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## MESSAGE FROM EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**DR. SUMIT ARORA**

I am delighted to release the tenth issue of our monthly newsletter. It is anticipated that the information and contents given in this newsletter will provide a comprehensive understanding of the activities/ tasks undertaken by APSWDP during the month of January.

In this issue, we will have a chance to read about the APSWDP's Virtual Introductory and Induction Meeting for members of Executive Body; Glimpses of APSWDP milestones achieved (2014-2020), APSWDP's representation in Global events hosted by the UN agencies, and an article on "Role of Women in Community Development".

I take this opportunity to invite short write-ups from the esteemed members of APSWDP which shall be published in our forthcoming issues.

## APSWDP NEWSLETTER

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## APSWDP VIRTUAL INTRODUCTORY AND INDUCTION MEETING FOR MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BODY

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) organized a Virtual Introductory and Induction Meeting for members of the third newly nominated Governing and Executive Body constituted by the General Body on 26th January 2021.

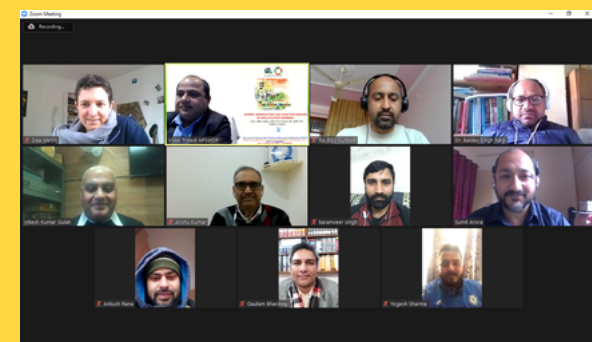
In the meeting, Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder-cum-Principal Advisor APSWDP welcomed and introduced Dr. Sumit Arora, President, and Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Hon. Director-General APSWDP to all the members present. Later, he handed steering of the Introductory and Induction Meeting to the President and Hon. Director-General.

Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati introduced all the nominated members of the Executive Body including Hon. Directors, APSWDP Special Representatives to UN Offices and Chief Coordinators (Zones) in addition to self-introduction round. Dr. Sumit Arora, President APSWDP explained the roles and responsibilities to newly inducted team members. He further explained in detail, how the members can plan, lead and contribute to developing their assigned verticals. He also felicitated a session for identifying key strengths and the expertise of team members in preparing three year Road Map of APSWDP.

The following members of the Executive Body have taken part and contributed to the preparation of the Draft Road Map:-

1	Dr. Anshu Kumar	Director (International Relations & Diplomacy)
2	Ms. Dea Andrea Wherli	APSWDP Representative to UN Geneva Office (UNOG)
3	Dr. Deepikaa Gupta	APSWDP Representative to UN New York Office (UNHQ)
4	Dr. Priyanka Khanna	Director (Policy & Programs)
5	Mr. Ravi Solanki	Director (MIS)
6	Mr. Rajeev Chaudhary	Director (Capacity Building & Training and Publications)
7	Mr. Yogesh Sharma	Director (Advocacy & Network Building)
8	Dr. Jagmohan Singh	Director (Projects)
9	Dr. Vishal Dhiman	Director (Research & Innovations)
10	Mr. Ankush Rana	Director (CSR)
11	Mr. Gautam Bhardwaj	Director (Legal Affairs)
12	Dr. Baldev Negi	Chief Coordinator (North Chapter)
13	Dr. Subhash Godhara	Chief Coordinator (East Chapter)
14	Dr. Priyadharsini	Chief Coordinator (South Chapter)
15	Ms. Kiran Jeet Sandhu	Chief Coordinator (West Chapter)

## Glimpses of Virtual Introductory and Induction Meeting



## GLIMPSES OF APSWDP MILESTONES ACHIEVED (2014-2020)

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
No. of Meetings	7	9	6	5	4	4	7

### YEARWISE APSWDP KEY MEETINGS ORGANIZED

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)	Programs/ Events Count aligned to SDG	<b>64</b> Programs
SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-being	2	
SDG 4 - Quality Education	5	
SDG 5 - Gender Equality	5	
SDG 10 - Reduced Inequality	9	
SDG 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities	5	
SDG 13 - Climate Action	25	
SDG 16 - Peace and Justice Strong Institutions	3	
SDG 17 - Partnerships to achieve the Goal	10	

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)	Programs/ Events Count aligned to SDG	<b>31</b> Programs
SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-being	3	
SDG 4 - Quality Education	1	
SDG 5 - Gender Equality	1	
SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation	2	
SDG 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth	3	
SDG 10 - Reduced Inequality	2	
SDG 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities	6	
SDG 13 - Climate Action	8	
SDG 16 - Peace and Justice Strong Institutions	3	
SDG 17 - Partnerships to achieve the Goal	2	

#### PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

#### PROGRAMMES PARTICIPATED

### SDG WISE APSWDP PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	<b>81</b> Members
New Members Inducted	8	2	3	1	2	35	30	

### YEAR WISE APSWDP MEMBERS INDUCTED

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	<b>14568</b> Sensitized
No. of Participants Sensitized	687	260	482	270	1237	11632	

### YEAR WISE PARTICIPANTS OUTREACHED IN TRAINING WORKSHOPS AND SOCIAL ACTION



**DR. BALDEV SINGH NEGI**  
ACADEMICIAN

*Know Your Member*



**MR. JITENDER LOHIA**  
ACADEMICIAN

Dr. Baldev Singh Negi is an academician by profession and possesses a PhD in Public Administration with 15 years of experience in Research and Training. His areas of expertise include Rural Development, PRIs, Good Governance, Institutional and Capacity Building. He has authored a number of research papers and books. He has also accomplished 06 research projects on diverse issues. Presently, he is Project Officer cum Faculty of Rural Development in Department of Interdisciplinary Studies-IIHS at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla.

Mr. Jitender Lohia is an academician by profession and possesses a Masters Degree in Social Work, Mass Communication and Degree in Law. His areas of expertise are in Community Development, Women Empowerment, NGO Management, Resource Mapping, Youth Development and Rural Development. Presently, he is Assistant Professor in Department of Social Work, Chaudhary Bansi Lal University (CBLU), Bhiwani, Haryana. He is also associated with IGNOU Regional Center in Haryana and looks after the MSW course through distance mode.

## Role of Women in Community Development

-Rekha Trivedi

Women have been regarded as fragile, insubstantial part of the society but they can play a pivotal role in community development. Women is the focal point of universe; it starts right from her role as a mother, spouse, sister and many more in diversified manner in the capacity of an individual, family, community and of course in nation building too.

In case of various government programmes and welfare schemes for urban poor, women have been proved as an agent of change and instrumental in taking schemes to masses by way of advocacy, awareness campaigns, network building etc.

In case of effective implementation of National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), a thought has been given on boosting local planning, decision making, and leadership development among community. A woman is considered to be patient, calm, receptive and stronger in conviction & in perseverance. That is why, under Social Mobilization and Institutional Development component of NULM, Area Level Federation (ALF) are provisioned in under-developed areas of cities viz. slums and rehabilitation colonies. The ALFs are comprised of women and men; and these women are strength and pillars to penetrate into the community in implementing welfare schemes.

Diverse role has been specified for the women ALF ranging from community mobilization, organizing community meetings & loan camps, thrift and credit, facilitating community in empowerment, assessing needs of urban poor, promoting volunteerism, liaising with inter-sectorial development agencies etc.

Developing Leadership among them has become the sole axiom of NULM. Efforts have been put in practice by ULBs for building capacity of women members of ALF. The primary focus is on Training of Trainers (TOTs) and Network Building so that trained women can further disseminate information into their community by reaching the unreached so as to strengthen community.

No doubt in mentioning that the capacity of ALF women members has been build up since inception of NULM. It could be easily gauged by observing their involvement in the community development processes, leadership, social auditing and in mentor role too in case of Chandigarh, Shimla and other southern cities.

In due course of time, ALF model under SMID component of NULM has established and also nurtured community based organizations and structures; that actually facilitates sustained efforts in alleviating urban poverty by way of bottom-up approach.

## PARTICIPATION



Dr. Sumit Arora President, Mr. Vivek Trivedi Principal Adviser and Mr. Rajeev Choudhary Hon.. Director Capacity Building Training and Publications APSWDP represented in The Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS) 2021 from 25-26 January, 2021.



CAS 21 saw the launch of a comprehensive Adaptation Action Agenda, setting out clear commitments to deliver concrete new endeavours and partnerships to make our world more resilient to the effects of climate change.



"A Virtual Dialogue in Support of amendments in COTPA Act 2003: Need of the hour" organized by Resource Center for Tobacco Control, PGIMER Chandigarh, Strategic Institute of Public Health Education and Research, Chandigarh (SIPHER), Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in collaboration with The Union, scheduled to be held on 29th January, 2021



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