State of Maharashtra.

She kicked off her session by sharing that Maharashtra is a progressive state but at the same time the State is also facing severe impacts of climate change, few of which are as under:

- a. Extreme rainfalls leading to severe and yearly flooding in some parts of the State.
- b. Severe droughts, have forced the farmer to commit suicides in the region of Marathwada and these regions have acute water shortages
- c. Western Ghats in the State are part of Biodiversity hotspots, and climate change has resulted in biodiversity loss. It was mentioned that climate change may be held responsible for nearly 50% of biodiversity loss by 2100.
- d. Coastal areas may face sea level rise and Mumbai The City of Dreams may fall at second place in top ten cities while talking about the risk from sea level rise by 2070.
- e. Lastly, people dependent on nature-based livelihood, agriculture, fishing may also suffer climate impacts.

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DIALOGUE BY MS. SHEETAL ANTIL CLIMATE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

She then introduced The Climate Reality Project (TCRP) India and its contribution in imparting a climate education program in the State which is an essential element of the response to climate change.

Ms. Antil also brought to light that TCRP India has been organising various teachers training programs on climate change in various districts; Principals' Conclave to build leadership in the education community; hand holding educational societies to take climate action and encouraging them to make climate commitments; training the master trainers in these educational societies to build capacity and climate resilient community.



According to her, Climate Education and teachers training programs are designed to support educators in order to understand and address the impact of Climate change. These trained teachers also talk to the young generations aimed at increasing climate literacy among young. It also encourages changes in the attitudes and behaviour of youth thereby enabling informed decision-making and plays an essential role in increasing climate action capacities of communities. It also empowers society as a whole to adopt sustainable lifestyles. While the training reaches to the wider audience through youth, it has multiplier effects.

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DIALOGUE BY MS. SHEETAL ANTIL CLIMATE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

While expressing about the teachers training programme, Ms. Antil cited that this program has trained more than 3000 teachers and over hundred principals in Mumbai, Pune, Sangli, Satara and Kolhapur District of Maharashtra. Besides, the trained resources are also supported by teaching material and digital data banks to take action by engaging students and appropriate solutions are given for implementation within the campuses.

These trainings' have already mobilised local actions at both campus and community level. Climate education programs enable the community to not only connect to different facets of climatic events but also empowers them to identify and implement local solutions, she added. According to her, the media has also played a key role in building the momentum by highlighting programs.

She added that some colleges have responded very well by the way of starting organic farming at their college level which has also empowered the entire student fraternity. It also includes organizing local awareness drives like marathons, cyclothon to raise awareness on pollution. Alongside, many have started celebrating 'no vehicles day', and celebrating festivals and other days of relevance with tree plantation, etc.

Before ending her session, she put to words that presently we are at a moment where taking urgent climate actions is the only way forward in case we want a better future for our children. Last but not the least, she foregrounded that education is a powerful element to accelerate climate actions at different levels.

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PANELIST INTRODUCTION

Ms. Kamini Singh is a young Climate Reality Leader trained by Mr. Al Gore in 2020. She has advocated 'The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006' and Upscaling Community Forest Resource Rights (CFR & CFRR) recognition and governance in Jharkhand.



She is working with Sparsh Social Foundation (Corporate Social Responsibility wing of JK Papers) on Youth and Sustainability in tribal aspirational district Rayagada in Odisha. She holds a master degree in Economics and is also a certified MIEE (Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert).

DIALOGUE BY MS. KAMINI SINGH

CLIMATE CHANGE IS NOT GENDER NEUTRAL

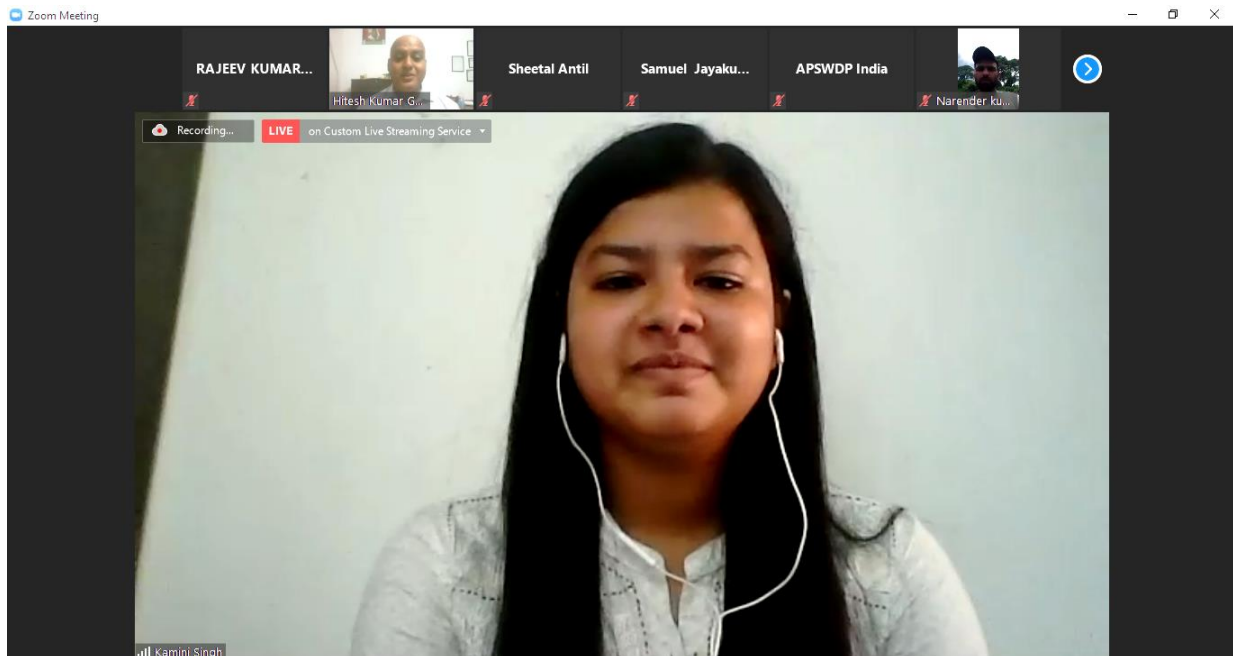
In her session, Ms. Kamini Singh conferred that climate change is a global phenomenon that affects natural systems and, consequently, our well-being. According to her, we all are at a risk from climate change but no one is immune. Besides, women, children and the elderly face specific risks and greater burdens, particularly when they are already living in poverty, she added.

While addressing, she emphasized the impacts of climate change on people from all walks of life. In particular, it affects women more than it impacts men. Nature itself is not discriminatory but due to prevailing social norms and gender inequalities in society, the burden has to be borne by the women as they tend to rely more on natural resources for the livelihoods. For instance, traditional cooking was done by using the natural resources like wood which impacted the health of women.

She also touched up on the essential requirements like secure water, food and fuel for cooking and heating in order to survive which are met out due to the hard efforts of women. Hence, it is clear that women are forced to struggle with unequal access to resources and decision making processes, limited mobility and access to information. Climate change not only adds to this existing burden but exacerbates the vicious cycle of poverty. It was highlighted that women spend much time in collecting clean water, fuel and vegetation for their households but are unable to focus on their education so that they can also have decent jobs.

VIRTUAL DIALOGUE/ PANEL DISCUSSION

DIALOGUE BY MS. KAMINI SINGH CLIMATE CHANGE IS NOT GENDER NEUTRAL



Lastly she mentioned that Climate change has adversely impacted women worldwide and to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, we have to emphasize on making the work Gender neutral where men and women from all walks of life are equated with similar respect and dignity.

VIRTUAL DIALOGUE/ PANEL DISCUSSION

PANELIST INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Rekha Lalla is has been an educator for over twenty-four years, teaching in the best schools of Kerala and Delhi. She has taught Science for Twenty-Four years and was also the Head of TERI Prakriti School, Gurgaon. Ms Lalla holds masters' degrees in Botany.



She is an Environmentalist, who has been trained by Nobel Prize winner Al Gore and is a “Climate Leader” trained in 2008 at New Delhi and she is also Mentor for TCRP (The Climate Reality Project) in 2015, 2020. She is also an artist having conducted Painting Exhibitions at India Habitat Centre and CSOI. She has authored children’s books in GK and Science. She has played a vital role in several educational and environmental projects undertaken by the Department of Environment, Government of Delhi. She has designed educational toys for LEO METTLE Thomson Connect. She has worked with a number of NGOs-

She was also awarded for her environmental projects done in school by Chief minister of Delhi in 2012. She was associated with her sustainability work in International NGOs and International schools- YouThinkGreen, Terre Madre, Korea Academy of Science, Face to Faith, British Council and Swiss Embassy.

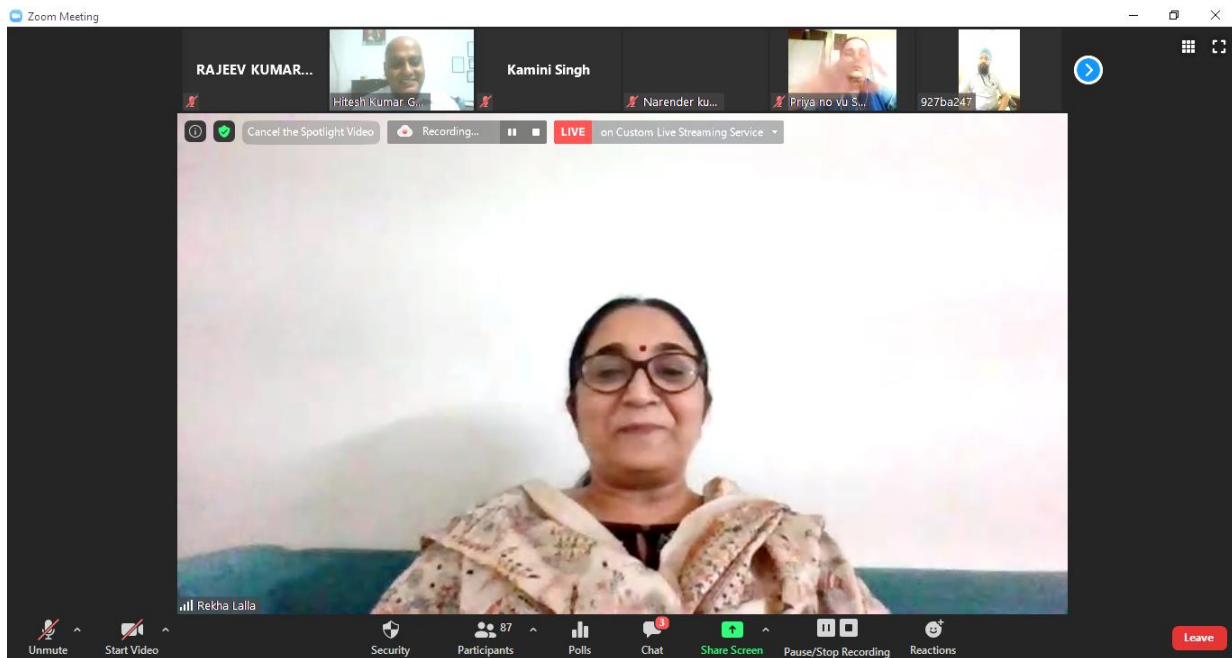
DIALOGUE BY MRS. REKHA LALLA MY GREEN INITIATIVES

Mrs. Rekha Lalla talked about the **Green Climate Programme** initiated by **The Climate Reality Project (TCRP) India** aiming at helping schools become greener. We all know that the majority of the students spend approximately 7-8 hours every day in school for different activities. Also we know that the levels of pollution is rising day by day and hence it becomes imperative to protect and educate our young generation. This programme has been designed to reach out to teachers as well as students in making the school green. She mentioned that TCRP India supports the schools to reduce, recycle, refuse and take responsibility for further improvement. It is not just a rating for the school, it is a programme to improvise the existing building as well as the Climate of the school, she added.

While talking about the functioning of the programme, she revealed that it includes three steps in totality namely Teacher’s Training Programme, Green Climate Measures and Awards based on points earned.

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DIALOGUE BY MRS. REKHA LALLA MY GREEN INITIATIVES



1. She started with the Teacher's Training Programme and brought to light that TCRP India impart training to the educators as it is believed that the educators are required to be empowered with right knowledge and tools for changing the environment through which the school can be benefited. Each teacher can apply the knowledge earned in their respective sphere of expertise. Even a physical education teacher and a music teacher can contribute to the overall wellbeing of school, she added.
2. While moving to the next step, she talked about the Green Climate Measures that focus on 6 elements where the school can improve. TCRP India provides expertise and hand hold support to schools in the process of Greening. There are several Green Climate Measures that are to be considered here:
 - **Air Quality (AQI):** To improve the air quality one has to assess the existing building so that one can suggest various methods to improvise the school building.
 - **Biodiversity Green Cover:** It includes the existing Green cover of the school and how school can improve the present green cover.
 - **Waste Management:** It is a crucial component where the existing waste disposal system in school has to be seen and requires it to be improvised with specific changes.
 - **Water Procurement and Management:** The existing system of water procurement is verified and how one can improvise the present water management in school is emphasized.

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DIALOGUE BY MRS. REKHA LALLA MY GREEN INITIATIVES

- **Energy:** The account of existing energy usage in school is examined along with presence of alternative sources of energy, if available.
 - **Climate Innovation:** Last but not the least, any kind of unique development that has been implemented by the school to mitigate the Climate change.
3. While discussing about the Awards, she mentioned about the three steps for enhancement of Green Climate Programme under this head:
- **Teachers Training Programme:** Aims at selecting a group of students and teachers working on it with a One Point of Contact (OPC).
 - **Data Collection:** The data is collected from the school office or Estate Officer. The data is then filled into the forms under 6 heading and submitted with documentary proofs including videos and pictures of the site.
 - **Verification and Site Visit:** Availability of the structures is verified by our auditors.
 - **Final Review and Climate Enhancement Award:** After the verification is done, the decision to provide the Climate Enhancement award remains with The Climate Reality Project.

While giving her concluding remarks, she mentioned the benefits of having a green campus and how it can improve the overall grooming of the teachers and students.

VIRTUAL DIALOGUE/ PANEL DISCUSSION

PANELIST INTRODUCTION

Mr. Devender Sura is an Environmental Social Activist and widely known as Tree Man in Haryana and is followed by many youths. He possesses Masters in Social Work (MSW) from IGNOU and presently working with Chandigarh Police. He has inspired officials from his own department and engaged them in plantation drives. He has planted more than 1.5 lakhs tree to his credit and utilized much of his savings in developing a nursery at his native place for preparing plants saplings.



He has been awarded as a Climate Activist by TCRP India and APSWDP in 2017 at Chandigarh. He has also been recognised by the Chief Minister Haryana and awarded State Award by Chandigarh Administration.

DIALOGUE BY MR. DEVENDER SURA CLIMATE ACTION STORY

Mr. Devender Sura initiated his dialogue by stating “Today we all are facing a climate crisis” and welcomed all the participants who are contributing in preventing the climate in one or the other way. He shared a brief about his family background from being a farmer family, professional background of working with Chandigarh Police since 2011 and the journey of moving close to nature. He specifically mentioned about the awareness of people towards climate change and solutions in urban and remote areas of the country. He praised the efforts of Le Corbusier, The Swiss-French urban planner who planned Chandigarh keeping in view the greenery of the city to continue for years to come. He revealed the ways trees are planted in various residential sectors of the City Chandigarh. He got inspired from Chandigarh and then started his journey towards preventing the nature.

Mr. Sura further mentioned that we all work for our livelihood and family, but on the other side we also have some moral duties towards our society and country. After joining the Chandigarh Police and getting inspired from the greenery of Chandigarh, he started an initiative of planting trees from Sonipat (Haryana), India and now spends a lot of his time in nursery taking care of plants and trees. In his Climate Journey, he also got motivated by Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Social Development Expert and Climate Reality Leader, with his consistent actions towards the Nature Conservation Practices. With due course of time, he networked with various other Environment Professionals and now has more than 10,000 young professionals working towards climate solutions.

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DIALOGUE BY MR. DEVENDER SURA CLIMATE ACTION STORY



In the year 2020 he has initiated a campaign called "Oxygen Garden" and along with his team of Environment Professionals, he has now "8 Oxygen Gardens" in the state of Haryana, India. The purpose of setting up these Oxygen Gardens is to give a healthy environment to humans, birds and animals, where they can inhale more oxygen and live a better life. 40,000 - 50,000 trees are planted in various nurseries of Sonipat district of Haryana by the environment professionals.

He believes in lifelong learning and quoted about the various awareness programs happening in conference rooms and online worldwide. He specially requested all to have Climate Change programs to be organised in Open Environment i.e. a meeting/ awareness can be planned under the trees. He also quoted about the findings of a survey organised by one of the universities in Germany, which says that the children will have better mental development and overall growth if they spend more time near plants and trees. We should plant more trees and plants in our vicinity. He then requested the participants to have a glance of the Nursery where he has planted more than 42,000 plants and trees.

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He concluded his dialogue by quoting an example that if a normal person like him can contribute towards preserving nature, then all the intellectuals who have joined this dialogue should also attach themselves on the ground for such initiatives thus creating a better future for all. We all are moving at a very fast pace towards infrastructural, technical and financial growth, but somehow we are moving slow towards social development and mental development of the individual. It is the time to understand the climate crisis and act towards designing solutions by starting a movement of planting more trees on different important occasions in your life viz. on your birthday, anniversary, etc. If you continue this practice of planting trees for sometime, you'll start feeling that these trees also talk to you and you'll find yourself in more peace.



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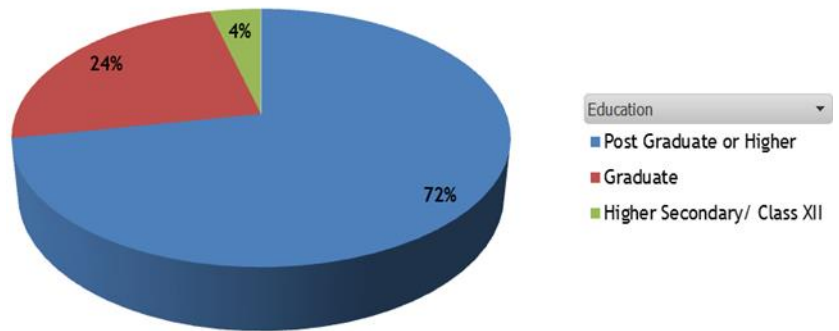
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PARTICIPATION

125 participants including panel experts from various states of India participated in the APSWDP Virtual Dialogue, Series-II.

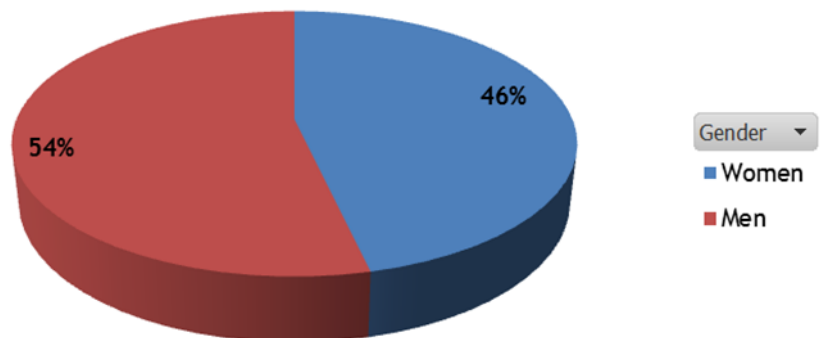
EDUCATION PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

Education	Count
Post Graduate or Higher	90
Graduate	30
Higher Secondary/ Class XII	5
Senior Secondary/ Class X	0
Primary/ Class I - V	0
Incomplete	0
Grand Total	125



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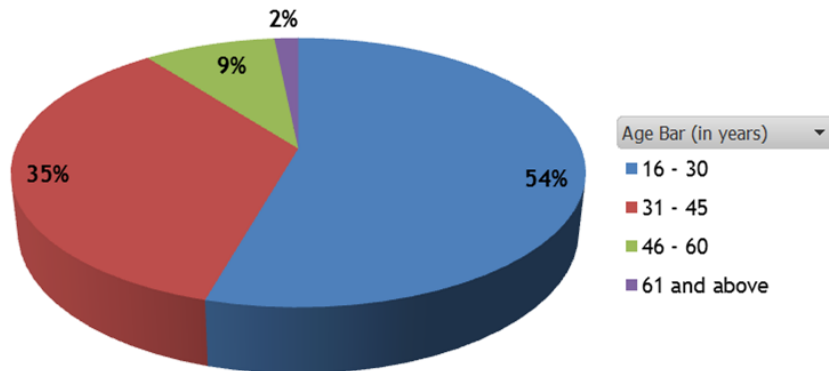
Gender	Count
Women	58
Transgender	0
Men	67
Grand Total	125



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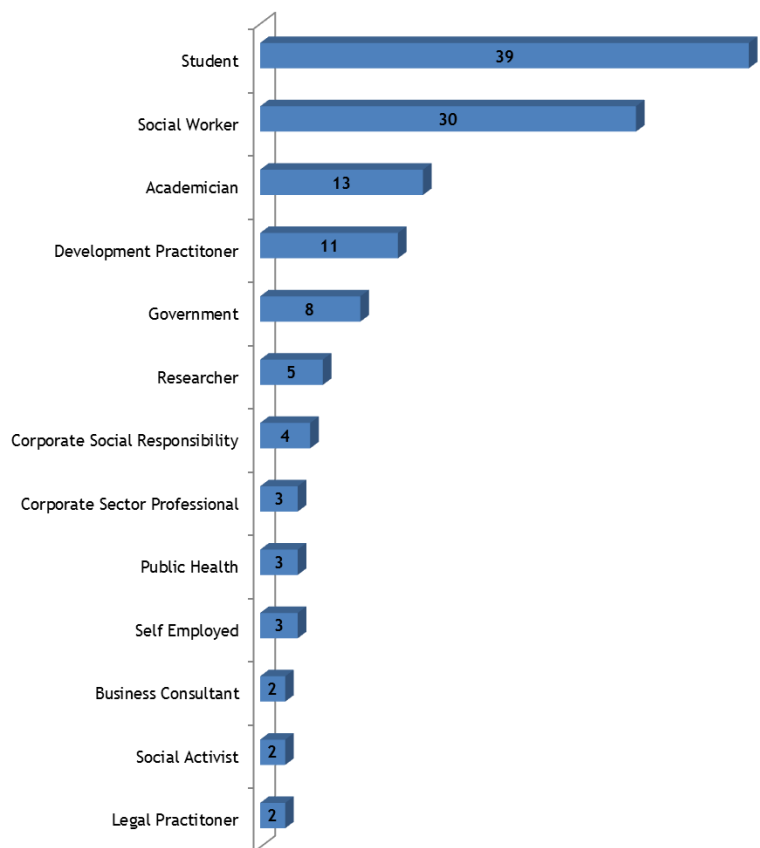
AGE-GROUP PARTICIPATION

Age-Group (in years)	Count
15 or younger	0
16 - 30	68
31 - 45	44
46 - 60	11
61 and above	2
Grand Total	125



PROFESSION/ OCCUPATION PARTICIPATION

Age-Group (in years)	Count
Academician	13
Business Consultant	2
Corporate Sector Professional	3
Corporate Social Responsibility	4
Development Practitioner	11
Government	8
Legal Practitioner	2
Public Health	3
Researcher	5
Self Employed	3
Social Activist	2
Social Worker	30
Student	39
Grand Total	125





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Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder APSWDP and Principal Convener of APSWDP UN75 Series II expressed heartfelt gratitude to the **Chief Guest, Mr. Aditya Pundir**, Country Manager, The Climate Reality Project India for accepting the request to be the Chief Guest for Virtual Dialogue, **Series II** with a theme on “**Climate Crisis: Create Your Own Climate Story**”. Mr. Pundir has been leading and guiding APSWDP in many Climate Change and Solutions projects since last 12 years and has been a great source of inspiration for the entire fraternity.



He also expressed his sincerest thanks to the **Special Guest, Ms. Geetanjali M. Jeyakumar**, Indian Forest Service (IFS), Research Fellow, UOH, Finland, for her valuable time in sharing her thoughts on Climate Crisis to Sustainability. She is Emeritus Member of APSWDP and guiding us in diverse initiatives of environment protection and others including health, education, urbanisation, youth issues of de-addiction, etc.

Mr. Trivedi referred to the inspiration by the words of the Chief Guest and Special Guest on Climate Change and Sustainable Environment Management. It was a privilege to listen to Mr. Aditya Pundir and Ms. Geetanjali M. Jeyakumar.

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He further extended his special thanks to the eminent panelists who agreed to be a part of the Dialogue inspite of their tight schedule and commitment in Climate Reality Leadership Corps Virtual Training, Batch 2 as Mentors of different global groups. He added on behalf of the participants that we are grateful to Ms. Sheetal Antil, Ms. Rekha Lalla, Ms. Kamini Singh and Mr. Devender Sura for inspiring us with their success stories and case studies in protecting the climate, thus building more green campuses and greener world.

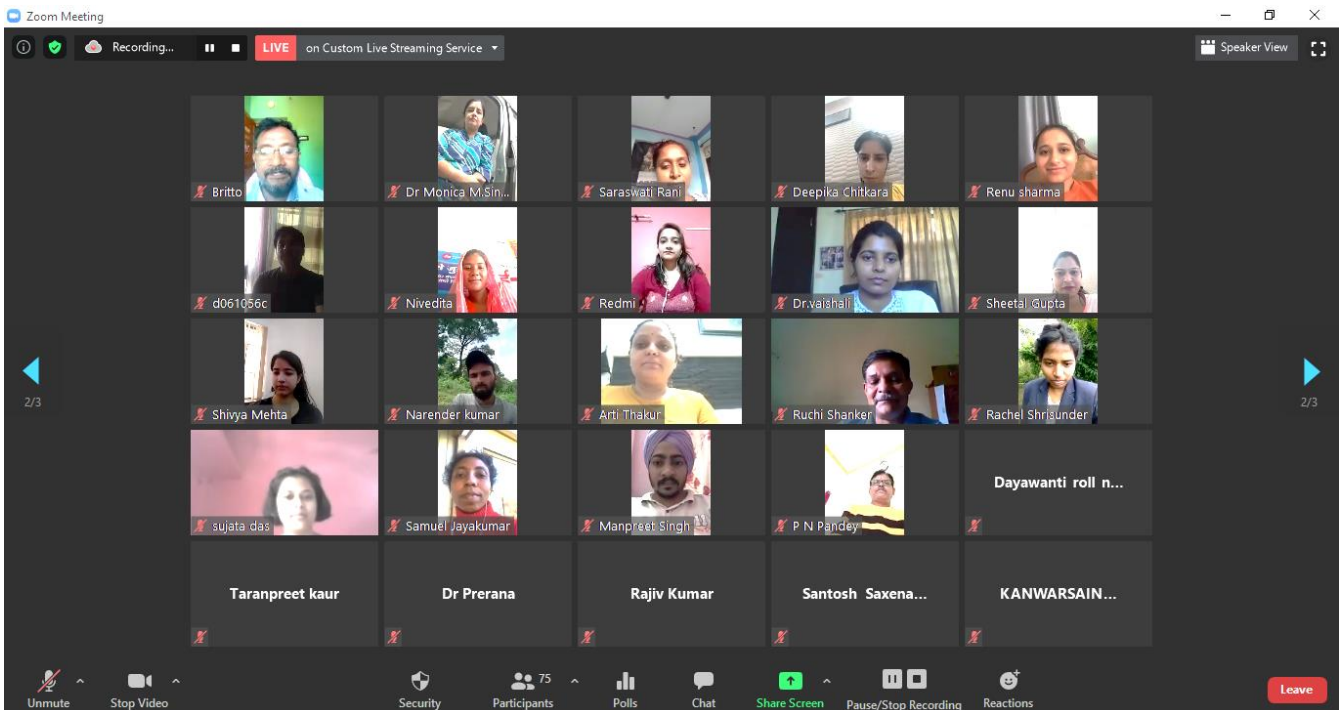
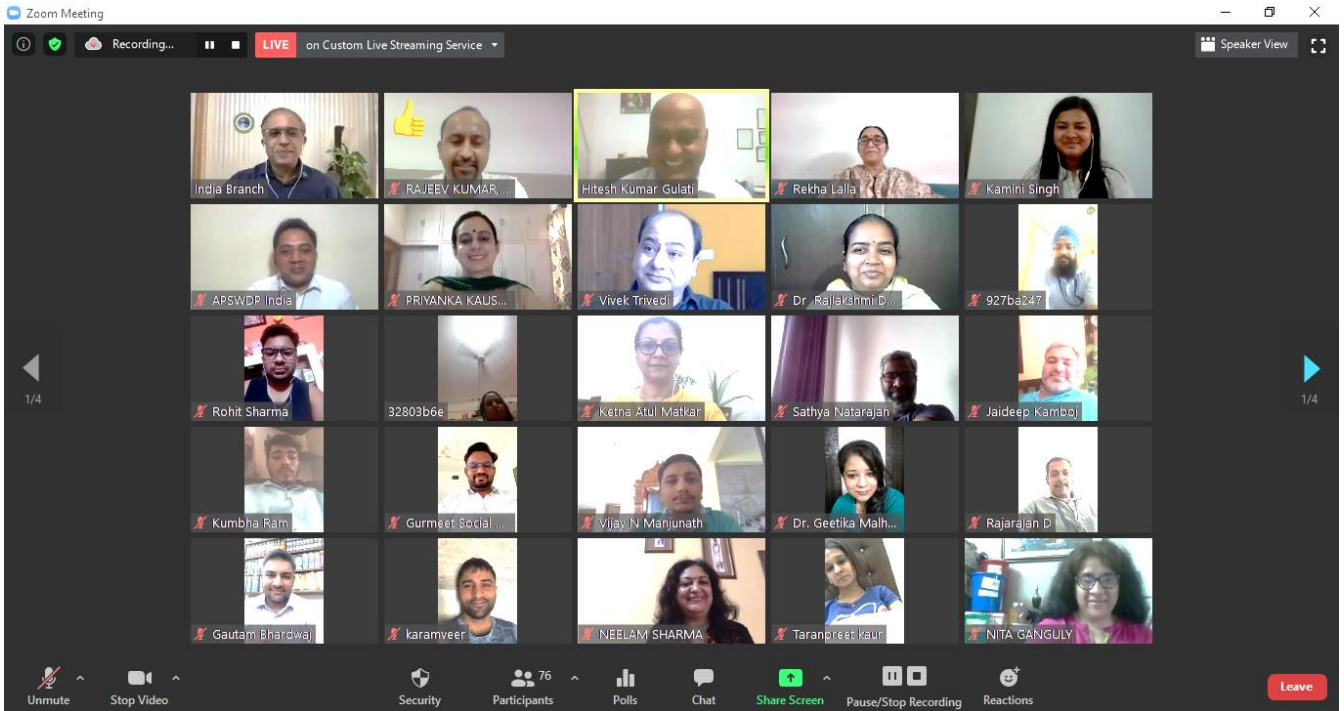
APSWDP was able to sail efficiently through this Series with an immense planning of the team. The association is fortunate to be mentored and guided by our Emeritus Members from various domains and backed by a team of very motivated, dedicated and result-oriented colleagues of APSWDP. He recognized the entire organizing team comprising of Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Mr. Navneet Trivedi and Mr. Rajeev Kumar Choudhary for their tremendous efforts, meticulous planning and timely execution of the program.

And last but not the least, he was thankful to everyone for showing their keen interest in this event without which none of us would have come this far. A grand applause for everyone present here!

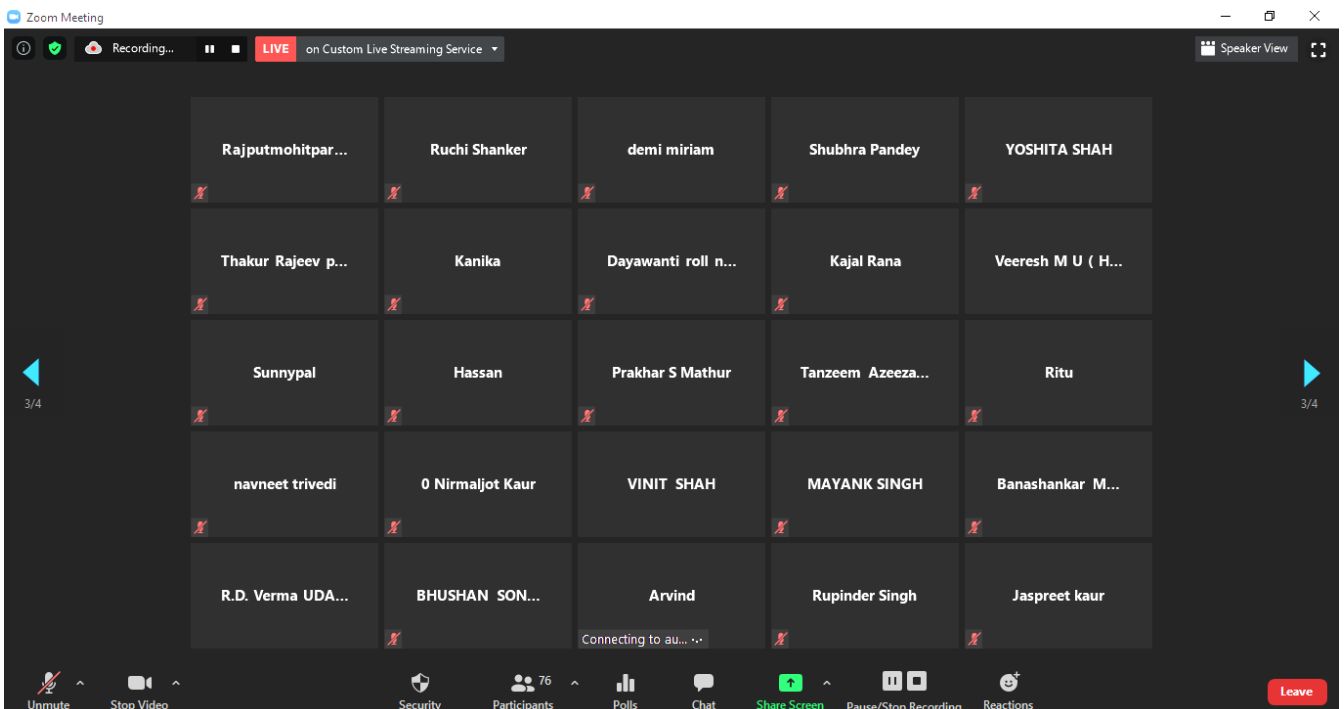
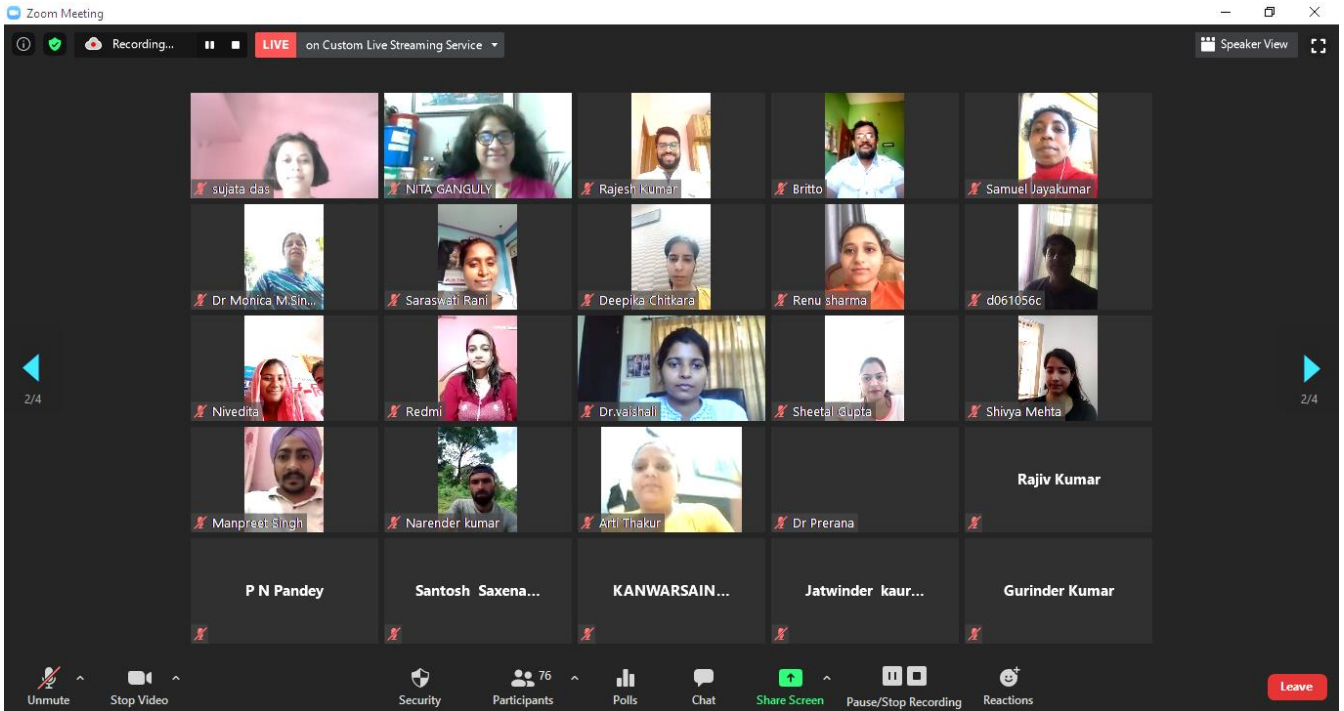


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**PROGRAM FLOW &
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PROGRAM FLOW



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Time	Program Flow	Concerned Person
10:00 am to 10:05 am	Formal Welcome	Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati Hon. Director - Policy & Administration, APSWDP
10:05 am to 10:10 am	Program Background & Introduction of Chief Guest & Special Guest	Mr. Vivek Trivedi Founder, APSWDP
10:10 am to 10:20 am	Address by Chief Guest and Dialogue Chairperson	Mr. Aditya Pundir Country Manager, The Climate Reality Project India
10:20 am to 10:30 am	Address by Special Guest	Geethanjali M. Jeyakumar Indian Forest Service (IFS), Research Fellow, UOH, Finland
10:30 am to 10:35 am	Introduction of Panelists in the Dialogue	Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati Hon. Director - Policy & Administration, APSWDP
10:35 am to 10:45 am	Climate Education and Awareness	Ms. Sheetal Antil Program Manager, The Climate Reality Project India
10:45 am to 10:55 am	Climate Change is not Gender Neutral	Ms. Kamini Singh Environmental Sustainability Professional
10:55 am to 11:05 am	My Green Initiatives	Ms. Rekha Lalla Program Manager, The Climate Reality Project India
11:05 am to 11:10 am	Climate Action Story	Mr. Devender Sura Environmental Social Activist
11:10 am to 11:25 am	Open House/ Question & Answers (along with Questions from Chat Room and Email)	Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati Hon. Director - Policy & Administration, APSWDP & Participants
11:25 am to 11:30 am	Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks	Mr. Vivek Trivedi Founder, APSWDP

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TOTAL RESPONSES RECEIVED: 109

Your feedback will be utilized by Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh team to determine and improve future programs.

Please select the rating for the each section based on the following criteria:
5=excellent 4=good 3=average 2=fair 1=poor

EXPERT/ PANELIST (S) FEEDBACK

Rating of the Expert/ Panelist (s) on the following:	5	4	3	2	1
1.Knowledge of the subject matter.	79.82%	18.34%	0.92%	0.00%	0.92%
2.Explained and illustrated the topic.	79.82%	18.34%	0.92%	0.92%	0.00%
3.Completed the dialogue/ panel discussion within the timeframe.	78.90%	20.18%	0.00%	0.92%	0.00%
4.The panelists answered questions completely.	74.31%	21.10%	2.75%	0.92%	0.92%
AVERAGE SCORE	78.21%	19.49%	1.15%	0.69%	0.46%

97.70% of the participants feel ***happy** with the knowledge and talk/ dialogues by the Expert/ Panelist (s).

FEEDBACK ON CONTENT AND STRUCTURE OF THE DIALOGUE/ PANEL DISCUSSION

Rating on the content and structure of the dialogue/ panel discussion:	5	4	3	2	1
5.The usefulness of the information received in the dialogue/ panel discussion.	76.15%	21.10%	0.92%	0.92%	0.92%
6.The structure of the dialogue/ panel discussion.	75.23%	22.94%	0.92%	0.00%	0.92%
7.The pace of the dialogue/ panel discussion.	76.15%	20.18%	2.75%	0.92%	0.00%
8.The convenience of the dialogue/ panel discussion.	76.15%	20.18%	1.83%	0.92%	0.92%
AVERAGE SCORE	75.92%	21.10%	1.61%	0.69%	0.69%

97.02% of the participants feel ***happy** with the Content and Structure of the Dialogue/ Panel Discussion.

***Happy** - %age sum of excellent (5) and good (4) responses

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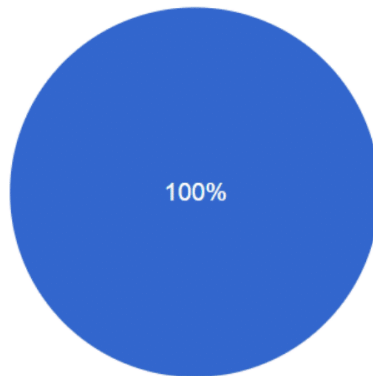
OVERALL FEEDBACK

9. Was this dialogue/ panel discussion appropriate for your level of experience?

Yes
100%

No
0%

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● Yes
● No

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OVERALL FEEDBACK

10. What did you most like about the dialogue/ panel discussion?

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81 responses

All

Good

A topic was very selective

Excellent

Mr. Devendra sura's inspirational and truly session

very good

Everything

The panelist stories and work they are doing

I liked devendra sir's part the most ..it was very motivating

Way of representation

Efficiently Presentation of the content

The way of explaining

Awareness

Inspiring and much needed session which should be attend by everyone.

Nice session....'to look at other side of coin' vision

Awesome

Exclusive session

Professional knowledge and experience of panelists and overall time management

Migration

All session like

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The information that was shared on the way forward rather than what we normally get to know when it comes to Climate Change.

Everything

Climate and migrate

Subjects

Yes. All

devender sura thoughts about plantation

Yes great opportunities

How to Climate Control

No

All sessions were great

Yes

Informative session

To the point discussion...no vagueness

all session are gud n all diacussuon is very informative

Delivery of Speech

Excellent presentation with suitable examples and explanation.

YES, I LIKE THIS IS A VEY INFORMATIVE

Perspectives

Mr Aditya seemingly explained all the points in a wonderful manner plus the poem by Mr trivedi was quite something

Contribution of all the people

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more than theory it was about what we can really do and how networking can be optimally utilised.

explaining

the diversity of speakers and participants

CLIMATE CRISIS

Knowledgeable

Panelist had a deep connect to this subject and they shared all their experiences and motivated us regarding it. Totally inspiring.

The depth of the subject knowledge

Research perspective

They all are share our Experience

The way of conversation and concepts

The flow of the webinar. The panelists chosen for the webinar. The Climate Reality Project - Maharashtra Chapter sounded interesting and also how the climate change is affecting the tribal regions of Odisha.

The jharkhand story on effect of climate change on women

The choice of panelists from diverse background was good

Future directions

Water save

Subject knowledge and experience of panelists

I like the poetry on chnage- pariwartan...

Very new insights

All sessions were great but Devender Sura ji session really very motivational.

Environment, climates chage ,water

Everyone had given a very comprehensive presentation, it was on time.

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All informative session

All are nice

More information and knowledge

Clearification of water program

Practical example set by Mr. Devender Sura. He is a real environmentalist. I salute him for his amazing work.

Nice

Our environment is our life.

Presentation by Ms. Sheetal & Mr. Devendarji

Defining every prospect

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OVERALL FEEDBACK

11. Any other Feedback

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72 responses

No

Excellent

Good

Nice

Excellent

no

very good

Excellent experience

Keep the good work going.

It was a very good panel discussion

Session was wonderful.

Educative and Enriching

Thank you.

Exclusive session

Well managed event.

Nice presentation

Very nice

Thank to all

Enlightening session

Great work by organizers

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11. Any other Feedback

72 responses

Well organized , excellent time management and also the good resource persons for the todays session, interested to be part in upcoming sessions . Veeresh M U (9940545319)

Excellent Session Sir. Thank you.

great job

Knowledgegain

It was a great experience for me and I am waiting for next session

Great

It was wonderful session

More such Webinars may be continued

Very useful and informative. Collective information and content delivery is also very good and interactive. Knowledge gaining experience and valuable information gained a lot. Arrange few more sessions like this.

SOME TECHNICAL ISSUE

Good Session

The points should have been more vast, thinking outside the box is suggested

It was Greaful for me because my and my patient joined it

Always success

excellent

Appreciable

So motivational and inspiring. Thank you so much.

It was informative and useful

Nil

Please save nature and promote plantations

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72 responses

All your topic is good

2 hours were required. More questions could be answered.

Great information and useful knowledgeable session 🙏 thanks to team

Really informative.

Informative session

I would like to attend such event and would like to present my paper on climate change....

Please share session handouts and recording

It was a great experience I m wait for next webinar.

Great work

Very informative, knowledgeable and valuable session, Excellent Webinar.

This is great session for climate

It is knowledgable

It was really amazing webinar. Thank you APSWDP INDIA for organising such a wonderful webinar.

Well organized , excellent time management and also the good resource persons for the todays session , Interested to be part in upcoming sessions

Would like to know more about the Govt. of Gujarat initiative towards the climate change efforts.

Wonderful

Awesome

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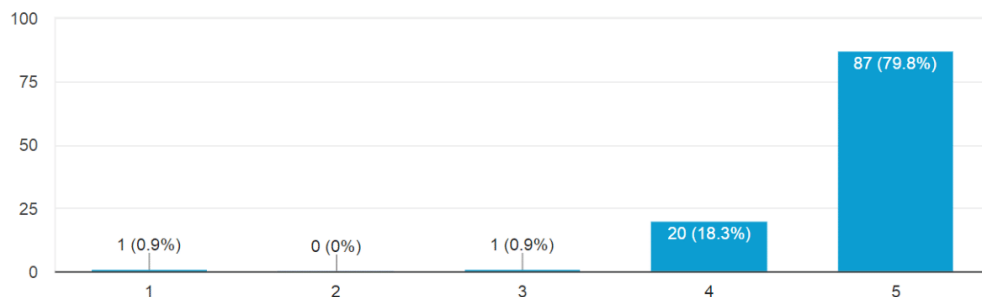
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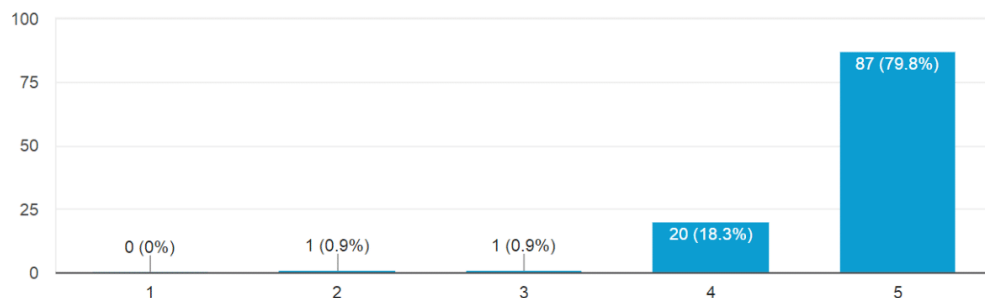
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2. Explained and illustrated the topic.

109 responses



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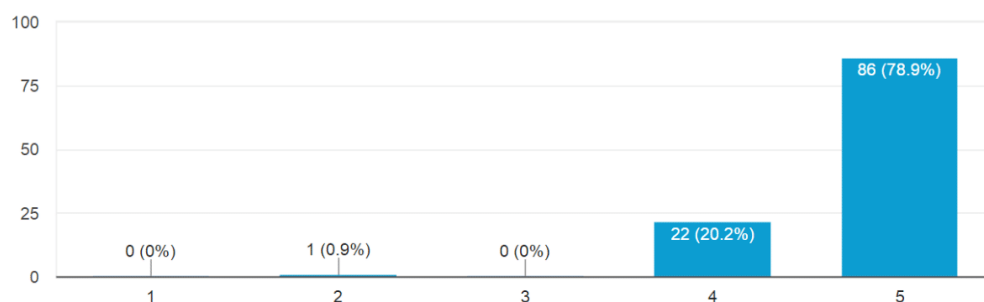
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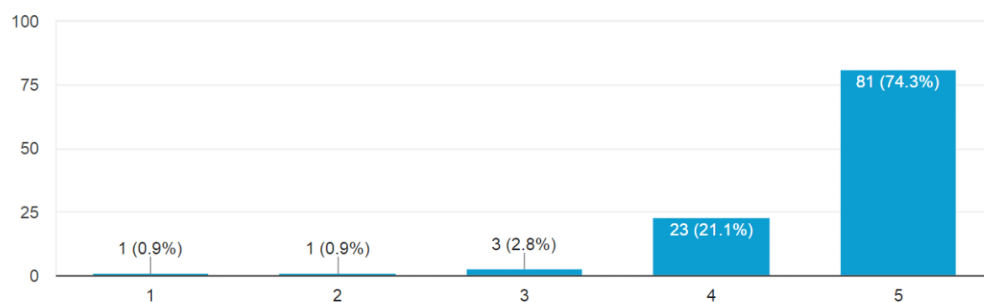
3. Completed the dialogue/ panel discussion within the timeframe.

109 responses



4. The panelists answered questions completely.

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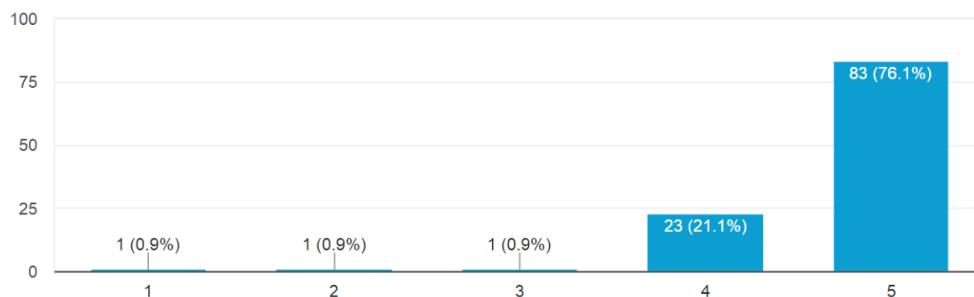
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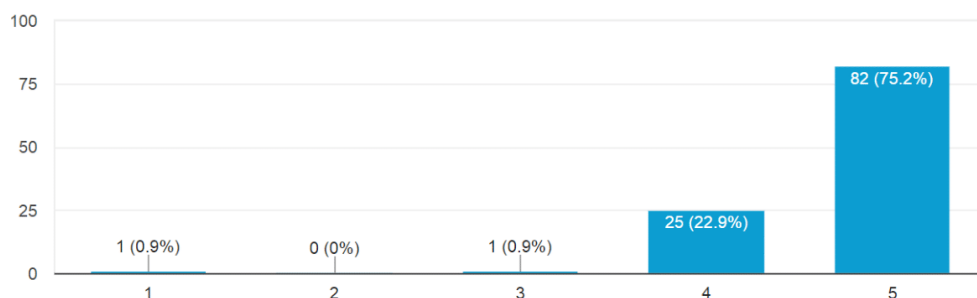
5. The usefulness of the information received in the dialogue/ panel discussion.

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6. The structure of the dialogue/ panel discussion.

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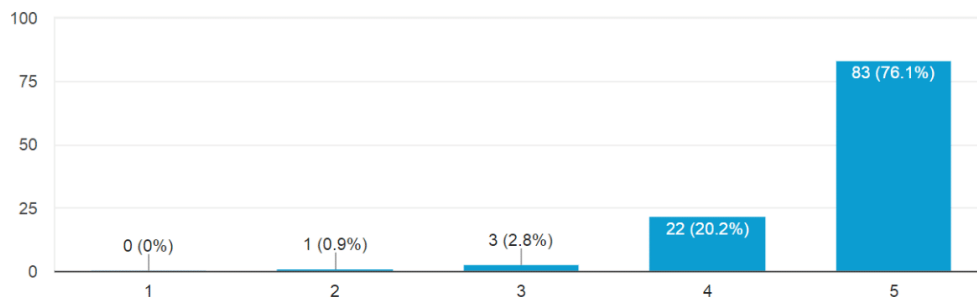
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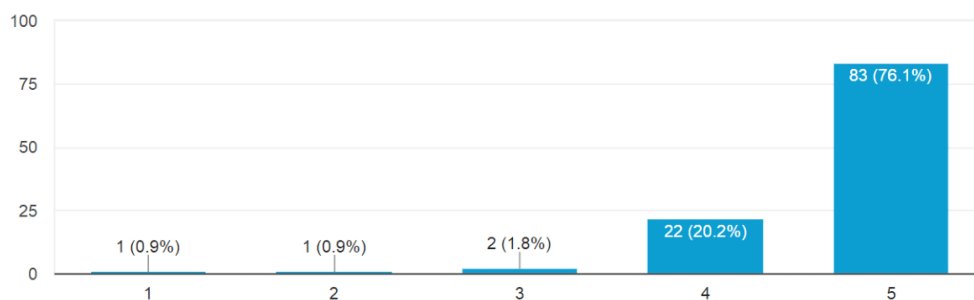
7. The pace of the dialogue/ panel discussion.

109 responses



8. The convenience and sequence of the dialogue/ panel discussion.

109 responses







UN marks 75-year milestone anniversary of founding Charter



UN Photo

The UN Charter being signed by a delegation at a ceremony held at the Veterans' War Memorial Building on 26 June 1945.

26 June 2020 | UN Affairs

The UN Charter “brought rules and hope to a world in ruins”, Secretary-General António Guterres told a virtual ceremony on Friday, commemorating 75 years since the Organization’s foundational text was signed.

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