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A New Era of Conflict and Violence

Platform: Zoom



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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 VIII, with the theme **“An Era of Conflict and Violence”** on **04th October 2020** has taken the global conversation ahead in India by inviting panelists from Population Sciences sector, with audience from diverse background and age groups.

I am sure that the APSWDP UN75 Dialogue, Series VIII 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-VIII*, with the theme "*An Era of Conflict and Violence*" on *04th October, 2020 (Sunday)*.

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 & violence; 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 under the ambit of UN75 virtual dialogue series initiative is to advocate the importance of peace and non-violence in the era when the whole world is struggling with organized and domestic crime, violent extremism, nuclear threat, rising militarism, armament race and also to mobilize the communities to promote global peace, which is Goal SDG 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. Further, we must all accelerate progress today by sensitizing various stakeholders on building peace, universal brotherhood and making a global village without boundaries.

KEY OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of this dialogue are as under:

- Unveil the impacts of rising conflicts and violence in the society and role of civil society organizations in SDG 16.
- Advocate universal brotherhood and global peace
- Discuss various issues related to conflict and violence like homicide, domestic and community violence, terrorism, naxalism.
- Initiate dialogue on building a peaceful world.
- Device and customize the social work intervention into the domain of peace and conflict resolution.

➤ BACKGROUND

APSWDP UN75 DIALOGUE SERIES VIII

The UN75 Series VIII dialogue was *inaugurated* and *chaired* by *Prof. Aswani Kumar Nanda, Population Research Center, Center for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh*. The dialogue witnessed deliberations from *Chief Guest* and *Eminent Panelists* on the following topics:

- Resolving Conflict, Unrest and Violence in the Societies: A Gandhian Perspective
Dr. Devraj Tyagi, Director, Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Chandigarh
- Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in achieving United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)
Dr. Manish Sharma, Chairperson, Department of Gandhian Studies, Punjab University, Chandigarh

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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

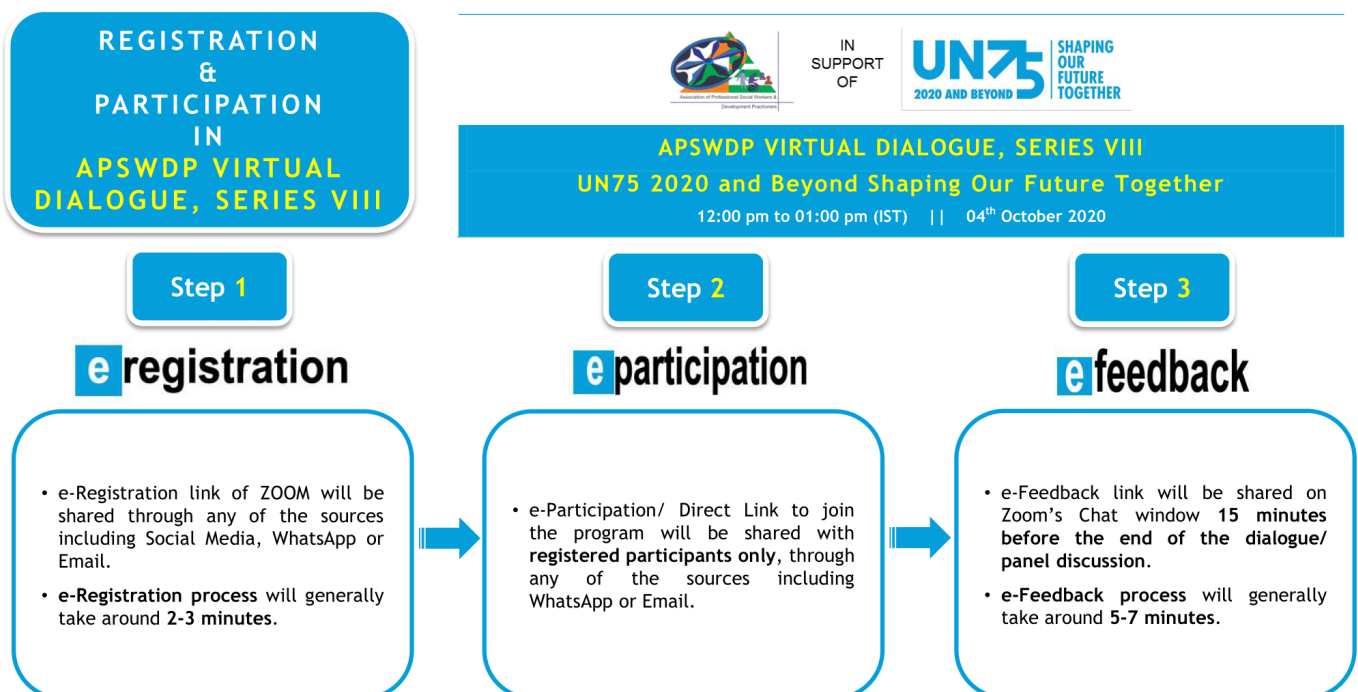
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OUTCOMES

The following outcomes emerged from the Series VIII Dialogue:

1. Develop understanding on Role of Civil Society under the ambit of Sustainable Development Goals with special focus on SDG-16.
2. Build confidence and capacity of professionals engage in development sector and to build understanding on peace and conflict resolution.
3. To give exposure on various issues and solutions for building a peaceful and sustainable future.
4. Sensitize and adopt the principles of Non-violence.
5. Collaboration and partnership among stakeholders on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

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.



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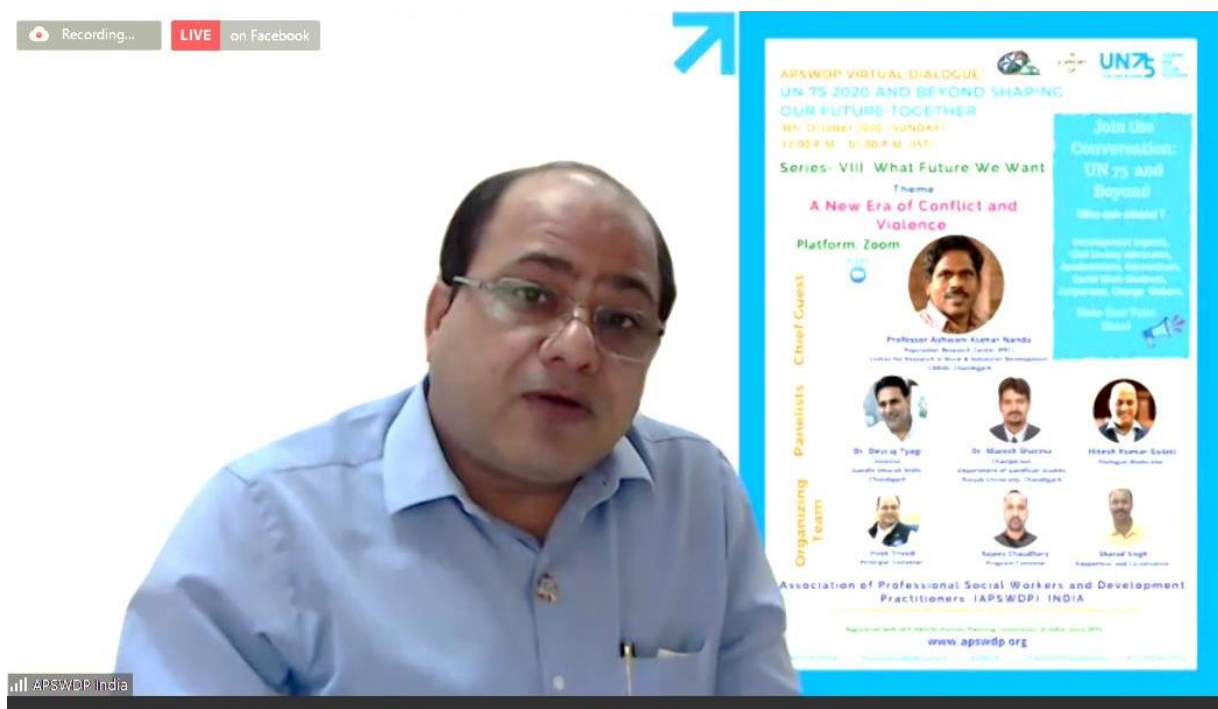
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PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder APSWDP and Principal Convener of the Program shared about the conception of APSWDP Virtual Dialogue, Series VIII with the theme “An Era of Conflict and Violence” on 04th October 2020 (Sunday). 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 is to advocate the importance of peace and non-violence in the era when the whole world is struggling with organized and domestic crime, violent extremism, nuclear threat, rising militarism, armament race and also to mobilize the communities to promote global peace, which is Goal SDG 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

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FORMAL WELCOME

Mr. Vivek Trivedi extended his sincere gratitude to the Chief Guest - Prof. Aswani Kumar Nanda, Population Research Center (PRC), Center for Research in Rural & Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh, of the UN75 Dialogue Series VIII, for giving his consent to preside the function. He also formally welcomed the eminent panelists who has followed the Gandhian Philosophy in their life.

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INTRODUCTION OF CHIEF GUEST

Prof. Aswani Kumar Nanda is Professor and Head of the Population Research Centre (PRC) set-up by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India at the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh (India), a `National Status` Social Science Research Institution with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi. He is Doctorate from International Institute for Population



Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, India and M. Sc. (Population Studies), specialisation in Third World Demography, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, United Kingdom.

He has a vast experience in Research and Development, Administrative Services, Consulting, Teaching and on the Advisory Board of organisations of global repute. Dr. Nanda has authored number of books on Population Research, Operations Research, Migration, Mobility and Multiple Affiliations

INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST

Prof. Aswani Kumar Nanda in his inaugural speech said as we are celebrating 75th anniversary of UN at a critical time when we all are haunted by COVID-19, we are rightly to reflect and must look ahead on what has happened in various fields including demographics, conflicts and violence. This will eventually help us to look ahead to the future, because unless we reflect all our hope and fear they all will be misplaced.

He further added that we must first have a proper understanding of what we have achieved during the last 75 years. This will give us an idea about what has happened over the time, and how we are looking forward. Demographics is an objective science explored from the various discipline of sociology, mathematics, economics, science and geography, all combined together. It is demography which decides our social and economic, political and technological orientation. When we talk about demography precisely, we narrow it to population size, population growth, population structure and other aspect of a dynamic/ evolving population.

The UN Project report released recently says that we are likely to increase to 9.7 billion population by 2050, that means around 2 billion rise from 7.7 billion. So we are going to rise in a number, which will have an implication on our ecosystem and this population growth and population rise is to rewiring many continents viz. Africa is expected to rise to 85 % in term of population and Europe population going to shrink 1.5 % in decline.

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And that says for the discussion and debate for what course where we are going to take, when we talk about the continent issues. We should not forget that every country is different from each other, even in a country the region, the state and the locality have their own different demographics, that we need to be understand and fact of our future growth and economic development on the same. When we talk about demographics, we must also learn from demographic conditions which have been experienced in past 100 years and different theories of demographic transition.

He concluded his dialogue by sharing three important things to remember when we talk about demography states: one is fertility, second is mortality and third is migration. These three are given rise to our life expectancy which has changed a lot. We have issues related to marriage, labor supply, poverty, capital availability, urbanization, conflict and violence, inequality and climate change, most of these issues are related to the demographic changes. These issues are limited to patterns we are using from long ago. Similarly, our living standards are undergoing changes simultaneously and we need to understand it and all.

Finally Prof. Aswani Kumar Nanda unlocked the dialogue by adding - Are we able to sustain these changes and are we ready to face these challenges. Do we have to take these challenges into opportunity, it depends on how we understand this demographic change, how our labor system is working, how our political and institutional system changes and support system is working.



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PANELISTS WELCOME

Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Director (Hon.) - Policy and Administration and the Moderator of APSWDP Virtual Dialogue Series VIII welcomed all the two (2) eminent panelists from Chandigarh who follow Gandhian Philosophy and introduced them to the august gathering.



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PANELIST INTRODUCTION

Dr. Devraj Tyagi is Director at Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Chandigarh. He is having more than 35 years of experience as a Gandhian Activist. He is a Doctor in Naturopathy & Yoga (NDDY) from Gandhi National Academy of Naturopathy, New Delhi. Dr. Devraj has various write ups printed in newspaper and magazines and is adding values to organisations in various capacities as:



- Chairman of International Naturopathy Organisation, Chandigarh
- Chairman of Prasthan Ashram, Pathankot.
- Secretary of Lok Samiti, Chandigarh.
- Secretary of Prakritik Chikatsa Samiti, Chandigarh.
- Secretary of Sarvodaya Mandal Chandigarh - A branch of Sarv Sewa Sangh.
- Secretary of Acharyakul Chandigarh founded by Saint Vinoba Bhave.

DIALOGUE BY DR. DEVRAJ TYAGI

RESOLVING CONFLICT, UNREST AND VIOLENCE IN THE SOCIETIES: A GANDHIAN PERSPECTIVE

Dr. Devraj Tyagi started his deliberation by quoting “Non-violence generally means not to commit violence”. Its broad meaning is - do not harm any creature with body, mind, deeds, and speech. Non-violence is very important in Jainism and Hinduism. Ahimsa Parmo Dharma: (Ahimsa means Non-Violence, is said to be the biggest religion in the core of Jainism). The movement for independence of India in modern times was to a large extent non-violent.

Today there is abundance of violence all around. Today's era can be called as an era of unnecessary violence. Violence of human beings and man is also being done without any means. Violence is becoming a hobby. Gradually this hobby is becoming the lifestyle of man.

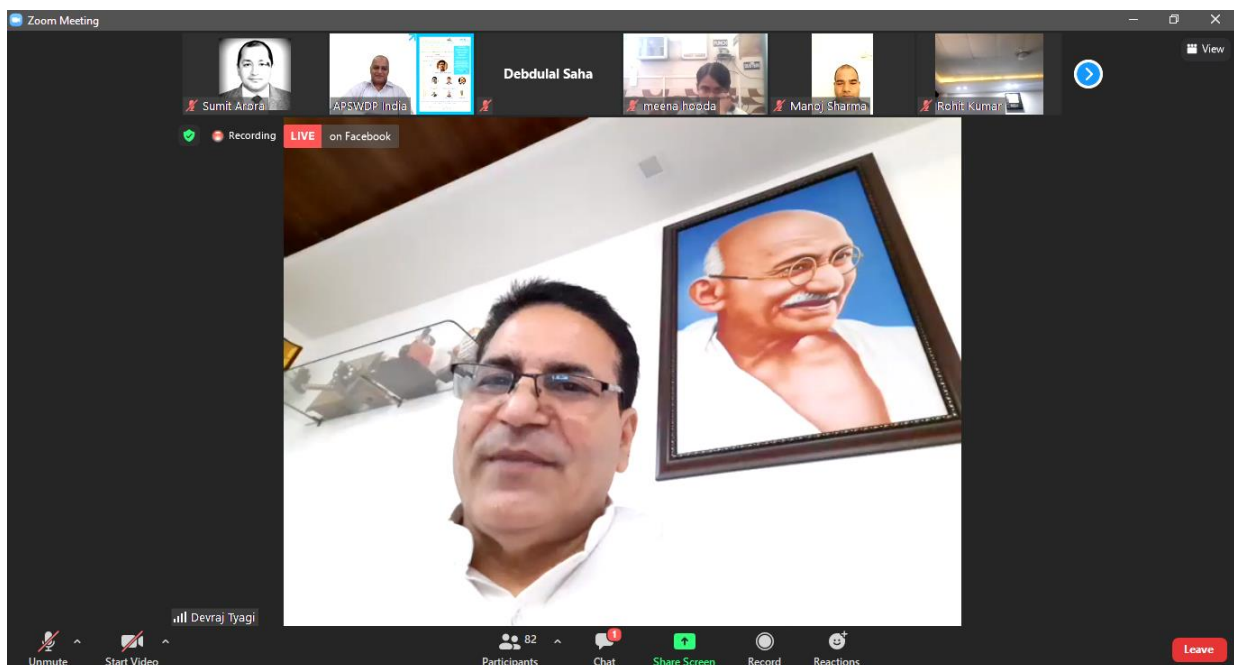
He mentioned that it is a matter of pride for us to celebrate the birthday of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on 2 October as International Day of Non-Violence to control the violent situations in the country and the world. Gandhi's non-violence has made India proud and now his birth anniversary is celebrated across the world in a big way. Mahatma Gandhi met top leaders of India and abroad for the

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establishment of world peace, non-violence and mutual harmony, conducted non-violent experiments, gave India independence through non-violence. He created an environment for building an ideal, peaceful and non-violent society. Non-violence brought international fame to Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi gave it the reputation of his speech and from his own life that Mahatma Gandhi's name was so entwined with non-violence that one cannot separate the two. If we simply mean non-violence, it would be that in practical life, we should not cause any trouble, do not give any creature sorrow for our selfishness. Treat other people as we expect them to be. Not only this, by keeping a feeling of non-violence towards all animals, that is, the whole creature, neither kill nor kill a creature for its selfishness and taste of tongue, etc.



It is a matter of satisfaction for us that the use of non-violence started from the land of India, the highest institution of the world recognized it as a fundamental formula of life. It is a matter of great pleasure for our countrymen that Gandhi's relevance is increasing miraculously. The world is searching for them anew. To find them means to find solutions to their problems, to find solutions to the growing problem of violence and terrorism. Perhaps that is why his ideas are being taught in many universities, research is being done on them. Even today the people of India follow the footsteps of Gandhi and support non-violence.

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Violence makes a man Kansa, Ravan. At present, such a violent society is being formed in which some people feel uneasy until they kill/ hurt someone throughout the day. There have been some such perverted minds in history that used to enjoy torturing and killing someone. In order to fulfill their hobby, they used to arrest people in the prison like sheep and kill many of them in a gruesome manner every day. In this, they felt a latent bliss. In the atmosphere of violence, lamps of non-violence also light up here and there. Even though the flame of non-violence and peace may be slow, it is far better and effective than violence and unrest.

Dr. Devraj Tyagi added that in current politics, violence has become a weapon of victory. Large nations dominate the world on the strength of violence. How can it be possible to bring peace, if we are choosing the path of non-violence and unrest? Those who want non-violence and peace have to be aware and for this, the philosophy and principles of Mahatma Gandhi will have to be kept in front. Gandhi has said that non-violence is the true path of life.

The masters of spirituality shared a mantra to change the mindset of violence and war. They have said - "To fight is the ultimate religion, but the true warrior is the one who fights with himself, not with others, conquering his vices and impulses. The one who assimilates this truth changes all directions in his life. He uses his powers for world welfare, whereas a violent uses his intelligence and power for destruction".

He mentioned that Gandhi Ji has become the most popular person in the world today, whom everyone is watching with surprise. Despite these conditions, the opposition to his philosophies also continues. There have also been constant attempts to prove him to be degenerate, exposing many unknown and dark aspects of his personality, but each time the impact of his theories have increased even more. It is a matter of long research that today when the strength of violence and weapons is increasing, the big powers are bent on inciting violence, at that time the power of non-violence is also being accepted. It also seems a little strange that in this storm of capital-centric development, why do we find a person who advocated a self-sufficient economy talking about small capital or small scale production system.

He further added that the question also arises as to what is the belief in the change of heart of man amidst the great tales of the fall of mankind? When arms have become the regulators of the systems then how much effect will the voice of non-violence have?

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DIALOGUE BY DR. DEVRAJ TYAGI

RESOLVING CONFLICT, UNREST AND VIOLENCE IN THE SOCIETIES: A GANDHIAN PERSPECTIVE

He shared some of the differences between Violence and Non-Violence. There is a huge difference between violence and non-violence. While violence is a symbol of negativity, non-violence is a sign of positivity. While violence is a symbol of evil, non-violence is a symbol of good. Violence is a violation of the basic rights of a living being, and then non-violence is a feeling of compassion towards that life.

Violence refers to an act that causes physical or mental harm to a creature. Due to which fear arises in the mind of the creature, it hurts. His life is in danger. There is no harm to his body or his mind. Violence is an act of tyranny and injustice done by one creature towards another, often done by one powerful creature to another weaker creature.

Ahimsa/ non-violence is an act inspired by kindness, in which there is a feeling of love and affection towards all. Ahimsa is the act when no one is harmed mentally or physically and has affection for everyone. A sense of equality should be maintained for everyone. Wish everyone's welfare.

Humans have both feelings of violence and non-violence. Not only humans, every creature of the world has both violent and non-violent tendencies.

Dr. Devraj Tyagi concluded his dialogue by putting forth some of the differences between violence and non-violence, along with sharing the facts about how people around the world are accepting the Gandhian Perspective on resolving Conflict, Unrest and Violence in the Societies through Peace. People active in search of an alternative system and life are getting more help from Gandhism. There is no better way to save man, humanity and the world than non-violence. In fact, non-violence is the oxygen of human life. There is non-violence which protects nature, environment, earth, water and life. Man has made astonishing progress in knowledge science. But respect for the lives of others has decreased. There were many revolutions, but revolutionary changes were reduced at the level of ethics. There are lot of talks happening on peace, non-violence and human rights in the world, but its lack in conduct is unbroken. Gandhiji understood these situations deeply and made non-violence the basic formula of his life. Today, if the world celebrates October 2 as Non-Violence Day, then it is not surprising. It is not respect for Gandhiji, but for non-violence. Non-violence will be meaningful only when we make it our lifestyle.

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PANELIST INTRODUCTION

Dr. Manish Sharma is the chairperson & faculty of Gandhian & Peace Studies and engaged in Post-Graduate teaching & guiding research at Panjab University, Chandigarh. He is faculty In-charge of Gandhi Bhawan Project with Getty Foundation, USA; Chair Holder of UNESCO Network Chair on “Global Peace and Non Violence”; Co-Secretary General of Asia-Pacific Peace Research Association (APPRA), 2017-21; and Co-Convener of International Peace Research Association’s Commission on “Youth, Sports & Peace”.



He is a young scholar having interest in Non-violence, Peace Research, Gandhian Thought, Research Methodology, Buddhist Studies, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj in India. Among his several writings, a prominent book on Non-violence in the 21st Century: Application & Efficacy, was released & applauded by great Scholar & Diplomat Late Shri. L. M. Singhvi.

Besides, he is also the recipient of President’s Award in Bharat Scouts and Guides (Nov. 6, 1995).

DIALOGUE BY DR. MANISH SHARMA

RELEVANCE OF GANDHIAN PHILOSOPHY IN ACHIEVING UNITED NATION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG’S)

Dr. Manish Sharma at the onset of his dialogue mentioned that when we are taking about the Sustainable Development Goals, Gandhi emerges as light of Sun which not only ignites everyone but also asks everyone to show their strength. Sustainable development Goals not only reflects the True Gandhian approach but they also show a true path if followed properly. When we are taking all the SDG’s the same can be divided into mere 6 parts which fulfils all the SDG’s with the following points of Gandhian philosophy can be understood as:

- Goal 1:** End poverty in all its forms.
- Goal 2:** Zero Hunger.
- Goal 3:** Health.
- Goal 4:** Education.
- Goal 5:** Gender equality and women's empowerment.
- Goal 6:** Water and Sanitation

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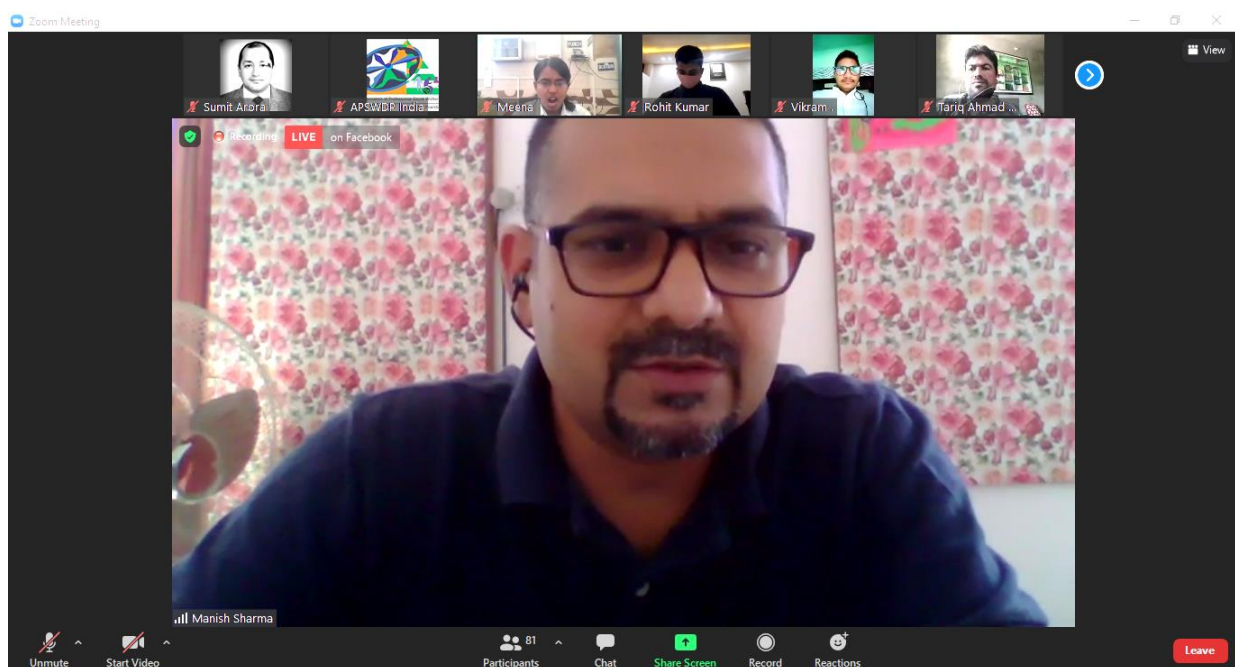
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He added that all these six points can be seen when Gandhi had gone through the reading of John Ruskin's Book "Unto This Last" which transferred him from a city developer to a simple living person and Gandhi termed this book as 'Magical Spell' and translated it into 'Sarvodaya'. The Three principles of the book were:

1. Good of an individual is good of all,
2. Everyone has the right to earn his livelihood from his job,
3. The life of the tiller of the soil is life worth living i.e., the life of a handicraftsmen or a person who is doing manual work is life worth living.

And when we see the above mentioned six points the overall end result comes to the same conclusion which Gandhi wanted for the humanity.



Further he shared, as we know that the major aspiration of the 2030 Agenda is captured by the tagline "Leave No One Behind" Gandhi termed it as 'Sarvodaya' means we have to reach upto the last person who is standing last in the line and is not capable of standing, we have to approach him so that we can bring the strength in him to stand up on his own feet's. Gandhiji viewed that, "Progress of a society should be

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determined by the state of the most vulnerable and the weakest ones". People, who are furthest from the frontiers of development, are to be brought up to the level of the others for "real development." He spoke about "the weakest and the most vulnerable"—not only about the most income-poor people. This essentially echoes the concept of "multidimensional poverty," which stems from not only low-income, but also from life cycle issues, social stigma, locational disadvantages, gender disparity and other similar sources of risks.

Dr. Manish Sharma referred that the new global agenda has identified the fight against poverty as numero uno of the SDGs. One of Gandhiji's powerful statements reflects a similar thought where he says, "Poverty is the worst form of violence." And when we see it in terms of 'Universality' of the 2030 Agenda for development, Gandhiji expressed his adherence to universality through his attitude towards religion. According to Gandhiji, religion or God has no country, no colour, no caste, no creed. When asked, he said, "Yes, I am a Hindu, but I am also a Muslim, a Christian, a Buddhist and a Jew at the same time." His universal humanism, however, did not shy away from recognising existing diversity; he said, "Diversity is there, because we are not same in all ways. But diversity should never be used to justify untouchability or inequality".

He concluded his dialogue by stating that Gandhian concept with regard to SDG's can be seen in his constructive programmes where he not only talked about humanity but also talked about the environment through the 18 constructive programmes to build a better India, and he made it mandatory for all to follow constructive programmes even in difficult situations. And to overpower the main difficulties in achieving the SDG's, the focus on poverty, hunger and Gender equality and women's empowerment should be through the Education, Health and Water. As Gandhi ji also emphasised that when one is having proper Education with them then any issue/problem can be sorted out as proper education can takes anyone out of darkness. After that education, when health related facilities are up to the mark then many other issues will also be over and will end other hurdles too and the third issue which is most important is the issue of 'Water' as the next world war would be on 'Water' as water is also major factor in terms of health issues and may lead to economic crisis's also as water is the need of everyone and part and parcel of everyone's life. For Gandhi the development is not in terms of 'Economics' but in terms of 'Humanity'.



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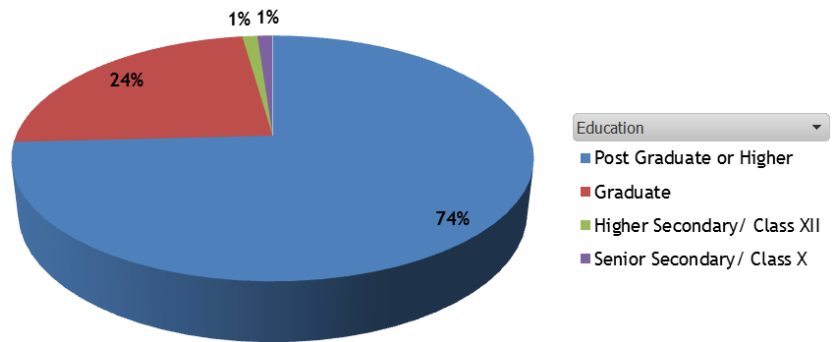
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PARTICIPATION

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

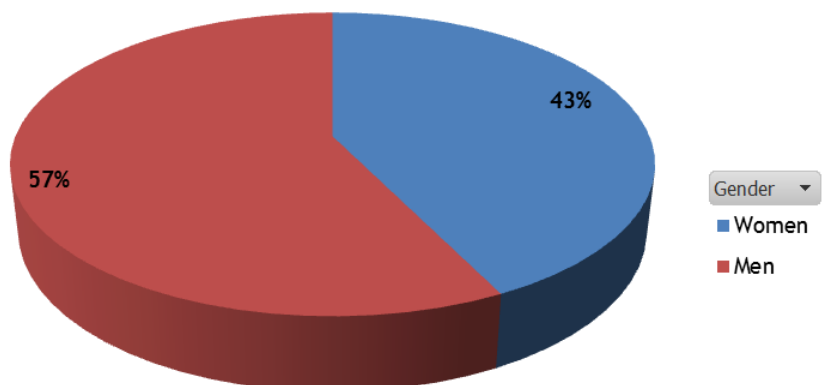
EDUCATION PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

Education	Count
Post Graduate or Higher	66
Graduate	21
Higher Secondary/ Class XII	1
Senior Secondary/ Class X	1
Primary/ Class I - V	0
Incomplete	0
Grand Total	89



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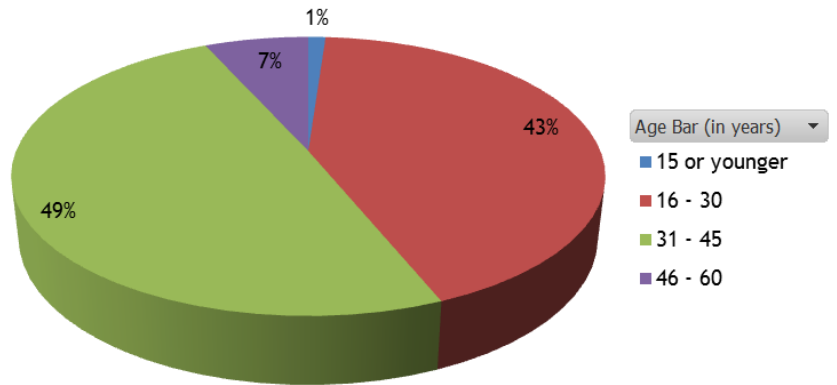
Gender	Count
Women	38
Transgender	0
Men	51
Grand Total	89



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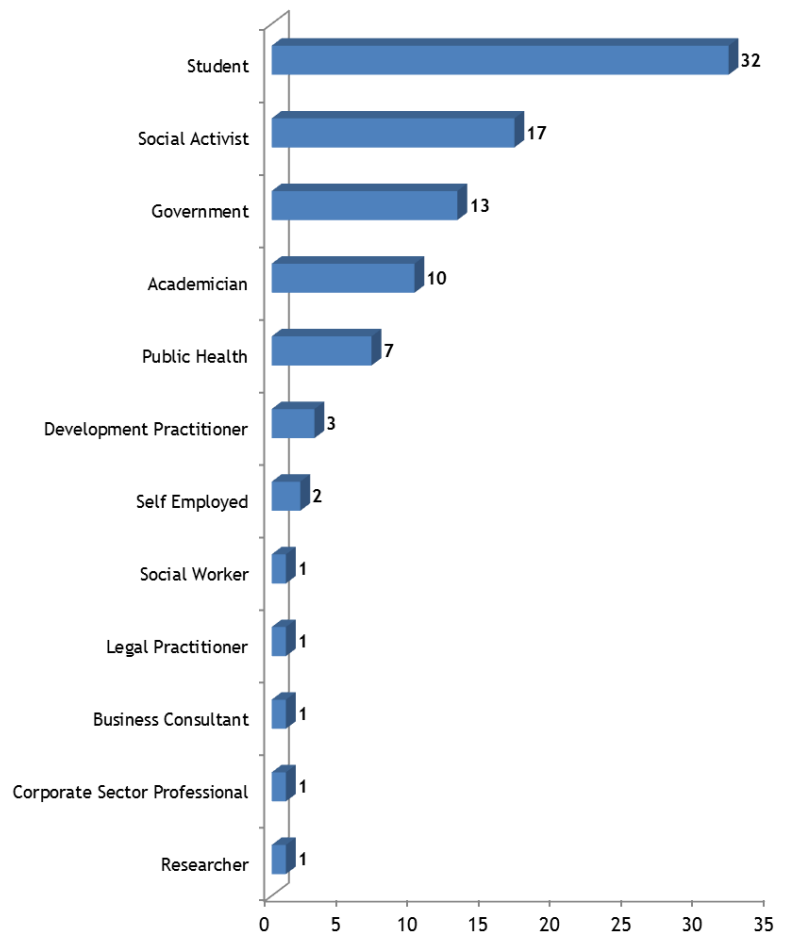
AGE-GROUP PARTICIPATION

Age-Group (in years)	Count
15 or younger	1
16 - 30	38
31 - 45	44
46 - 60	6
61 and above	0
Grand Total	89



PROFESSION/ OCCUPATION PARTICIPATION

Age-Group (in years)	Count
Academician	10
Business Consultant	1
Corporate Sector Professional	1
Corporate Social Responsibility	0
Development Practitioner	3
Government	13
Legal Practitioner	1
Public Health	7
Researcher	1
Self Employed	2
Social Activist	17
Social Worker	1
Student	32
Grand Total	89





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Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder APSWDP and Principal Convener of APSWDP UN75 Series expressed heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Aswani Kumar Nanda, Population Research Center (PRC), Center for Research in Rural & Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh for accepting the request to be the Chief Guest for VIII on UN75 2020 and Beyond Shaping Our Future Together, hosted by Association of Professional Social Worker and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), organised on 04th October, 2020.



Mr. Trivedi on behalf of APSWDP extended special thanks to the distinguished panelists - Dr. Devraj Tyagi and Dr. Manish Sharma for creating awareness through this dialogue, with some of the major takeaways for all the participants:

- Develop understanding on Role of Civil Society under the ambit of Sustainable Development Goals with special focus on SDG-16.
- Build confidence and capacity of professionals engage in development sector and to build understanding on peace and conflict resolution.
- Give exposure on various issues and solutions for building a peaceful and sustainable future.
- Sensitize and adopt the principles of Non-violence.
- Collaboration and partnership among stakeholders on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

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APSWDP was able to sail smoothly through this entire journey with a wonderful team who has worked day and night to complete the dialogue on time. Grand Applause for the entire Organising and Vibrant Team of APSWDP, comprising of Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Dr. Sumit Arora, Dr. Vishal Dhiman, Mr. Navneet Trivedi, Mr. Rajeev Kumar Choudhary, Ms. Ishita Wadhawan, Mr. Yogesh Sharma, Mr. Balbir Singh and Mr. Rajeev Kumar for their outstanding efforts, meticulous planning and judicious implementation of the program.

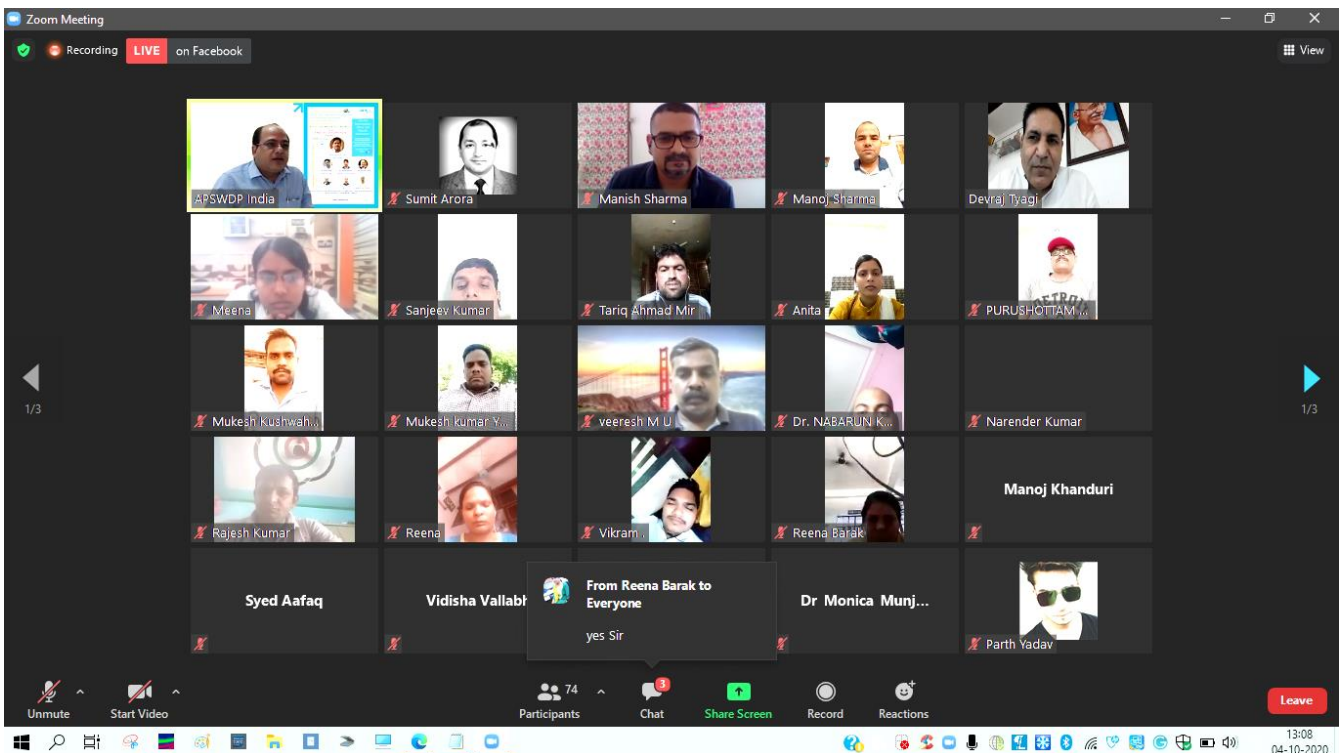
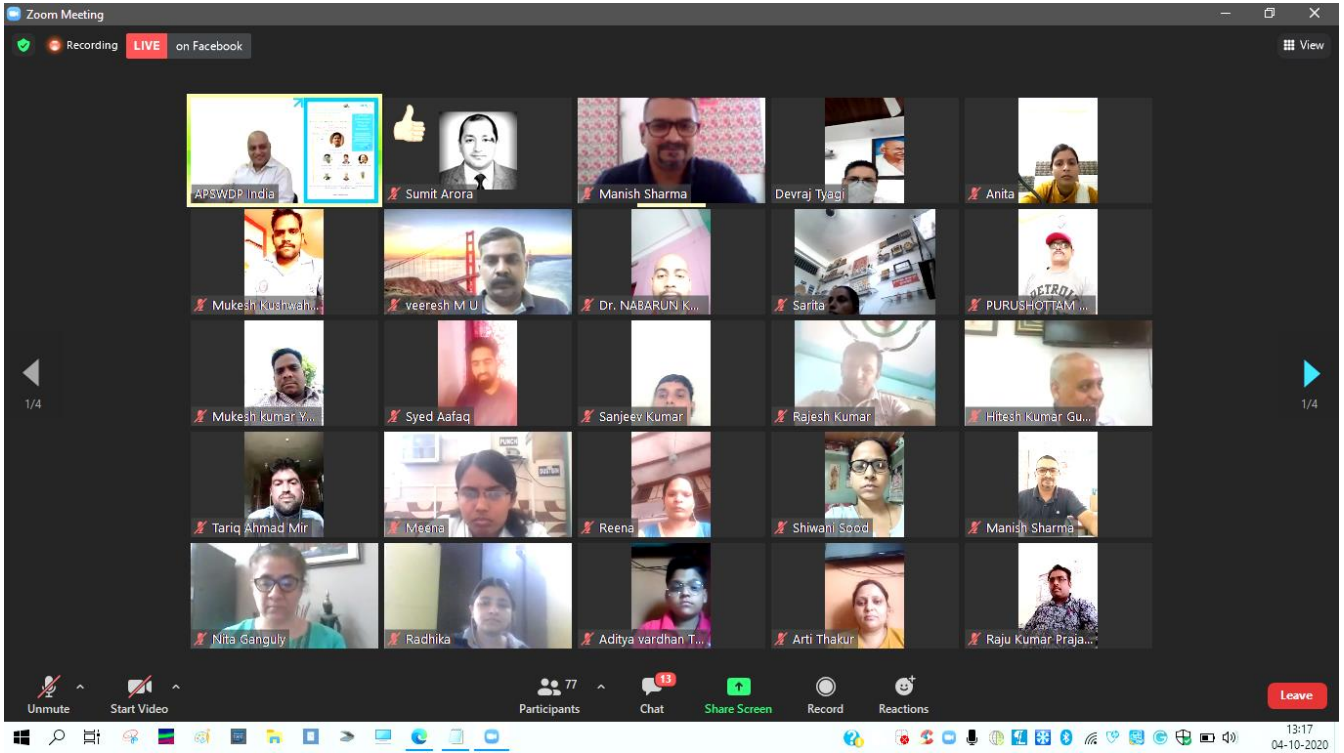
Through these past years, the members of the association have discovered and devoted themselves to their passion and grown immensely as a result. At the core, the team has grown under the mentorship of eminent members hailing from such a diverse background constituting the senior bureaucrats from Administrative services, senior eminent professors, medical scientists, social scientists, professional social workers, development practitioners, entrepreneurs, consultants from bilateral and multilateral agencies, activities and students.

At the end, Mr. Vivek Trivedi conveyed his special thanks to all the participants for showing their keen interest in the entire series of dialogues, without which none of us would have come this far.

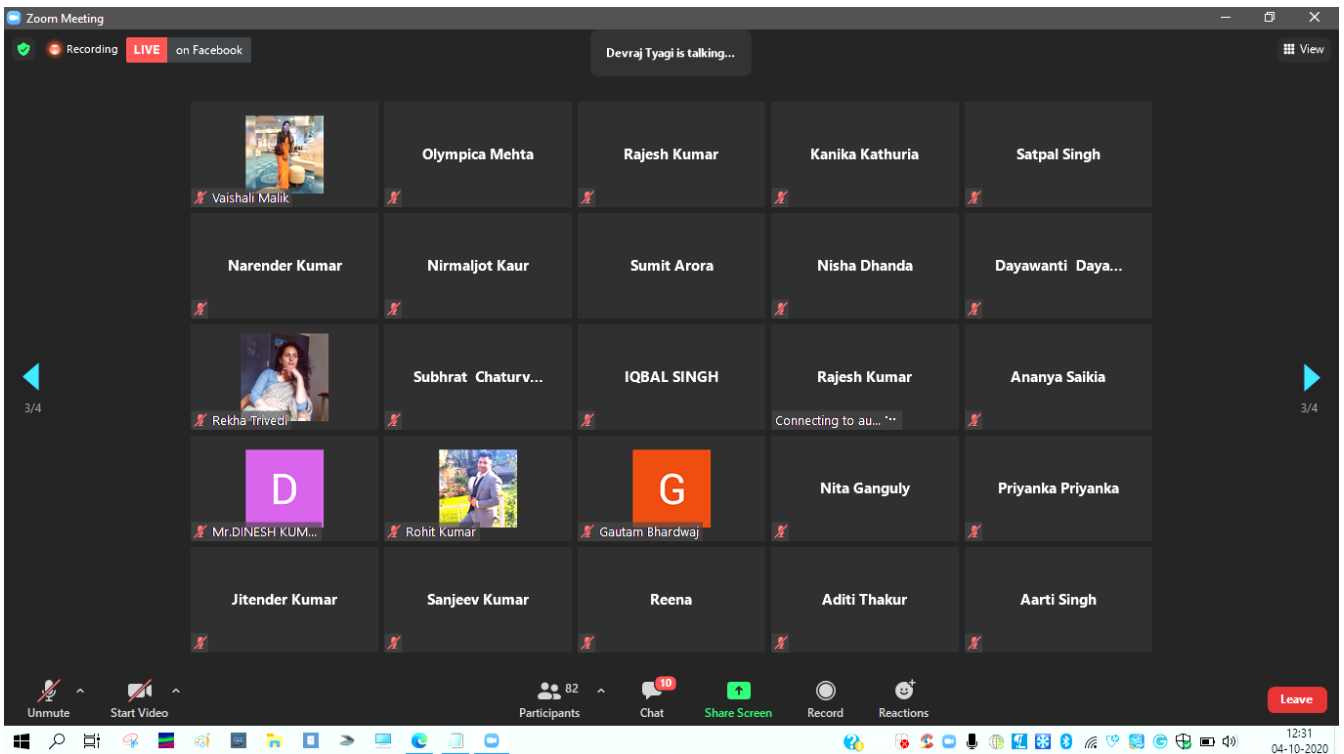
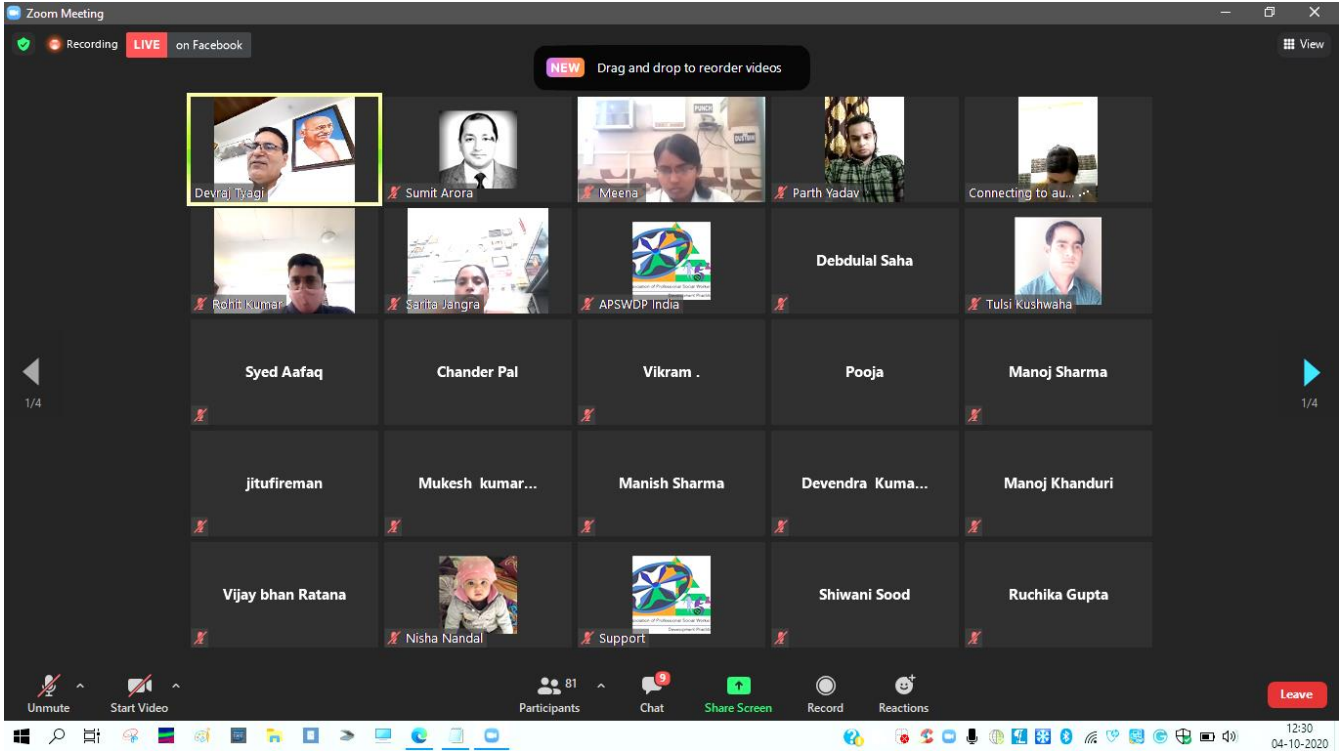


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ANNEXURE

**PROGRAM FLOW &
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PROGRAM FLOW



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12:00 pm to 01:00 pm (IST) || 04th October 2020

Time	Program Flow	Concerned Person
12:00 pm to 12:05 pm	Formal Welcome	Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati Director (Hon.) - Policy & Administration, APSWDP
12:05 pm to 12:10 pm	Introduction of Panelists in the Dialogue	Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati Director (Hon.) - Policy & Administration, APSWDP
12:10 pm to 12:20 pm	Resolving Conflict, Unrest and Violence in the Societies: A Gandhian Perspective	Dr. Devraj Tyagi Director, Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Chandigarh
12:20 pm to 12:30 pm	Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in achieving United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)	Dr. Manish Sharma Chairperson, Department of Gandhian Studies, Punjab University, Chandigarh
12:30 pm to 12:50 pm	Open House/ Question & Answers (along with Questions from Chat Room and e-Participation Process)	Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati Director (Hon.)- Policy & Administration, APSWDP
12:50 pm to 01:00 pm	Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks	Mr. Vivek Trivedi Principal Convener and Founder APSWDP

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TOTAL RESPONSES RECEIVED: 53

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

Rating received 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.	79.25%	15.09%	3.77%	1.89%	0.00%
2.Explained and illustrated the topic.	79.25%	15.09%	5.66%	0.00%	0.00%
3.Completed the dialogue/ panel discussion within the timeframe.	75.47%	18.87%	5.66%	0.00%	0.00%
4.The panelists answered questions completely.	81.14%	15.09%	3.77%	0.00%	0.00%
AVERAGE SCORE	78.78%	16.04%	4.72%	0.47%	0.00%

94.82% of the participants feel ***happy** with the Knowledge and Dialogue 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.	77.35%	18.87%	1.89%	1.89%	0.00%
6.The structure of the dialogue/ panel discussion.	81.14%	15.09%	3.77%	0.00%	0.00%
7.The pace of the dialogue/ panel discussion.	83.02%	11.32%	3.77%	1.89%	0.00%
8.The convenience of the dialogue/ panel discussion.	79.25%	15.09%	1.89%	3.77%	0.00%
AVERAGE SCORE	80.19%	15.09%	2.83%	1.89%	0.00%

95.28% 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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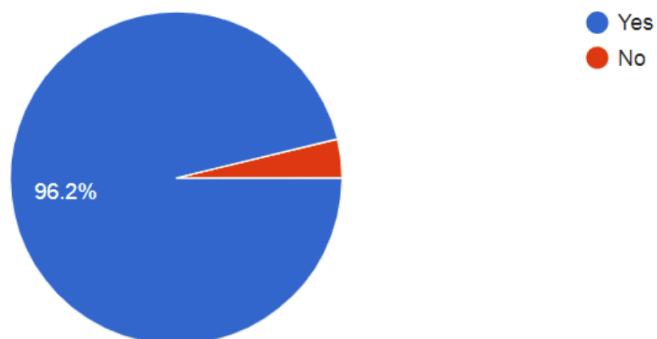
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OVERALL FEEDBACK

9. Was this dialogue/ panel discussion appropriate for your level of experience?	Yes 96.2%	No 3.8%
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53 responses



If you said "No" at S.No. 9, please explain

3 responses

Na

Yes

New era of conflict and violence includes many things,various aspects,but only gandhian philosophy was discussed that too short due to time constraints.

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OVERALL FEEDBACK

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

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

35 responses

All sessions were wonderful

All the presentations were very good

The discussion on informal economy and the participation of women by Dr. Debdulal Saha.

Excellent presentation

All the points are properly explained.

The vast knowledge about gandhiji and his ideologies by both Devraj sir and manish sir

Well carried out

All sessions was informative

It's good knowledge you have Mr. Manish ji

The addressing of questions

Migration topics

Arora Sir

Gandhi thought

Topics selected are Need of hour

Detailed information

All session very wonderful

All

Dear sir, SDG esp goal 3 is close to my heart being a doctor. Hence I enjoyed the webinar as a whole.

No

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Gandhian thought

All the information very beneficial for me and informative also thanks for the amazing dialogue.

Deep knowledge of panelists on the topic

Knowledge about Gandhian philosophy

About knowledge of Mahatma Gandhi Ji

experts in the panel

Nice Subject

Talk of Mr Manish Sharma

Thanks of this informative session

How beautifully structured and involved experts

Discussed about the topic in a very simple and innovative way

Clearly and way it explained

New insights shared out through the experiences and detailing

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OVERALL FEEDBACK

11. Any other Feedback

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22 responses

No

Great informative session sir 🙏

Great communication

All sessions were wonderful..

Thnku sir ji

Very informative session today

We must control our country population

Very informative Sessions

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Nice sessions

Please provide ppt

EXCELLENT

Kindly extend time limit for the speakers

Keep it up

Just in-depth knowledge needed

Extend the time limit for the session

Very good sessions

Nice work ji

Excellent and valuable

Please collate all the series session decks to be shared out

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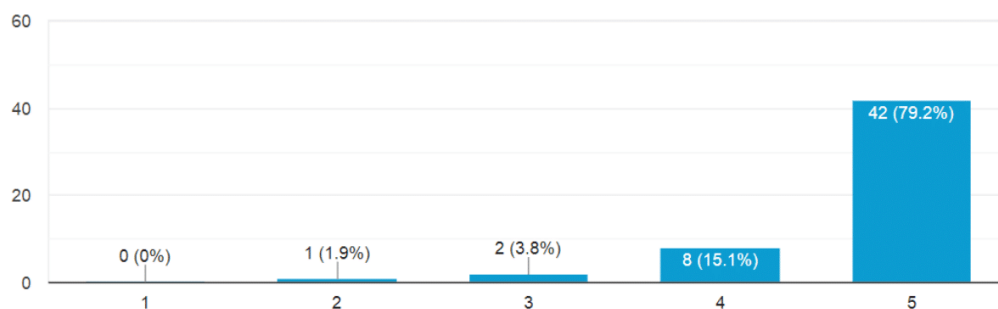
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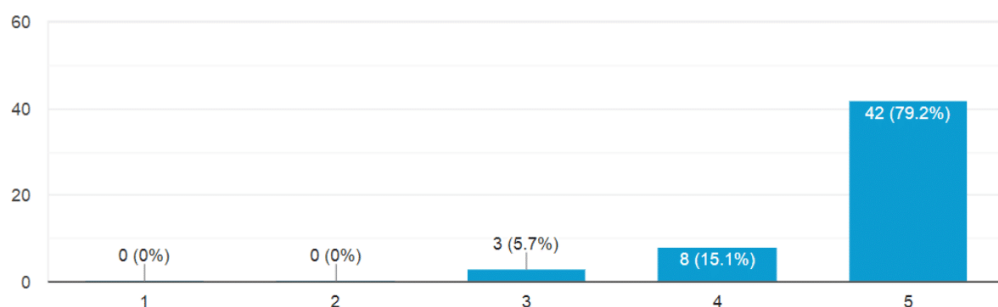
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2. Explained and illustrated the topic.

53 responses



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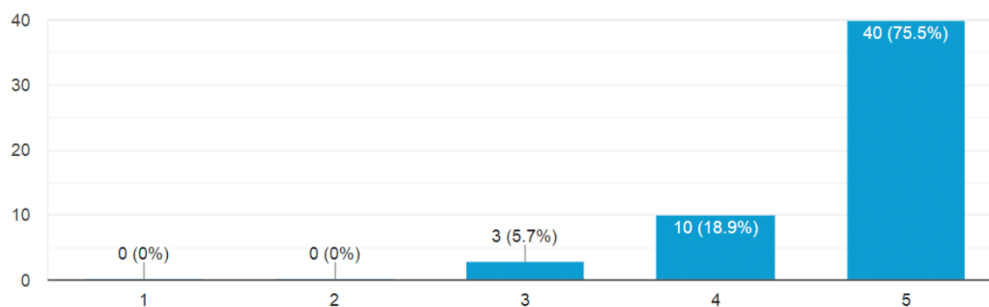
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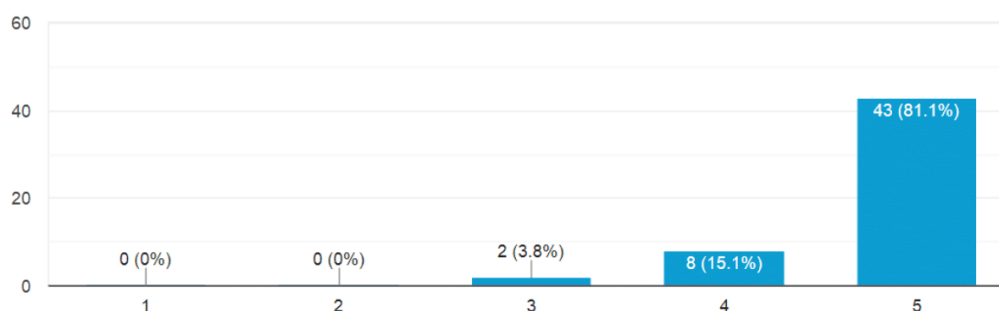
3. Completed the dialogue/ panel discussion within the timeframe.

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4. The panelists answered questions completely.

53 responses



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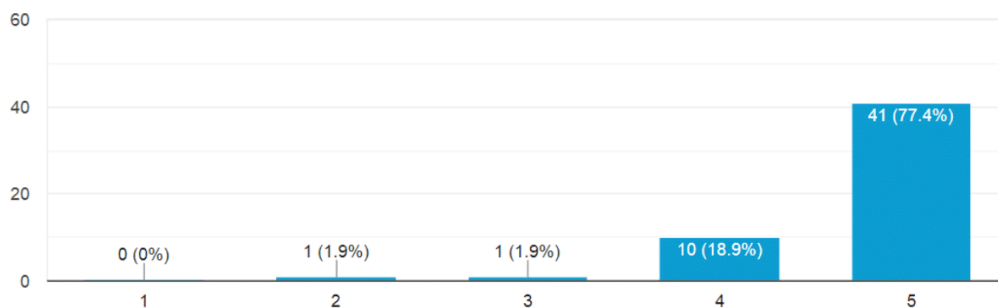
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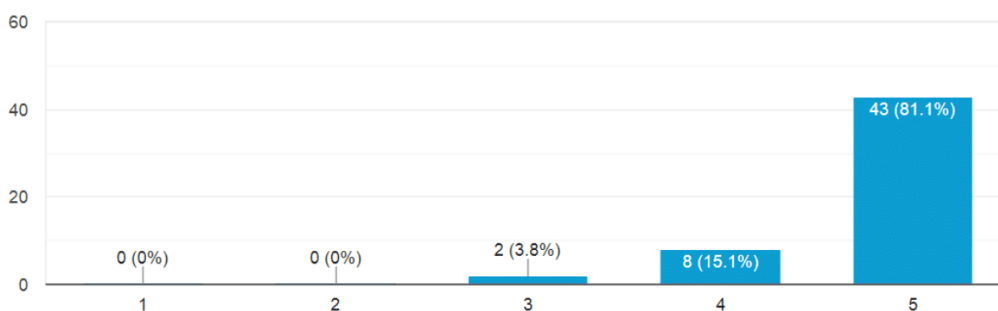
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6. The structure of the dialogue/ panel discussion.

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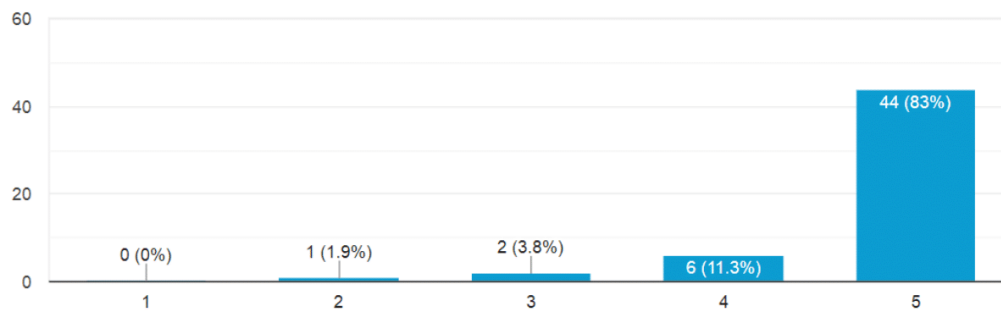
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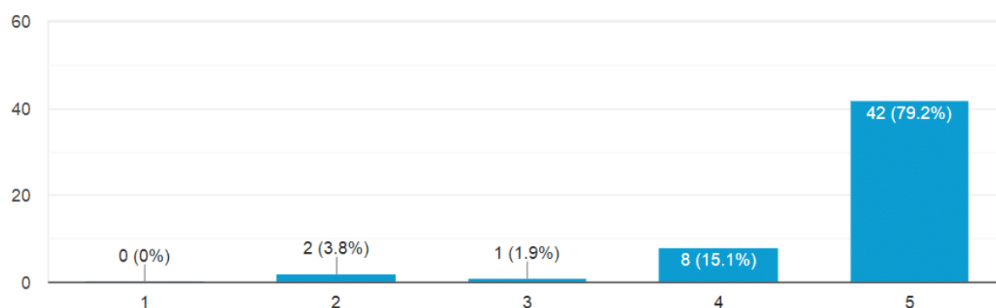
7. The pace of the dialogue/ panel discussion.

53 responses



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

53 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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