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MESSAGE

I feel great pleasure to present the comprehensive report of COVID-19 Social Solidarity Relief Campaign including the process, implementation, case studies, best practices, ethics, and values.

The team led under the mentorship of Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder, Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) gave the entire team a pathway to volunteer during the COVID-19 crisis in Chandigarh.

In fact, I cannot forget the contribution made by various members, stakeholders, volunteers, non-governmental organizations, corporate social responsibility (CSR), etc. in supporting Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in handling Humanitarian Social Solidarity Relief Campaign in Chandigarh.

Also, my sincere regards are due to Municipal Corporation Chandigarh in showing confidence in APSWDP during the time of COVID-19 crisis and supporting all the volunteers to provide all kinds of essential items at the doorstep of those in need.

I am deeply indebted and thankful to the entire team who has persistently worked hard in making this report a landmark achievement.

Dr. Sumit Arora

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SECRETARY GENERAL

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MESSAGE

It is my privilege to put on record about the Solidarity Response Relief Campaign initiated by Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) for dealing with COVID-19 pandemic crisis in Chandigarh in a very dedicated manner.

During the course of action, the project was much supported by various stakeholders and non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, resident welfare associations, CSR, etc. which made this campaign a big success. Our volunteer left no stone unturned in taking all the responsibilities to reach out to those in need.

I am glad that a well-structured report has been compiled depicting the entire process involved in combating COVID-19 situation which will not only highlight the work done by APSWDP but also the values, ethics and key limitations that were strictly followed during the field work.

Once again, I extend my deep appreciation and best wishes to APSWDP.

Ms. Rekha Trivedi

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MESSAGE

I feel great pleasure in recording my deep appreciation to the entire team of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) for taking the responsibility in combating COVID-19 pandemic.

I must put to words the efforts made by the volunteers with dedication and devotion and performed their duties assigned by APSWDP. Their passion towards social action in the field during the times of COVID-19 crisis has supported the humanitarian in full swing.

The documentation of all the operations undertaken during COVID-19 crisis has been compiled in a very structured manner and for which I congratulate the entire team of APSWDP lead under the guidance of Mr. Vivek Trivedi.

Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati



“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.”

— Muhammad Ali

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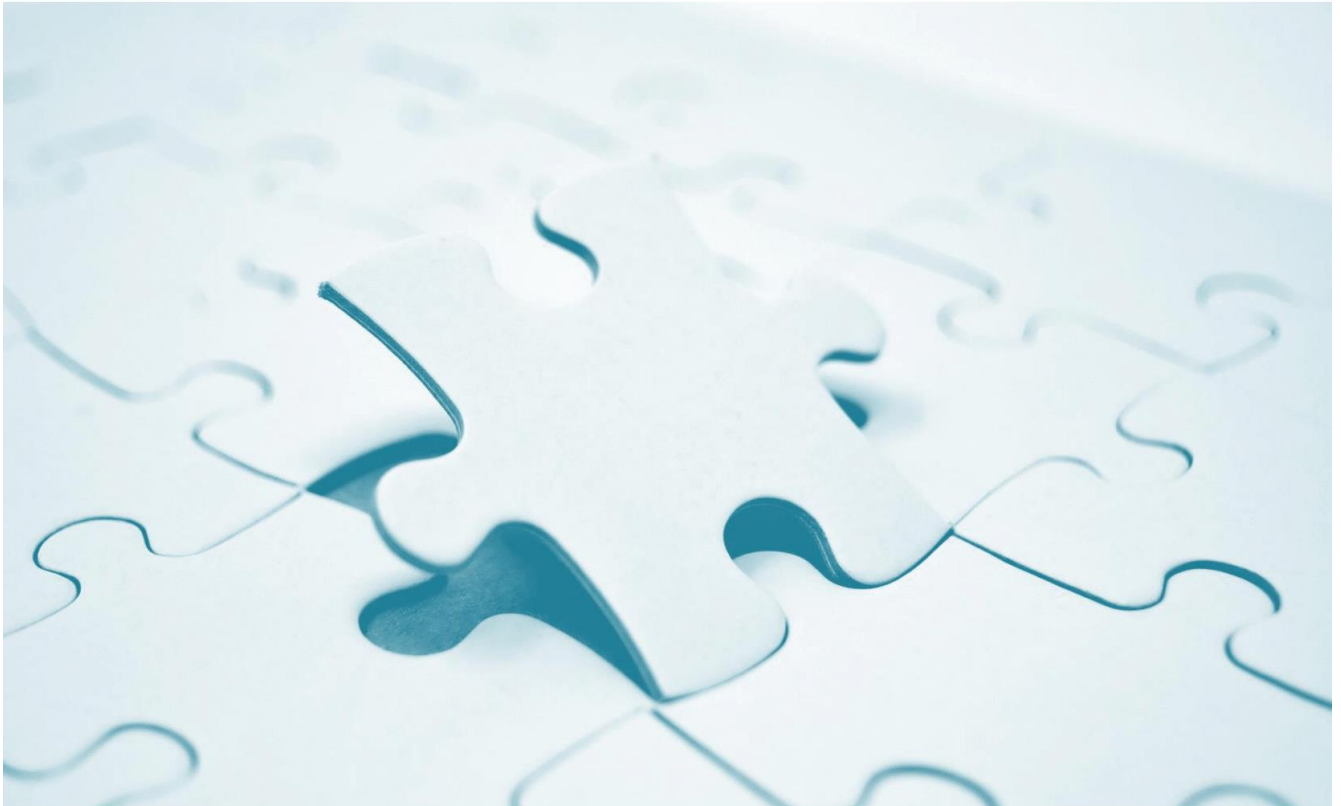
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Background

of Association of Professional Social Workers &
Development Practitioners (APSWDP)

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BACKGROUND

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is a registered not for profit organization of professional social workers and development practitioners working in various social welfare domain across the country. Social issues like poverty, livelihood, health, education, water & sanitation, unemployment, disease control programs, urbanisation, youth issues of de-addiction and others have covered the whole gamut government, development agencies and academic institutions. Since, the influx of specialization and expertise has increased over the current decade in the country among implementation agencies, and then requirement of trained social work professionals and practitioners is indeed a factual requirement.

The association focuses on creating a country wide and global network of dedicated social work professionals and development practitioners from remote geographical rural areas, to discuss, debate and develop key framework on evidence & practice based interventions, methods. Focus will be to enable social workers and development practitioners all around the globe to share their ideas and working on various development issues. APSWDP will also offer a platform to youth leaders, scholars/researchers with striving passion to participate in bringing reformation through correctional measures in existing policies.

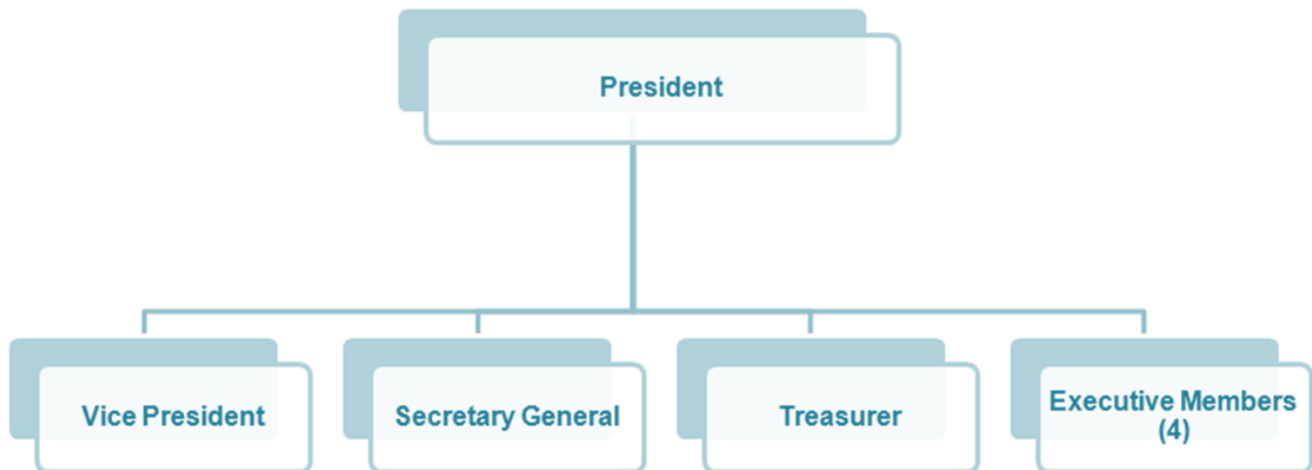
GENESIS

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) was founded initially by a group of professional social workers working in development sectors led by Mr. Vivek Trivedi, development practitioner and a global youth leader. It primarily started with a popular online social forum 'Alliance of Social Work & Development Practitioners' on the occasion of 65th Republic Day 2014 i.e. 26th January, 2014. The forum productively stretched to BSW and MSW learners of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) with support from Regional Centre Chandigarh. An orientation program-cum-workshop was organized jointly by the Forum of Professional Social Workers coinciding World Social Work Day and Month for the first time at Chandigarh involving research scholars, learners, civil society and line departments on 29th March, 2014. It was felt during the workshop at regional centre that the forum must be taken on a next higher level by attaining a legal status.

On 1st December, 2014, the World AIDS Day, the online forum received its legal status as an association under the Society Registration Act 1860 as 'Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)'. The current President, Vice-President, Secretary General and Treasurer of the association are Dr. Monica Singh, Dr. J. K. Yadav, Mrs. Rekha Trivedi and Dr. Sumit Arora respectively.



FUNCTIONAL FRAMEWORK



OUR PHILOSOPHY

VISION

To be a state of art inclusive network of professional social workers and development practitioners, APSWDP will showcase a noteworthy role in promotion of social work education, and evolving practice based methods, approaches, skills and ethics through social innovation, proven models and vibrant social leadership.

MISSION

To achieve the vision of APSWDP, our mission is to work in proximity with togetherness, unlocking the inherent potential and building a sustainable network of professional social work and development practitioners by way of promoting social work profession to rural and urban-underprivileged youth, mid-aged to undertake the flagship of development, understand the global trend, be a partner and agent of social change at local stratum.

VALUES

- Understanding differing ethnic and cultural patterns, as well as the capacity to engage in ethnic-gender and age-sensitive practice.
- Respecting and Welcoming.
- Committed to disperse social work and developmental leadership at bottom of the pyramid.

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OUR AIMS

The broader aims of the association shall be:

1. To promote social work as a profession through national, regional and International cooperation and Network.
2. To strengthen professional values, ethics, standards and professional relationship with the employing organizations.
3. To support social organizations, community based organizations for the promotion of professionally educated and trained social workers participation in planning, formulation of policies, social work trainings, monitoring & evaluation
4. To strengthen the values of great Indian reformers into social work education and profession.
5. To bridge between the Professional Social Work organizations and Development agencies also including the faith based & Cultural organizations.

KEY OBJECTIVES

In order to achieve the Aims the Association shall:

1. Work for developing cooperation between Professional Social workers in the Country.
2. Organizing workshops, conferences, social work forums, exposure visits, researches, field projects for the promotion and expansion of Professional Social Work.
3. Work for building relationships between local Social Work organizations & their members to International organizations and bodies.
4. Engaging with political leaders, researchers, corporate icons, technologists in the country with the view to fostering cooperation among Professional Social Worker & international issues, including UN organizations.
5. Focus on strengthening relationship with professional Social Work organizations with SAARC countries with the view to provide impetus on regional development.
6. Establish working relationship between social work scholars, statesman administrators and corporate leaders in the country.
7. Undertake focused area based studies targeting international social issues with respect to Indian context.
8. Work for innovative development models through Public Private Partnership in Social Work profession.
9. Develop a think tank of Social work professionals so that this can provide solutions & action plan to complex social issues of national importance to national, state and local government.
10. Examine social work curriculum taught by the universities from the prospective of professional career with a view to improving credibility of Social Work Profession.
11. Develop statistical tool and evidence based indicators pertaining to human development.



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The Association shall strive to achieve its aims and objectives by undertaking the following activities:

1. Conduct of Training Courses with an inter-stakeholder approach where Social Work professional, policy makers, Civil Society representatives are invited for cross fertilization of ideas.
2. Development of Case Studies and documentation of best practices from Social Workers working in various organizations.
3. Conduct of Research Studies with emphasis on primary research through sample surveys, use of SPSS and other sophisticated statistical software and qualitative methods of research including Focus Group Interviews and Participant Observation.
4. Organization of Seminars, Workshops and Symposia for in-depth discussion on focused subjects: more and more about less and less!
5. Publication of a periodical Technical Journal/ News bulletin on Social Work and Development sector addressing frontier research and critical analytical techniques on the one hand and best practices in difficult existential situations on the other hand.
6. Special emphasis on Trainee Assignments in the form of Syndicate Reports, Individual Assignments and other instrumentalities with a view to challenging the Trainees capacity to think and imbibe critical knowledge and skills.
7. Converting Research Studies into priced publications, monographs and reports with a view to sharing of project experiences and research outcomes.
8. Participation in citizens advocacy campaigns with a view to bringing about actual improvements on the ground.
9. Starting of Research Portals for sharing research outcomes with other researchers and program implementing teams.
10. Any other work deemed fit by the Governing Body in Social Welfare domain w.r.t any developmental project, international humanitarian context, international tie-ups with educational institutions, international trusts, organizations including intergovernmental and others.
11. Initiate, hold, direct, manage, take part in and contribute to conferences, congress, meetings, lectures and demonstrations on any aspect of Social Work Profession and social welfare for the purpose of advancing any of the objectives of the association.
12. Hold an Annual Convention and periodic meetings or conferences, CME of members of the association and of the social work and social development profession in general.
13. The association can join/partner any global forum and federation or allied Federations.
14. The association can establish its own academy, university, institute in future.

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APSWDP JOURNEY SO FAR (2014 - 2020)

The Milestones and Key Outcomes in the journey of the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) were:

Period	Year	Milestones and Key Outcomes
2014 - 2020	2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of online FB forum of Alliance of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners by Mr. Vivek Trivedi on celebration of World Social Work Day 2014 at IGNOU Regional Centre. • Evolution of a Team of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners for developing a formal organization in the form of an Association. • Organizational Leadership Development & Mentorship at UNESCO ESD World Conference 2014 at Okayama & Nagoya in Japan by Global Expert & UN Functionaries. • Registration under Section XXI of the Society Registration Act, 1860. • Registration under NITI Aayog.
	2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of APSWDP at Raj Bhawan Haryana by Hon. Governor. • Celebration of World Social Work Day 2015. • Launch of APSWDP Web-portal. • Registration with European Commission under Research and Innovation • Signing MOU with the Climate Reality Project-India. • Registration under Section 12 A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 • Representation in ICLEI World Conference 2015 at Seoul, South Korea. • Representation in Training Workshop of UNITAR/CIFAL at Jeju, South Korea. • Representation in Global Climate Training Program by TCP India. • Creating awareness about SDG's, especially SDG 13 and SDG 17 in 2015.
	2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration of World Social Work Day 2016. • Registration under Section 80 G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. • Representation in UNISDR Conference at UN HQ Geneva, Switzerland. • Creating awareness about SDG's, especially SDG 5 and SDG 13 in 2016.
	2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration of World Social Work Day 2017. • Launch of Capacity Building Programs and Extensive Workshop in partnership with government and non-government institutions. • Online G-UPI QR linked Membership Application. • Creating awareness about SDG's, especially SDG 10 and SDG 13 in 2017.
	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation in Global Social Economy Forum 2018 at Bilbao, Spain. • Celebration of World Social Work Day 2018. • MOU Signing with Grass Root Organizations. • Representation in Training Workshop of UNITAR/CIFAL at Jeju, South Korea. • MOU Signing with Karsog Student Welfare Association, READS, U.P., Madhav Sewa Society, Jalandhar, SPREAD, SWARMANI, Yuva Bharat Skill Development and Educational Trust, Open Eyes Foundation and Blue Line Society. • Creating awareness about SDG's, especially SDG 10 in 2018.

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APSWDP JOURNEY SO FAR (2014 - 2020)

Period	Year	Milestones and Key Outcomes
2014 - 2020	2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration of World Social Work Day 2019. • Conferred Special Consultative Status under Economic and Social Council of United Nations. • Affiliation under Department of Global Communication (DGC) of United Nations. • Introduction of Emeritus Members. • Representation in Asia-Pacific Climate Meet-2019 at UNESCAP, Thailand. • Representation in Training Workshop of UNITAR/CIFAL at Jeju, South Korea. • MOU Signing with Punjab Energy Development Agency, MDRL, Chandigarh. • Creating awareness about SDG's, especially SDG 13 and SDG 17 in 2019.
	2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration of World Social Work Day 2020. • Launch of Social Solidarity Relief Campaign. • Launch of Global Conversation- Virtual Dialogue under UN75 celebration. • Interactive and Dynamic Web-portal. • Representation in Global Climate Training Program by The Climate Reality Project. • Nomination of Executive Board with Directors. • MOU Signing with Indomitable Wisdom LLP., the Grass Root Institute, Canada. • Global Outreach. • Creating awareness about SDG's, especially SDG 11 and SDG 17 in 2020.

GLOBAL ACCREDITATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

The Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) have been accredited with following credible inter-governmental institutions of national and global importance:





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The Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) has been accredited with following credible inter-governmental institutions of national and global importance:

1. United Nations Special Consultative Status under Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 2019

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) was established by the United Nations Charter as the principal organ, under the authority of the General Assembly, to promote:

- a. higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development;
- b. solutions of international economic, social, health, and related problems; and international cultural and educational cooperation; and
- c. universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.

Under the Charter, the Economic and Social Council may consult with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) concerned with matters within the Councils competence. The Council recognized that these organizations should have the opportunity to express their views, and that they possess special experience or technical knowledge of value to the Councils work. Under ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, NGOs that wish to consult with ECOSOC on certain matters may seek and be granted consultative status to facilitate this work.

Consultative Status

The basis for the consultative relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations was set forth in the mid-nineties following an extensive intergovernmental review that culminated in ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31. This relationship is the principal means through which ECOSOC receives input from NGOs into its deliberations at public meetings and in its subsidiary bodies as well as in UN international conferences and their preparatory bodies. Each year the approximately 3500 NGOs now holding consultative status receive the provisional agenda of ECOSOC. They have certain privileges to place items on the agenda of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies; they may attend meetings, where they may submit written statements and make oral presentations to governments.

The UN Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations is a standing committee of the ECOSOC. Its mandate is set out in ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31.



GLOBAL ACCREDITATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

The main tasks of the committee are:

- a. the consideration of applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification submitted by NGOs;
- b. the consideration of quadrennial reports submitted by NGOs in General and Special categories;
- c. the implementation of the provisions of Council Resolution 1996/31 and the monitoring of the consultative relationship;
- d. any other issues which the ECOSOC may request the Committee to consider.

2. Affiliated with Department of Global Communications (DGC) of United Nations since 2019

The Department of Global Communications, previously known as the Department of Public Information (DPI), was established in 1946, by General Assembly resolution 13 (I), to promote global awareness and understanding of the work of the United Nations.



Proceedings of NGO Committee of United Nations, ECOSOC -
APSWDP Application Review and Approval for Special Consultative Status



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3. Registered with European Commission (E.U.) as Expert under Research and Innovation Programs since 2017

The European Commission is the EU's executive arm. It takes decisions on the Union's political and strategic direction. Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is registered as an expert under research and innovation programs.

4. Affiliation under National Institution of Transforming India (Niti Ayog- former Planning Commission of India) since 2015

The National Institution for Transforming India, also called NITI Aayog, was formed via a resolution of the Union Cabinet on January 1, 2015. NITI Aayog is the premier policy Think Tank of the Government of India, providing both directional and policy inputs. While designing strategic and long term policies and programs for the Government of India, NITI Aayog also provides relevant technical advice to the Centre and States. The Government of India, in keeping with its reform agenda, constituted the NITI Aayog to replace the Planning Commission instituted in 1950. This was done in order to better serve the needs and aspirations of the people of India. An important evolutionary change from the past, NITI Aayog acts as the quintessential platform of the Government of India to bring States to act together in national interest, and thereby fosters Cooperative Federalism.

At the core of NITI Aayog creation are two hubs - Team India Hub and the Knowledge and Innovation Hub. The Team India Hub leads the engagement of states with the Central government, while the Knowledge and Innovation Hub builds NITIs think-tank capabilities. These hubs reflect the two key tasks of the Aayog. NITI Aayog is also developing itself as a State of the Art Resource Centre, with the necessary resources, knowledge and skills, that will enable it to act with speed, promote research and innovation, provide strategic policy vision for the government, and deal with contingent issues.

5. Affiliate Member under International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW)

The International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) is the worldwide organization of schools of social work and educators. It has represented the interests of social work education and the values of the profession globally for nearly 90 years. IASSW was initiated at the first International Conference of Social Work, held in Paris in 1928. This landmark gathering, attended by over 2400 delegates from 42 countries, also resulted in the establishment of two partner organizations, the International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) and the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW).

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PRESENT GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body of APSWDP comprised of Dr. Monica Munjial Singh, President; Dr. Joginder Kumar Yadav, Vice President; Ms. Rekha Trivedi, Secretary General and Dr. Sumit Arora, Treasurer were the key persons behind massive planning and robust mechanism for implementation plan in respect of COVID-19 Solidarity Response Relief Campaign.



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Scenario -

An Overview of Chandigarh



OVERVIEW

2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

On 30 January 2020, Director-General WHO declared that the outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) as per the advice of International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee.

As on 31st January 2020, a total of 9720 confirmed cases and 213 deaths have been reported in China. The epicenter of the outbreak was initially in Wuhan City, Hubei province but has rapidly extended to all other provinces of China.



Outside of China, 19 countries have reported a total of 106 confirmed cases, most with travel history from China. These countries are Australia (9), Cambodia (1), Canada (3), Finland(1), France (6), Germany (5), India (1), Italy (2), Japan (14), Malaysia (8), Nepal (1), Philippines (1), Singapore(13), South Korea (11), Sri Lanka (1), Thailand (14), UAE (4), USA(6), & Vietnam (5)

2019 Novel Coronavirus also called Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. Most people who fall sick with COVID-19 will experience mild to moderate symptoms and recover without special treatment. The virus that causes COVID-19 is mainly transmitted through droplets generated when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or exhales. These droplets are too heavy to hang in the air, and quickly fall on floors or surfaces. You can be infected by breathing in the virus if you are within close proximity of someone who has COVID-19, or by touching a contaminated surface and then your eyes, nose or mouth.

SYMPTOMS

COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Most infected people will develop mild to moderate symptoms.

Common symptoms: Fever, Tiredness & Dry cough.

Some people may experience: Aches & pains, Nasal congestion Runny nose, Sore throat, Diarrhoea.

On average it takes 5-6 days from when someone is infected with the virus for symptoms to show, however it can take up to 14 days. People with mild symptoms who are otherwise healthy should self-isolate. Seek medical attention if you have fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Call ahead.

Source/ Reference:

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OVERVIEW

2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

PREVENTION

Protect yourself and others around you by knowing the facts and taking appropriate precautions. Follow advice provided by your local public health agency.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Clean your hands often. Use soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Maintain a safe distance from anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cover your nose & mouth with bent elbow/ tissue when you cough/ sneeze.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- If you have fever, cough, or difficulty in breathing, seeks medical attention.
- Follow the directions of your local health authority.

Avoiding unneeded visits to medical facilities allows healthcare systems to operate more effectively, therefore protecting you and others.

TREATMENTS

To date, there are no specific vaccines/ medicines for COVID-19. Treatments are under investigation, & will be tested through clinical trials.

Self-Care

If you feel sick you should rest, drink plenty of fluid, and eat nutritious food. Stay in a separate room from other family members, and use a dedicated bathroom if possible. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. Everyone should keep a healthy lifestyle at home. Maintain a healthy diet, sleep, stay active, & make social contact with loved ones through the phone or internet. Children need extra love and attention from adults during difficult times. Keep to regular routines & schedules as much as possible. It is normal to feel sad, stressed, or confused during a crisis. Talking to people you trust, such as friends and family, can help. If you feel overwhelmed, talk to a health worker or counselor.

Medical Treatments

If you have mild symptoms, self-isolate and contact your medical provider or a COVID-19 information line for advice. Seek medical care if you have fever, cough, & difficulty breathing. Call in advance.

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COVID-19 GLOBAL SCENARIO

The COVID-19, which first emerged in the Wuhan city of China, has infected more than 1 Million people globally with over Fifty Thousand deaths. The disease has impacted 180 countries. Currently, the US has the most number of confirmed cases in any country. And Europe is the worst affected region with Italy and Spain being the most impacted. Also due to the differences in testing, there is a high probability of countries understating the number of cases.

On 11th March, the World Health Organization declared this outbreak a Pandemic. The number of people with Corona Virus is increasing at an alarming rate day by day despite several attempts by the governments across the globe to contain the virus. India and Saudi Arabia have taken strict measures of lockdown across the countries as results millions of people are living under restrictions and the majority of the business operations have been suspended.

Our **environment** is also changing due to this outbreak. The lockdown has made people avoid unnecessary travel. Most of the industries are also not operating at this time. The reduction in industrial & transportation activities has led to a huge decline in Pollution levels across most of the impacted areas. Air quality has also shown substantial improvements during this course of time. The European Society of Cardiology has called air pollution itself a Pandemic. In China, the lives saved due to pollution reductions are roughly 20x the number of lives that have been directly lost to the virus although these are not sustainable ways of Environment Protection, this is surely helping us be a bit optimistic during hard times.

With the **economic impact** of COVID-19, the dependence of the global supply Chain on China (world's largest exporter of Goods) has brought the world economy to a standstill. The Dow and the FTSE saw their biggest one-day declines since 1987. The number of People filing for Unemployment in the US has hit a record high of all time. This outbreak has sparked widespread fear of Global Recession. The growth rate of the Global Economy has dropped to 2.4% from 2.9%. According to the UN Conference on Trade and Development, this outbreak might cost the global economy \$1-2 trillion in 2020.

Tourism is coming into a good crisis thanks to the worldwide panic of the Corona Virus. The impact of the COVID-19 on world tourism business is unquestionable, and therefore the authorities' forecasts are supported by previous experiences with similar crises reminiscent of that of SARS or H1N1. The International air transportation Association (IATA) estimates that international air transport revenues will be reduced by 5% this year, which suggests 29.3 billion bucks less whereas international organization has down international demand of oil to 19% which is equivalent to 100.73 million barrels per day.

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<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/03/world-travel-coronavirus-covid19-jobs-pandemic-tourism-aviation/>



COVID-19 GLOBAL SCENARIO

The 2019-20 coronavirus pandemic has caused the foremost important disruption to the worldwide **sporting calendar** since World War II. Across the globe and to variable degrees, sports events are off or delayed. The cancellation or delaying of the events has led to a huge loss to the sports industry. Summer Olympics of 2020 has been shifted now to July 2021. All the previous bookings stand cancelled which had led to huge loss to Tokyo Olympics association. Also, the hard work and dedication which was put forward by athletes all over the world in order to prepare for these games also goes in vain.

The pandemic has impacted **faith** in varied ways that, together with the cancellation of the worship services of varied faiths, the closure of Sunday faculties, still because the cancellation of pilgrimages close observances and festivals. Several churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples have offered worship through live stream amidst the pandemic.

There is no denying the fact that the pandemic has a severe impact on the **cinema industry**. Across the globe and to variable degrees, cinemas are closed, festivals are off or delayed, and film releases are moved to future dates. As cinemas closed, the worldwide box workplace born by billions of bucks, whereas streaming became a lot of fashionable and therefore the stock of Netflix rose; the stock of film exhibitors born dramatically.

The 2019-20 coronavirus pandemic has compact the eating house business i.e. **hotels and restaurants**. With the starting of March 2020, some major cities within the North American nation declared that bars and restaurants would be closed to work stoppage diners and restricted to takeout orders and delivery. Some workers were unemployed, and a lot of workers lacked leave within the sector compared to similar sectors.

The pandemic has impacted the productivity of **science, space and technology** projects with the world's leading space agencies - including NASA and the European Space Agency having to halt production of the Space Launch System, James Webb Space Telescope, and put space science probes into hibernation or low power mode. Most of the agencies' field centres including NASA and the European Space Agency have directed most personnel to telework.

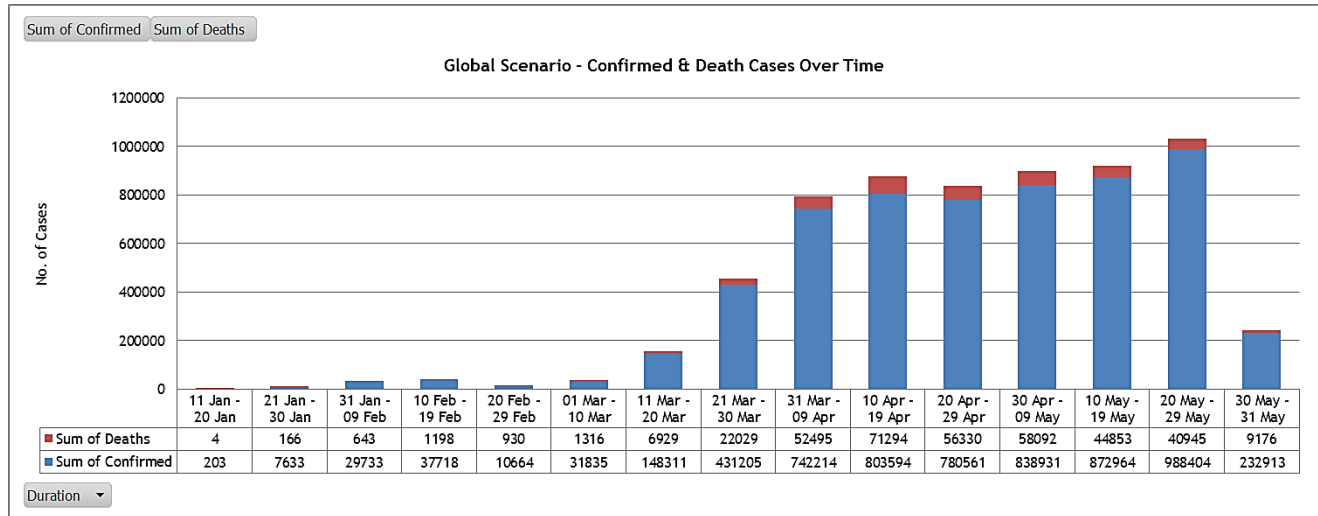
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COVID-19 GLOBAL SCENARIO

Glimpse of Global Scenario - Confirmed and Death Cases, from 11th January 2020 to 31st May 2020.



Confirmed Cases Over Time

5956883

Date Source: <https://covid19.who.int/>

Death Cases Over Time

366400

World Health Organisation (WHO)

Global Scenario - Confirmed & Death Cases Over Time		
Duration (Year 2020)	Sum of Confirmed Cases	Sum of Death Cases
11 Jan - 20 Jan	203	4
21 Jan - 30 Jan	7633	166
31 Jan - 09 Feb	29733	643
10 Feb - 19 Feb	37718	1198
20 Feb - 29 Feb	10664	930
01 Mar - 10 Mar	31835	1316
11 Mar - 20 Mar	148311	6929
21 Mar - 30 Mar	431205	22029
31 Mar - 09 Apr	742214	52495
10 Apr - 19 Apr	803594	71294
20 Apr - 29 Apr	780561	56330
30 Apr - 09 May	838931	58092
10 May - 19 May	872964	44853
20 May - 29 May	988404	40945
30 May - 31 May	232913	9176
Grand Total	5956883	366400

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COVID-19 NATIONAL SCENARIO

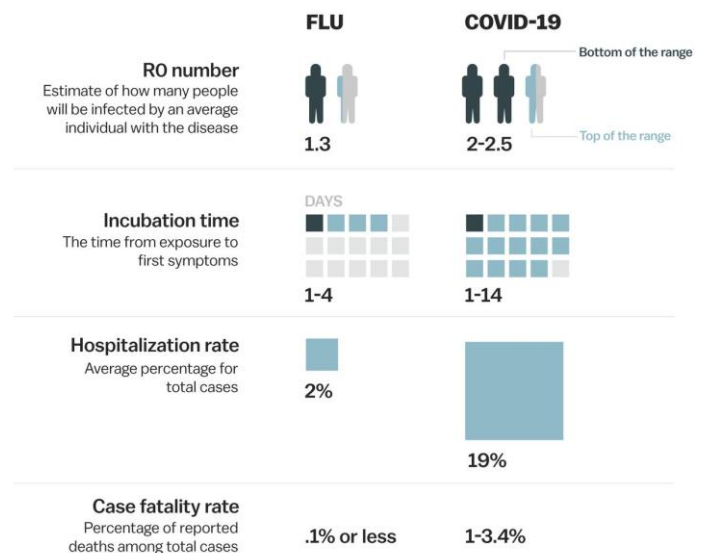
With its epicenter in Wuhan, China, the first case of COVID-19 can be traced back to November 2019. However, it wasn't until January 30 2020, that the first case of COVID-19 was reported in India. And subsequently 2 more cases were reported by 3rd February 2020.

After a month of no activity, it was on March 2, 2020 that more cases of COVID-19 started popping up all over the country and since then, the numbers of cases have only grown exponentially.

While initially COVID-19 was taken lightly by the whole world, including India; with time, it has been seen that it is a dangerous disease that is not only affecting the individuals but also the world economy. The diagram showed here compares COVID-19 to the flu to explain how serious this disease is. It can be seen that COVID-19 is almost twice as infectious as the Flu with extremely higher hospitalization rate and case fatality rate.

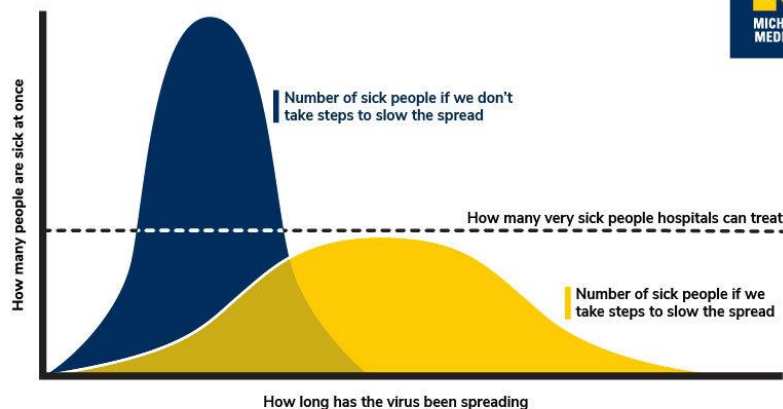
The Indian government was able to identify the gravitas of COVID-19 at early stages and has taken numerous steps to ensure that the spread of COVID-19 in India remains easy to control. The main reason behind this is to flatten the curve.

How seasonal flu and Covid-19 compare



Sources: CDC, WHO, NCBI

Vox



Adapted from the CDC



Source/ Reference:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/13/first-covid-19-case-happened-in-november-china-government-records-show-report>
<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/coronavirus-in-india-tracking-country-s-first-50-covid-19-cases-what-numbers-tell-1654468-2020-03-12>

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In all countries, including India, there is a limit regarding the number of patients that the hospitals can treat at any given point, therefore the purpose behind the initiatives taken by the government is to slow the spread & hence “flatten the curve” so that the hospitals are able to treat as many patients as possible. If the number of patients increases at a high rate, the hospitals will have to prioritize the patients that will get treatment which could adversely affect the case fatality rate. Slowing the spread is especially essential in India due to it being the second most populated country in the world with a population of 1.3 billion.

The government of India has initiated the following measures in the interest of the Indian population:

- a. Special flights were arranged to bring back Indians from Wuhan and other infected countries after which they were checked and quarantined accordingly. Furthermore, all existing visas have been suspended except for limited categories.
- b. Multiple quarantine facilities are set up all around India to treat COVID-19 patients.
- c. Sanitizers and Facemasks were made essential commodities till June 30 with a cap price set to avoid price inflation.
- d. On March 13 2020, The ICMR’s specialized research unit, the National Institute of Virology was able to isolate 11 different strains of COVID-19, making it the fifth country in the world to do so.
- e. The Epidemic Diseases Act of 1987 and the National Disaster Management Act of 2005 were invoked on March 14, 2020.
- f. The government allocated the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to the states to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- g. A ban was put in place regarding assembly of large groups in public places.
- h. A PM Cares fund has been established where any Indian can donate to help those affected directly and indirectly by COVID-19.

Following this, to curb the spread of COVID-19, several states in India started going on lockdown and mandated ‘work from home’. The first state to lockdown was Maharashtra. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, requested for a voluntary ‘Janata Curfew’ of 14 hours on March 22 which was successfully followed by majority of the Indian population.

From 25 March 2020 onwards, a nationwide lockdown of 21 days was ordered where only essential services will remain open. This lockdown was placed when there were around 500 positive cases, and the number has grown to 2000 on 1st April 2020, Day 8 of the Lockdown.

Source/ Reference: <https://www.businessinsider.in/india/news/coronavirus-updates-in-india-and-steps-taken-by-narendra-modi-government/articleshow/74723667.cms>

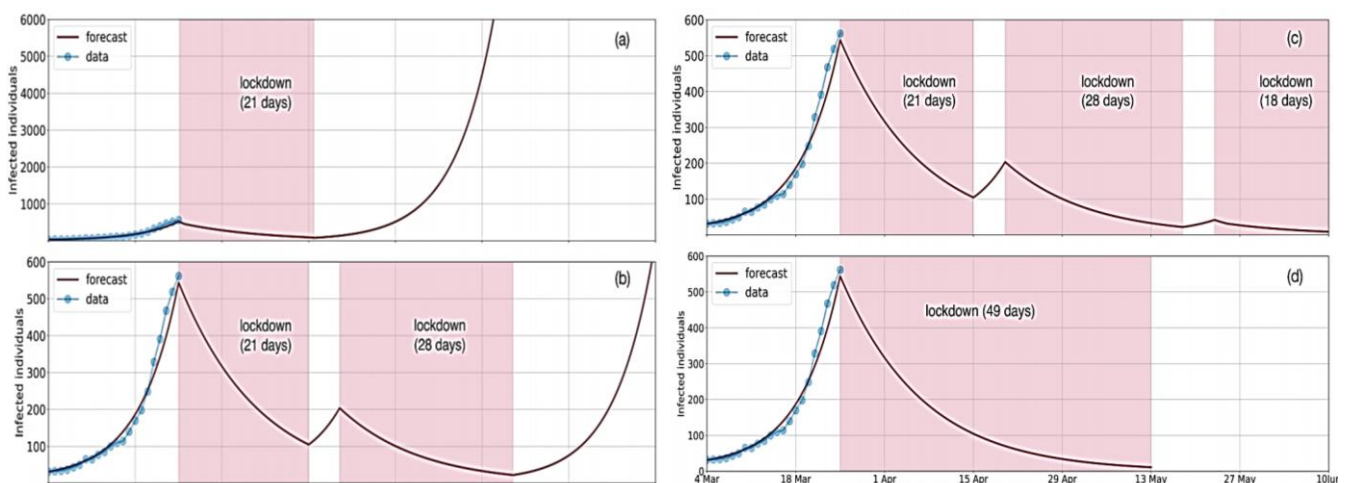


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However, while this lockdown may help slow the virus, there have been numerous adverse side-effects of this decision.

- These announcements of lockdown lead to panic buying of essential goods in various parts of country.
- It is estimated that 139 million Indians from the countryside come to work in the urban areas. Majority of these Indians are daily wagers. With the lockdown in place, these workers had become out of job and were seen walking across states to reach their home. This is a dangerous problem as it is easy for them to become infected and transfer the virus across states. However, the government is trying to tackle this problem by opening facilities for them as well as special buses were arranged to take these individuals back to their home.
- There is a food shortage that is being created which could have serious implications in the future.

It is yet to be known if the lockdown will be extended but it is sure that extending the lockdown will have immense economic repercussions. COVID-19 has already caused the stock market indices to fall. Extended lockdown will also negatively affect all the small business owners who are unable to open their shops as well as the daily wagers. Punjab has allowed several factories to open so that some daily wagers can work there and are able to keep earning. However, we must see whether a 21 day lockdown is enough to curb the spread of COVID-19 or if an extension of lockdown is a necessary evil. A study by Rajesh Singh and R. Adhikari mathematically studied the impact of lockdown of various days on the spread of COVID-19. They found that a 21 day lockdown is not enough & will lead to resurgence of virus when it ends. Similar results were found with an additional lockdown of 28 days after a suspension of 5 days. Their calculations found that having a 21 day lockdown, a 28 days lockdown & another 18 day lockdown with 5 day suspension period between each lockdown or having a 49 day continuous lockdown were both able to decrease the daily number of cases to less than 10.



Source/ Reference: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2003.12055.pdf>

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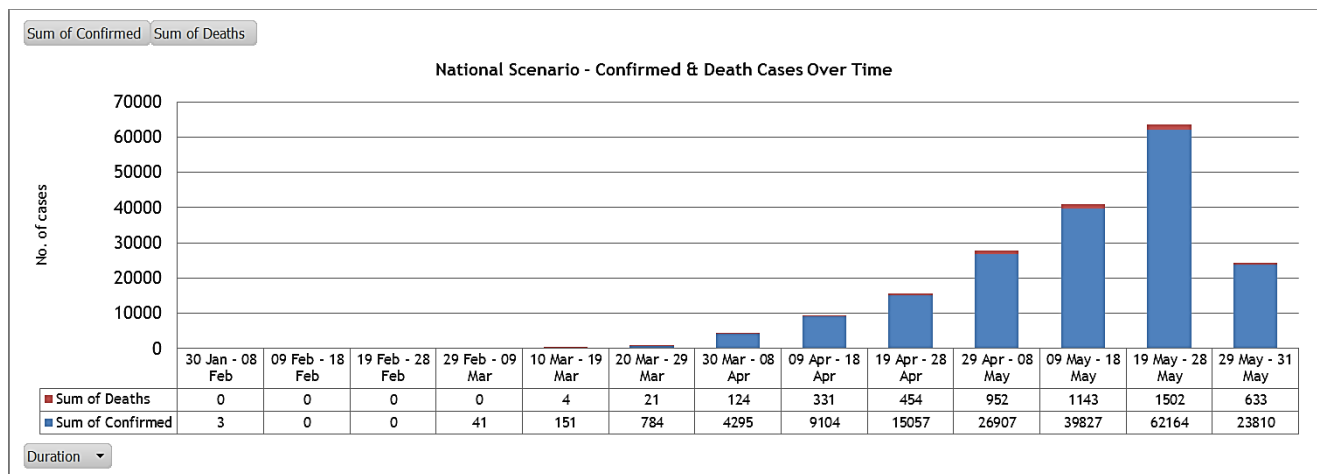
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Therefore, the government cannot depend solely on the lockdown to slow down the spread of COVID-19 and other preventive measures are becoming necessary to effectively curb the disease. Especially since there have been several issues that have recently surfaced that have caused the COVID-19 cases in India to surge.

Glimpse of National Scenario - Confirmed and Death Cases, from 30th January 2020 to 31st May 2020.



Confirmed Cases Over Time

182143

Date Source: <https://covid19.who.int/>

Death Cases Over Time

5164

World Health Organisation (WHO)

National Scenario - Confirmed & Death Cases Over Time		
Duration (Year 2020)	Sum of Confirmed Cases	Sum of Death Cases
30 Jan - 08 Feb	3	0
09 Feb - 18 Feb	0	0
19 Feb - 28 Feb	0	0
29 Feb - 09 Mar	41	0
10 Mar - 19 Mar	151	4
20 Mar - 29 Mar	784	21
30 Mar - 08 Apr	4295	124
09 Apr - 18 Apr	9104	331
19 Apr - 28 Apr	15057	454
29 Apr - 08 May	26907	952
09 May - 18 May	39827	1143
19 May - 28 May	62164	1502
29 May - 31 May	23810	633
Grand Total	182143	5164

Source/ Reference: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2003.12055.pdf>

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COVID-19 LOCAL SCENARIO

COVID-19 has been declared as a pandemic by World Health Organisation (WHO) & after starting from Wuhan in China, it has spread fast to almost all countries globally. At the outset, it is agreed that the expected spread of the infection of COVID-19 cannot be predicted due to uncertainties associated with the disease. If a contingency plan is to be made at the local level, the magnitude of the problems is to be defined to ascertain the arrangements to be made in health facilities including beds, oxygen & ventilator support, health care providers, logistics & food arrangements, etc. Hence some assessment regarding number of patients to be treated in various health facilities in worst case scenario needs to be made.

Right from the start of Janta Curfew on 22nd March 2020, Chandigarh city has been under lockdown through imposition of curfew. Various other measures like door-to-door home delivery of essential items, compulsory wearing of masks in public places, postponement of optional surgeries in government hospitals & measures of social distancing etc. have been taken by the administration to break the chain of infection.

It has been observed that many carriers of infection of COVID-19 do not show any symptoms of the disease & get cured due to self-immunity or many other reasons. Hence, there is a possibility that such persons may not be tested at all as per protocol of testing because they have no travel history for abroad, no history of being in contact with the confirmed positive case and do not show any symptoms. Hence, it is felt that about 1% population of Chandigarh may be tested as positive even in the worst case scenario for the city. Hence, about 12,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 tests may be detected considering the current population of Chandigarh to be about 12 Lacs. All confirmed cases of COVID-19 have to be isolated in some health care facility to contain the further spread of infection to others as per standard protocol & these are to be discharged only after two consecutive negative test reports spread over 24 hours. It is further expected that most of such confirmed cases will get cured in due course of time & peak day hospitalisation of such active cases may be around 30% of the total confirmed positive cases. Hence, our estimate is that we need to be prepared for management of about 3600 active cases of COVID-19 on the worst day of spread.

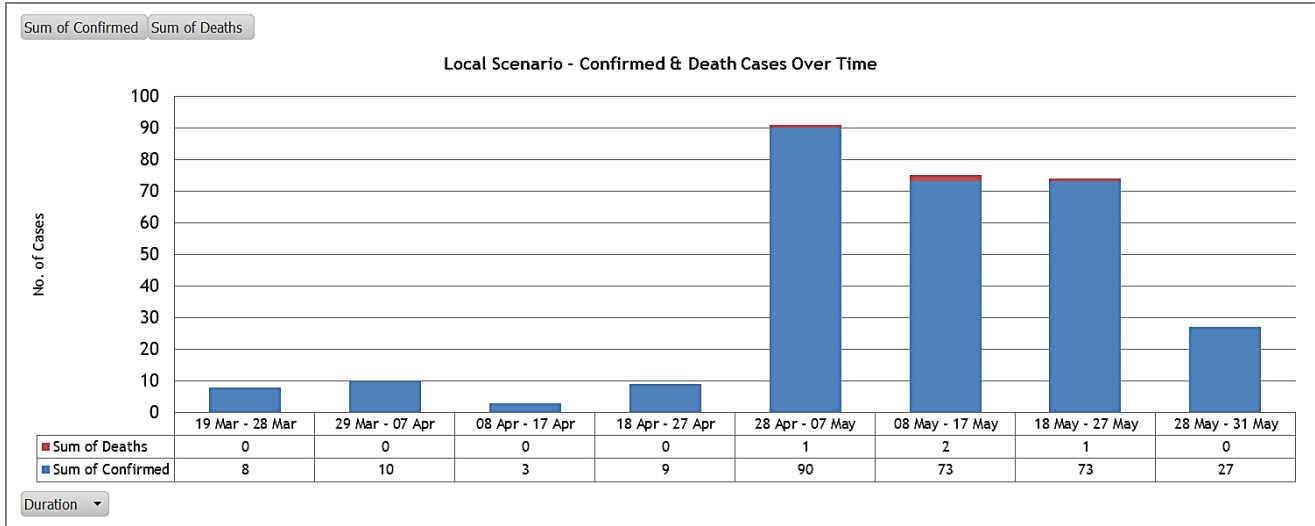
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COVID-19 LOCAL SCENARIO

Glimpse of Local Scenario - Confirmed and Death Cases, from 19th March 2020 to 31st May 2020.



Confirmed Cases Over Time **293**
 Death Cases Over Time **4**

Date Source: <https://www.bing.com/search?q=Coronavirus+trend+in+Chandigarh&filters>

Local Scenario - Confirmed & Death Cases Over Time		
Duration (Year 2020)	Sum of Confirmed Cases	Sum of Death Cases
19 Mar - 28 Mar	8	0
29 Mar - 07 Apr	10	0
08 Apr - 17 Apr	3	0
18 Apr - 27 Apr	9	0
28 Apr - 07 May	90	1
08 May - 17 May	73	2
18 May - 27 May	73	1
28 May - 31 May	27	0
Grand Total	293	4

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CHANDIGARH A THREAT: WHY

The first case of the 2019-20 coronavirus pandemic in Chandigarh was first reported on 19 March 2020.

There are three parameters to understand to assess the magnitude of the risk posed by this novel coronavirus:

- Transmission Rate (R_0) - number of newly infected people from a single case
- Case Fatality Rate (CFR) - percent of cases that result in death
- Determine whether asymptomatic transmission is possible



The attack rate or transmissibility (how rapidly the disease spreads) of a virus is indicated by its reproductive number (R_0 , pronounced R-nought or r-zero), which represents the average number of people to which a single infected person will transmit the virus.

- WHO's estimated (on Jan. 23) R_0 to be between 1.4 and 2.5.
- Other studies have estimated a R_0 between 3.6 and 4.0, and between 2.24 to 3.58.
- Preliminary studies had estimated R_0 to be between 1.5 and 3.5.
- An outbreak with a reproductive number of below 1 will gradually disappear
- For comparison, the R_0 for the common flu is 1.3 and for SARS it was 2.0.

There are three major reasons for Chandigarh being a Threat:

1. Population Density;
2. Lack of Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs);
3. Impact on Economy

1. Population Density

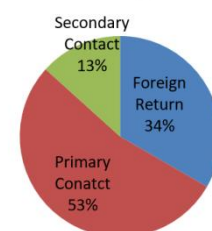
In India a person is tested positive for corona for three reasons:

1. Foreign Return
2. Primary Contact
3. Secondary Contact

The figure here is the breakup of COVID-19 Cases found so far in Chandigarh as per their transmission.

Population density of any region has a great impact on the spread of COVID-19 due to primary and secondary contact. As data shown below, Chandigarh has the largest population density per (Km^2)

Covid-19 Super-spreaders in Chandigarh



Source/ Reference: http://chandigarh.gov.in/knowchd_stat.htm

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CHANDIGARH A THREAT: WHY

Description	All India	Chandigarh	Punjab	Haryana
Density of Population - 2011 Census (Km ²)	464	9,258	551	573

Population density is the major threat for Chandigarh. As cases found so far in Chandigarh are through primary contact, and if we don't follow the social distancing rules, then it will become quite difficult to control this pandemic in Chandigarh.

2. Lack of Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs)

- Doctors and nurses, the frontline soldiers in the fight against deadly novel coronavirus, are most at risk. The risk factor has been dangerously high due to the absence of adequate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- A Chandigarh-based doctor and a Panchkula based nurse have tested positive for COVID-19.
- A dozen PGI & Government Medical College doctors & 45 nurses besides others have also been put under quarantine after a 65-year-old Naya Gaon patient died of novel coronavirus on Tuesday.
- Those who have been put into quarantine include five PGI doctors, 22 nursing staffers, five sanitation attendants and four hospital attendants. Remaining five doctors, two emergency medical officers, a radiographer and a nurse were now left to look after COVID-19 patients in a medical college located in Sector 16.
- The 40-year-old doctor, who is a Sector 43 resident, was working in a private hospital in Mohali. He was handling a Canadian couple who tested positive for COVID-19.
- The nurse, 32, was handling Panchkula's government hospital's first COVID-19 patient.
- While in India, there is already a shortage of six lakh doctors and two million nurses, the novel coronavirus outbreak will further weaken the present strength as the doctors and nurses besides the paramedical staff go under isolation or quarantine after coming in contact with the virus.
- "We have some shortage of PPEs. Four to five people, including doctors, staff nurses and class four staff attend COVID-19 patients, besides the attendant. There are three shifts and all shifts require at least 15 PPEs. The requirement of PPEs will go up as the number of patients will increase. The demand of PPEs is on the rise, keeping in view the magnitude of the problem," Dr. Jasjeet Kaur (Civil Surgeon, Panchkula) said.

Source/ Reference: http://chandigarh.gov.in/knowchd_stat.htm
<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/coronavirus-scare-in-medical-staff-doctor-nurse-test-positive-for-covid-19-in-chandigarh-1662226-2020-04-01>



CHANDIGARH A THREAT: WHY

3. Impact on Economy

More than six out of 10 people in Chandigarh are migrants based on their previous place of residence, according to the 2011 census. According to the figures, 67.1% of the city's population is migrants. These migrants contribute largely to the economy of Chandigarh. Due to the impact of COVID-19, all these migrants have lost their source of income for e.g. Zomato, Swiggy delivery boys, Ola, Uber, Rapido, Jugnoo cab drivers, auto-rickshaw drivers have no source of income in the Tricity as of now. Apart from those even retail shops, restaurants, malls and theatres are closed during the lockdown period which definitely is going to impact their income. This has impacted the disposable income of every household which in turn has impacted their purchasing power.

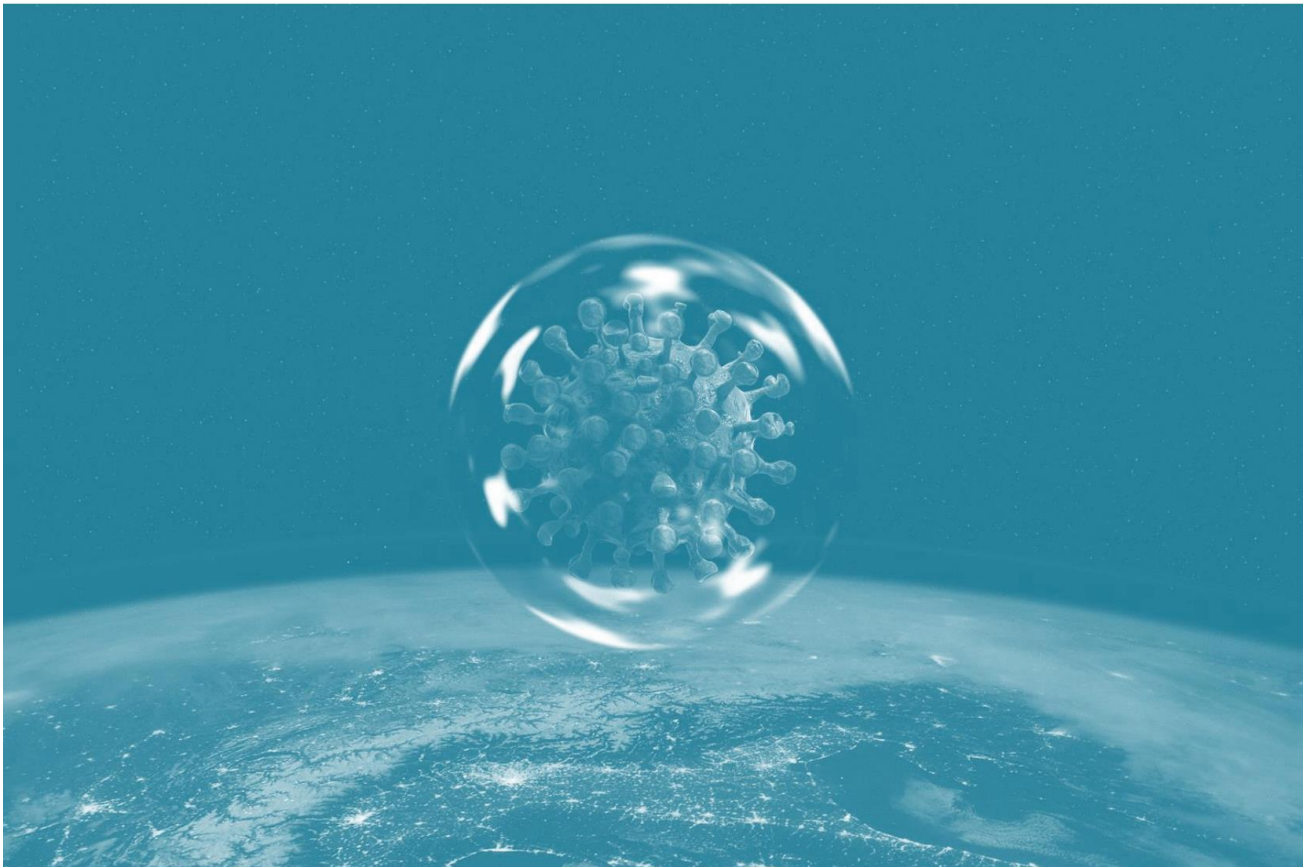
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APSWDP Strategic Plan and Community Action to **Combat COVID-19**

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COMMITMENT TOWARDS SOCIAL ACTION DURING COVID-19

The delegation of Governing & Executive Body members of the association met the Worthy Mayor of Chandigarh Mrs. Raj Bala Malik and discussed about the commitment of Association of Professional Social workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) towards social action in combatting COVID-19 pandemic by way of contribution from the members and civil society partners.



The delegation headed by Dr. Monica Munjial Singh along with Ms. Rekha Trivedi, Dr. Sumit Arora and Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati, representatives of the Governing & Executive Body met the officials of the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh and other stakeholders, to take insights about the worst affected communities and areas in Chandigarh Tricity. The association announced “COVID-19 Solidarity Response Relief Campaign” and urged the members, grassroot organisations and partner institutions to come forward in raising resources. The resources mobilised were utilized for extending humanitarian support in the form of distribution of essential commodities, sanitary kits and immunity boosters.



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COVID-19: SOLIDARITY RESPONSE RELIEF CAMPAIGN

In Chandigarh Union Territory, the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) came forward in conceiving an initiative - “Solidarity Response Relief Campaign” during COVID-19 Pandemic and the lockdown in Chandigarh tri-city region.



The APSWDP had planned and executed a 65 + days of sustainable campaign including awareness generation and sensitization of communities and volunteers on COVID-19 guidelines, identifying and engaging volunteers and relief distribution in addition to mobilization of resources from philanthropists, civil society, religious & youth organizations and corporates under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for extending support to worst hit communities with essential commodities for living including food, hygiene related kits among migrants, economic weaker and marginalized communities including women, children, Persons with Disabilities, Trans-genders, old aged, etc.



The APSWDP Chandigarh has been entrusted by local government under patronage of Mayor and Municipal Commissioner Chandigarh to extend support and assistance to the urban poor including urban homeless living in slums, rehabilitation colonies and shelters in the city. Since the day one of the lockdown, the association with limited volunteers extended full support in the awareness generation, distribution of day-to-day cooked meal and other commodities including personal hygiene kit.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COMMUNITY ACTION TEAMS (CAT)

APSWDP organized virtual meeting with key functionaries of the association, partners and stakeholders in initial days of the lockdown for preparing a Road Map to move on in devising following strategies to execute the campaign:

1. Developing understanding on COVID-19 Guidelines issued by WHO, Government of India and Union Territory of Chandigarh Administration.
2. Liaison with office of Local Government.
3. Virtual Training of Trainers (TOTs) on guidelines for the front line team members.
4. Need Assessment with the Urban Poverty Alleviation Unit of Local Government and Office of Mayor Chandigarh for planning and field mapping on awareness generation among marginalized communities, relief distribution, counselling etc.
5. Resource Mapping and Mobilization for accessing relief support for marginalized communities under Corporate Support Responsibility (CSR) from corporates and industries.
6. Identification and Networking with Grass Root Organizations including Area Level Federation, Youth Organizations, Resident Welfare Associations, Local Philanthropists for acquiring essential commodities from communities for distribution.
7. Identifying and Adopting Marginalized communities for sustenance.
8. Assistance in evacuation for easy access to transport in reaching their homes with concerned departments.
9. Organizing Virtual Dialogues on various social issues pertaining to COVID-19.
10. Gaining support from Local Mass Media.
11. Recognition to Volunteers and Members for building motivation for others join in relief services amid fear.
12. Process Documentation & Report Writing of Best Practices.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COMMUNITY ACTION TEAMS (CAT)

The APSWDP under the strategic plan formed Community Action Teams (CAT) with respect to the following three key verticals:

CAT I - Awareness Generation and Sensitization



APSWDP planned awareness generation and sensitization tool with support from the members of the association on the basis of guidelines issued by WHO, Government of India and Union Territory of Chandigarh Administration for communicating with communities adopted in simple and layman language for developing better understanding. The team was led by **Ms. Rekha Trivedi, Secretary General**, subordinated by **Mr. Karamveer Singh** and a fleet of young volunteers for disseminating information into the communities with additional assistance with IEC material being provided by the Local Government.

CAT II - Relief Distribution



Relief Distribution being the mammoth task and involved diverse stakeholders and resources, the vertical was led by **Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Hon. Director Policy and Administration**, subordinated by **Mr. Rajeev Chaudhary**, and **Mr. Arun Sharma**. Under relief distribution, APSWDP with support from Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FICCI), the association had networked with Dabur India Ltd, Coca Cola India Ltd and Marico Ltd for raising support in getting essential commodities in bulks for distribution to worst hit communities in the pandemic.

CAT III - Individual and Group Counselling



Individual and Group Counselling component emerged with need observed in the community due to worst hit impact of COVID 19 and subsequent nationwide lockdown, as a result many got stranded due to loss of livelihood. In this situation, **Dr. Sumit Arora** developed an initiative to provide counselling to needy persons living in slums in family to overcome their stressful situations.

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PHILANTHROPIST AND DONORS SUPPORT

During the COVID-19 pandemic, APSWDP members and other philanthropists came forward to support the campaign initiated by the association through kind and cash donations by themselves and their extended family members. The details of the members who supported the campaign are as mentioned below:



Dr. Sandeep Meharwal **Aditya Pundir** **Veena Gulati** **Ishita Wadhawan** **Yogesh Sharma**



COVID 19 Pandemic: Social Solidarity Humanitarian Donors



Dr. Ajay Kumar Thirumala **Manoj Kumar** **Kiranjeet Sandhu**



COVID 19 Pandemic: Social Solidarity Humanitarian Donors

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Dr. Monica Singh **Dr. Mohit Pundir** **Arun Kumar Singh** **Ravi Solanki** **Rekha Trivedi**

COVID 19 Pandemic: Social Solidarity Humanitarian Donors

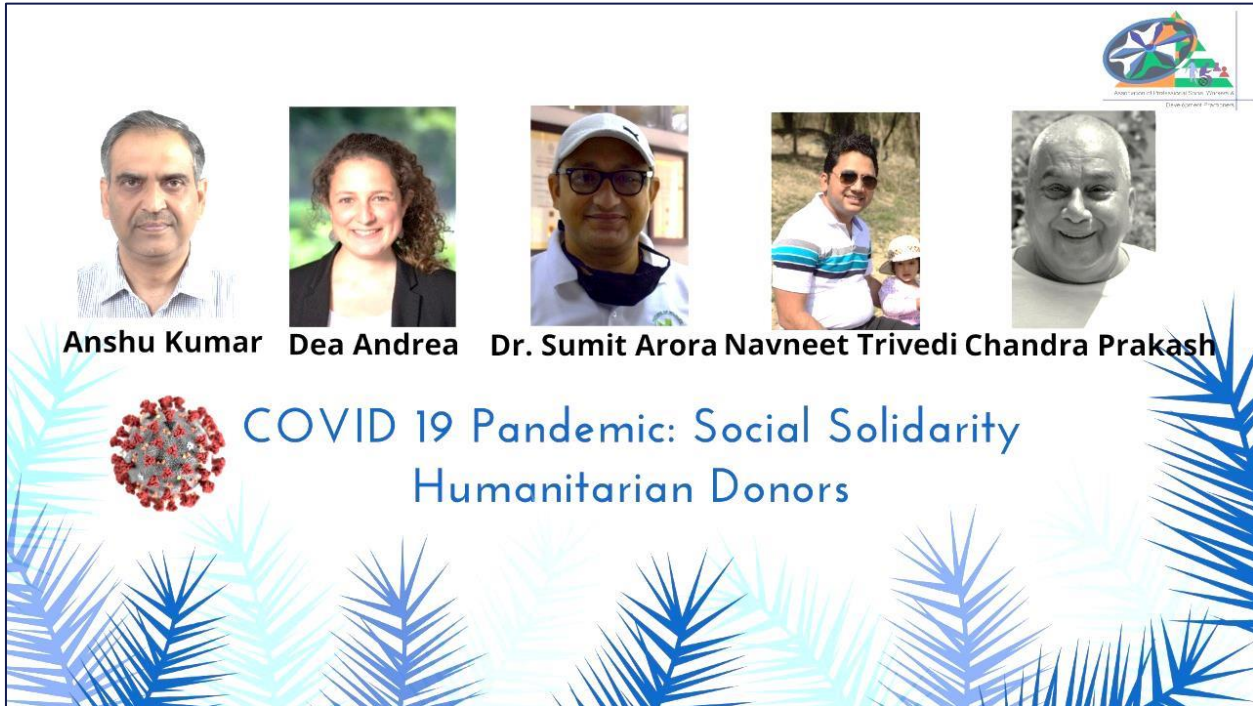


Balbir Singh **Dr. Radhika Dev Varma** **Youthvir Singh** **Dr Deepika Gupta** **Nitin Singla**

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The details of the financial support by the members and their extended family during COVID-19 pandemic are as under:

DR. SANDEEP MEHARWAL	₹ 50,000.00	March 04, 2020
DR. MOHIT PUNDIR	₹ 10,000.00	April 08, 2020
SH. ADITYA PUNDIR	₹ 20,000.00	April 10, 2020
SH. BALBIR SINGH	₹ 2,100.00	April 09, 2020
DR. SUMIT ARORA	₹ 1,000.00	April 09, 2020
SH. NAVNEET TRIVEDI	₹ 1,000.00	April 08, 2020
SH. YOGESH SHARMA	₹ 1,000.00	April 08, 2020
SH. YODHVIR SINGH	₹ 1,000.00	April 08, 2020
SMT. REKHA TRIVEDI	₹ 2,000.00	April 07, 2020
MS. DEA ANDREA WEHRLI	₹ 15,470.00	April 06, 2020
DR. AJAY KUMAR THIRUMALA	₹ 10,000.00	April 11, 2020
MS. ISHITA WADHAWAN	₹ 2,500.00	April 12, 2020
SH. ARUN KUMAR SINGH	₹ 2,000.00	April 15, 2020
DR. MONICA MUNJIAL SINGH	₹ 3,500.00	April 15, 2020
DR. RADHIKA DEV VARMA ARORA	₹ 1,000.00	April 19, 2020
MS. DEA ANDREA WEHRLI	₹ 2,200.00	March 13, 2020
DR. C.P. TRIVEDI	₹ 15,000.00	April 22, 2020
SH. RAVI SOLANKI	₹ 3,100.00	February 05, 2020
DR. MANOJ KUMAR	₹ 1,100.00	May 07, 2020
SMT. VEENA GULATI	₹ 2,100.00	May 08, 2020
DR. ANSHU KUMAR	₹ 3,000.00	May 09, 2020

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SUPPORT UNDER CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh mobilized support under the leadership of **Mr. Arun Sharma**, **Dr. B.S. Negi** and **Mr. Ankush Rana**, Members of APSWDP under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) through various corporate and industrial federations in the region including Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI). FICCI mobilized relief distribution material from various industrial houses including:



Federation of Indian Chambers
of Commerce and Industry

Dabur India Ltd.



Dabur India Ltd. under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) extended support in providing beverages including Coconut drinks, REAL preserved Juices, Dabur Chavyanprash and Honey for distribution among poor, economic weaker sections and marginalized communities to supplement them with immunity boosters as guided by Ministry of AYUSH.

APSWDP acknowledged and expressed special thanks to **Mr. Ankush Rana**, CSR Wing, Dabur India Ltd. and the local distributors in tricity and Ambala. Approximate 6000 persons were outreached and given juices and 1500 families were distributed Dabur Chavyanprash along with Honey.

Coca-Cola India Ltd.



Coca-Cola India Ltd. under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) extended support in providing cold summer beverages including Soft Drink and Bottled Drinking Water for distribution among poor, economic weaker sections and marginalized communities to supplement them with their basic needs during lockdown.

APSWDP acknowledged and expressed gratitude to **Mr. Arun Sharma**, Sr. Assistant Director, FICCI and **Mr. Vineet Singhal**, Regional Director, North FBO, Coca Cola India Ltd. for giving hand holding support in supply of Coke sparkle in two phases for more than 10,000 persons.

Marico Ltd.



Marico Ltd. under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) extended support in providing Dry Oat Meals, Cooking Oil, Hair Oil, Health Veg Soups and ready to Eat Meals for distribution among poor, economic weaker sections, marginalized communities, migrant labours and their families on the highways to supplement them with their basic needs during lockdown.

APSWDP acknowledged and expressed gratitude to **Mr. Arun Sharma**, Sr. Assistant Director, FICCI and **Dr. Prabodh Halde**, Corporate Head, South Asia for the committed and regular supply of edible ready to eat oat meal from saffola, edible oils & hair oil for children in phased manner from their regional distributors.

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INTEGRAL CONVERGENCE WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh has been entrusted by Municipal Corporation Chandigarh to extend support and assistance to the urban poor including urban homeless living in slums, rehabilitation colonies and shelters in the city. Since the day one of the lockdown, the association with support from DAY-NULM Cell, Chandigarh extended full support in the distribution of day-to-day cooked meal and other necessary commodities including personal hygiene kit. APSWDP mobilized resources in kind from various organisations including Resident Welfare Associations (RWA), Civil Society Organisations (CSO) empanelled under National Institution of Transforming India (NITI) Aayog (Former Planning Commission), Religious Organisations and Skill Training Providers (STP's) and other philanthropy organisations.

The following initiatives were taken by APSWDP with support from Municipal Corporation Chandigarh:

- More than **15000 cloth based masks** manufactured by women were mobilized free of cost from Skill Training Providers and distributed among urban homeless families living in shelters in different location of Chandigarh, EWS colonies, slum areas, jhuggis and urban villages, etc.
- **2500 Nestle Cerelac** worth approximate Rs. 5.00 lacs procured by Municipal Corporation Chandigarh, for children upto 24 months have been distributed by the volunteers of the association in 10 temporary shelters, rehabilitated/slum colonies, jhuggis, EWS Colonies, etc.
- **1.5 tonnes** of Dabur Chawanprash including Dabur Honey was mobilized by APSWDP under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) through Dabur India Limited, for distribution among 10 shelters for urban homeless, slums, rehabilitated colonies, registered street vendors, rickshaw pullers, beggars & daily wagers, etc living and stranded in the city.



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- **23,664 packets (900 kg) of Saffola Dry Oat Meals** were distributed in 10 shelters for urban homeless, slums, jhuggis, EWS Colonies, outside hospitals etc. mobilized by Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) from CSR division of Marico Limited felicitated by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Chandigarh.
- Approximately **47,000 cooked meals** were mobilized by APSWDP with support from religious, Civil Society Organization, Residents Welfare Association, which are empanelled under NITI Aayog and were distributed in 10 shelters for urban homeless, EWS Colonies, jhuggis, kabadi colony, slum and rehabilitated areas of Chandigarh.
- **30,000 women sanitary pads** procured with support of the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh from Prime Minister introduced Jan Aushadhi Kendra and were distributed among women and adolescent girls of Economic Weaker Sections living in colonies, slums and rehabilitated colonies.
- **9300 litres of beverages** vis-à-vis Juices, cold drinks, coconut water and tetra packs of different flavours, glucose provided by Dabur India through Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), were distributed in 10 shelters for urban homeless, EWS Colonies, jhuggis, kabadi colony, slum and rehabilitated areas of Chandigarh.



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- **Gloves, Dettol Soap Bars, Savlon Liquid, Hair Oil** were distributed among urban homeless living in 10 shelters, EWS Colonies, jhuggis, slum areas/rehabilitated areas and street vendors deployed during COVID-19 emergency to maintain their personal hygiene through the Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) and Swarmani Youth Welfare Association (SYWA).



- **1500 packets of personal hygiene kits** were provided by Sai Sewa Trust, Chandigarh through Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh and were distributed among migrants traveling to their native places in Shramik Express and Safai Karamcharis of Municipal Corporation Chandigarh.

- **600 families** were extended full support during the entire lockdown time during the COVID-19 pandemic with periodic dry ration, provided by Resident Welfare Associations, Chandigarh, Swarmani Youth Welfare Association (SYWA), & officers of Municipal Corporation Chandigarh.



- **Pencils, Stationery, Crayons, Biscuits** specially mobilized from Civil Society Organization were distributed among children for engaging them at their homes during quarantine.

- Dedicated Young Volunteers were engaged for providing assistance during COVID-19 pandemic as a part of Solidarity Response Relief Campaign, supported by Para-Legal Volunteers of State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), Civil Society Organizations and others.



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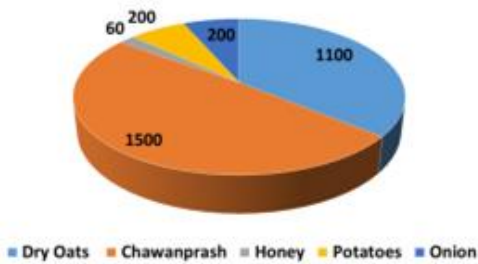
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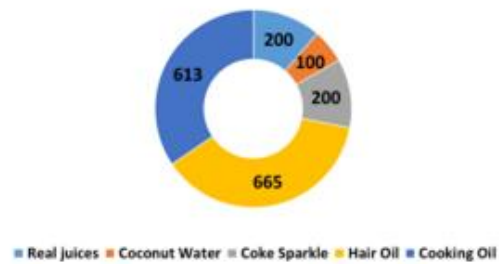
APSWDP with support from DAY-NULM Cell of Municipal Corporation Chandigarh and other partner organisations during COVID-19 pandemic has covered diverse demography of population in the city including children, adolescent, youth, women, person with disabilities, transgender and old aged people.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and other social support raised during COVID-19 Pandemic

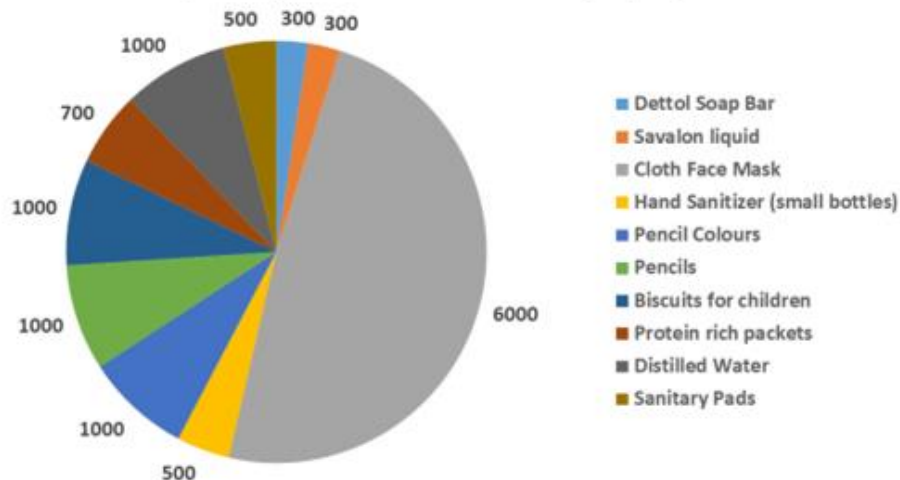
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EXPERIENCE SHARING BY APSWDP VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS DURING COVID-19

The functioning of Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is administered and monitored by the Governing and Executive Body headed by President and other office bearers. The association is having bank of members, experts, volunteers and development practitioners from various field like Social Welfare, Solid Waste Management, Urban Planning in addition to subordinate staff in honorary capacity. During COVID-19 pandemic, the office bearers of the association, including members in all category and volunteers not only came forward on their voluntary call in emergency, but also worked in odd hours out of their passion and service to humanity. The following members and volunteers have shared their breathtaking experiences during the pandemic:

APSWDP VOLUNTEERS



Volunteering during the times of COVID-19 was altogether a new experience for me. I have been part and parcel of many social work related activities but this time was very unique. I was down in the field with all other volunteers to support individuals residing in different and difficult areas in Chandigarh. APSWDP provided me and my team a platform which is unforgettable. Because of my work in COVID-19 with the association, we were being conferred with the State Award.

- **Mr. Rohit Kumar**



It was a very different experience of working during the COVID-19 Humanitarian Solidarity Response Relief Campaign initiated by Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP). I could not imagine the intensity of migrants living on the outskirts of Chandigarh and lack the most basic facilities including food. Although it was a challenge to reach out to them, the dedication of the team took us to triumph.

- **Mr. Vaibhav Gupta**



While I came forward to volunteer for COVID-19 Humanitarian Solidarity Response Relief Campaign launched by APSWDP, I had no idea about these areas which are part of Chandigarh. We went door to door for providing the essential items including sanitary napkins, baby food and other items. Few women also asked for medical assistance and we made it possible through tele-medicine.

- **Ms. Jyoti**

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Volunteering for Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) during the times of COVID-19 gave me a lot of strength and courage to work during the times of crisis. I could see a lot of families in dire need of the most basic and essential services. We were fortunate to deliver all those articles that were required by them.

- **Ms. Anjita Bhandari**



The support provided by Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to Muslim Kashmiri youth trapped in Chandigarh was a praiseworthy task. While we reach those youth instantly after recording their problem, they could not imagine such quick response from any voluntary organization. We provided them with one month continued support of essential items so that they could live comfortably without any hassle.

- **Mr. Amzad**



Volunteering during COVID-19 pandemic was a big challenge to me, as the family and the community was looking at me with an eye of suspicion and stigma due to my regular visits to the field for serving the community in stress. But, I convinced my family first and assured them to be cautious with respect to the safety norms and protocols of the government. The experience during the lockdown was my lifetime experience at this early age.

- **Mr. Pradeep**



Being a volunteer, it was a new and a tough experience of working in the field while the entire city was inside their houses. The fear of COVID-19 gave would give us hick-ups on numerous occasions but the inspiration and strength was sensational. We all worked for hours and hours during the crisis in Chandigarh. My sincere thanks are due to APSWDP for giving me this wonderful and lifetime opportunity to serve the community.

- **Mr. Nikhil Panchal**



We celebrated World Earth Day with children during the month of April. It was a Painting competition that APSWDP conceived during the visit to one of the slum areas. We took a lot of food items, juices, masks, sanitizers, along with colors, drawing sheets, pencils, etc. for them. Also, we made them feel at home as they were provided a very pleasant environment by adhering to all the instructions to contain the spread of COVID-19. The days would be remembered in years to come.

- **Mr. Deepak Kumar**

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APSWDP MEMBERS



People were not having their jobs and the entire city was put to a halt due to COVID-19 lock down. It puts me to tears sometimes while I see people hanging tight for us to bring food and other essential items to them on a daily basis. While I see them contended with the articles provided, it brought me a great sense of satisfaction. For the entire duration of the Humanitarian Solidarity Response Relief Campaign initiated by APSWDP not only made us accountable for our actions but it also showed the genuine truth of life which was usually not noticeable to us in our routine life.

- **Mr. Balbir Singh**



I am very fortunate that APSWDP inspired me to work as a volunteer during the COVID-19 Humanitarian Solidarity Response Relief Campaign. As part of the team, we covered various Ghettos and EWS colonies situated at the outskirts of the city. Everyday was a new challenge for the entire team but we made through with the support of all fellow colleague volunteers. My special thanks to Vivek Sir and the entire team of APSWDP for bringing a smile on the faces of so many individuals.

- **Mr. Rajeev Kumar**



Under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) we took all initiative and measures to provide essential and needful items from our end as part of the Humanitarian Solidarity Response Relief Campaign launched by Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners. It was not only food items but immunity boosters like Dabur Chawanprash and Honey which could help them in preventing any infection. It gives me immense satisfaction that all these articles could reach to those in need. This was a tough time for the entire mankind.

- **Mr. Ankush Rana**



I have served in the United Nations and could wonder how difficult it would be for the Humanitarian Relief Campaigns initiated at such tough terrains amid wars. It actually looks like an international Humanitarian Relief Campaign that was launched by Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners. I happen to visit those areas with the team of volunteers that could barely be believed that they existed very near to Chandigarh. My sincere thanks to APSWDP for bestowing me with such a wonderful opportunity to serve humankind during the dark phase of COVID-19.

- **Ms. Anupriya Singh**

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Serving in a premier health institution gave me all insights about the health predicaments due to COVID-19. I tried to disseminate the information regarding necessary precautions to be taken by the team of volunteers and APSWDP members while they are put to field for providing Solidarity Response Relief Campaign. The dedication and courage shown by the entire team is magnificent and cannot be explained in words.

- **Mr. Rajeev Chaudhary**



Being a legal practitioner, I would always emphasize on ensuring the basic needs for all the citizens of this country. It is a fundamental right provided under the constitution of India. My involvement in the field with the volunteers and team members of APSWDP gave me unforgettable experience. I could see the hopes and horizons on the faces of individuals living in compromised conditions in slums and congested colonies in the city. Cooked and packed food items, beverages and juices for families and children, immunity boosters, face masks, hygiene kits were essential articles that were given to those in need. I am indeed very grateful to the entire team of APSWDP for having me during the field visits.

- **Adv. Gautam Bhardwaj**



During the first few days, the stringent patriarchal norms could be seen in these areas where men usually came outside the houses to take the items. We could see that women and children are sitting inside those small houses but could not dare to move near their doors. After we categorically insisted to hand over items such as sanitary napkins and Cerelac baby food only to women, we could see the change. Women came outside and took the items. Few of them also discussed about their marital problems to which we counseled both the couples of having cordial relations amid this tough times. Being an environmentalist, I also made it to the family counseling and for which I am thankful to APSWDP.

- **Ms. Ishita Wadhawan**



FICCI is one of the most renowned names in the country. Being associated with this region, I took this opportunity to serve the vulnerable and needy in this city. We provided them with essential food items through Solidarity Response Relief Campaign by APSWDP. Notably, a very few civil societies in the country could lead such a massive campaign during the times of COVID-19. FICCI will also be happy to provide any other support for such humanitarian cause.

- **Mr. Arun Sharma**

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The team was on its toes during the campaign. While we visited the specific locations, a lot of people could be seen sitting on the side of roads with hopelessness. It was a painful time to visualize individuals of not having any source of income so as to bear at least two meals a day. Our hard core efforts to reach them brought smiles on their faces and gave us a great sense of satisfaction. It was all because of APSWDP for giving this opportunity to serve the needy during COVID-19 Solidarity Response Relief Campaign.

- Dr. Anshu Kumar

ENDORSEMENT ON COVID-19 SOLIDARITY RESPONSE RELIEF CAMPAIGN FROM CORPORATE PARTNERS & EMINENT MEMBERS



Dabur India Ltd. is pleased to collaborate with Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in extending relief to marginalized sections of the society in Chandigarh during COVID-19 Pandemic.

We sincerely appreciate APSWDP team for their exemplary commitment and consistent efforts in making extensive outreach for distribution of immunity boosters {Chyawanprash (1500 KG), Honey (1500 bottles),} and Healthy Beverages (Coconut water, preserved fruit juices 570 liters) to persons in need. Your efforts have made an everlasting mark on the lives of those impacted by the pandemic.

- Byas Anand, Head Corporate Communications

We are delighted to appreciate the efforts of Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) for encompassing the Relief Operations and Distribution among Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of the society in Chandigarh region during COVID-19 pandemic.

FICCI mobilized resources from Marico Limited and Coca-Cola Limited viz. Energy Drinks, ready to Eat Oats, Edible Oil, Tea Leaves, Soups, etc. for distribution under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. We truly value APSWDP for societal commitment during severe biological emergency and reaching out to the community at a time when no one referred to come up-front.

We salute the spirit of APSWDP's COVID-19 Warriors for their relentless contribution during the pandemic. And sincerely appreciate partnering with your organization to undertake this mammoth task of extending Humanitarian Relief.

**Uma S. Seth, Senior Director & Lead,
FICCI Socio-Economic Development Foundation**



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ENDORSEMENT ON COVID-19 SOLIDARITY RESPONSE RELIEF CAMPAIGN FROM CORPORATE PARTNERS & EMINENT MEMBERS

We are today facing one of the most severe challenges of our times. Health, Economy and Social Customs and Systems are all badly hurt during COVID-19 crisis.

Some organizations stand up to tough challenges, and Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is one of them.

I am proud to be associated with APSWDP in bringing smiles on to the face of poor, marginalized and needy who are the worst impacted.

**Aditya Pundir, Country Manager
The Climate Reality Project India**



Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) has made a remarkable presence by engaging professional social workers, civil society organizations, youth networks during COVID-19 pandemic for extending humanitarian response relief to the worst affected persons in the Chandigarh and extended region covering parts of Haryana and Punjab. I have witnessed and tracked the campaigns run by the APSWDP during COVID crisis in making outreach to the urban poor, marginalized by facilitating the distribution of personal hygiene kits, dry ration, immunity boosters and providing counselling to the underprivileged societies. The dedication of APSWDP volunteers amidst the peak of the pandemic was astonishing. Their commitment and hard work have inspired so many people across the region and country to come out and help the people in need. I thank each one of them.

**Dr Sandeep Kumar Meharwal,
Public Health Expert, Thailand**

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FELICITATION OF APSWDP MEMBERS BY MAYOR CHANDIGARH

COVID-19 warriors of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) were felicitated by Honorable Mayor of Chandigarh Mrs. Raj Bala Malik and Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh, Mr. Kamal Kishor Yadav, IAS, for their voluntary services from Apr 2020 to June 2020 in serving the marginalized communities of the city Chandigarh.



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IN CHANDIGARH REGION



COVID-19
RESPONSE

United Nations | Department of Global Communications | Civil Society Unit

In order to highlight the work that civil society organizations are doing on the ground, and the value added that they bring to the global response to the pandemic, we want to invite you to share your stories with us. Whatever the area of work of your organization, we believe that our common purpose will lift us during this difficult time, and that we can learn from and build on each other's efforts. If your organization has been active in identifying or meeting the needs arising from COVID-19 in your community, please [follow this link and share](#) your experiences and photos with us so we can highlight your learnings.

Submit your Story

Stories from the Civil Society COVID-19 Response



Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP)

CSO associated with UN DGC

The organization launched a Solidarity Response Relief Humanitarian Campaign to combat COVID-19 in Chandigarh, India, through which volunteers provided relief services among marginalized communities and economically weaker sectors. With assistance from local residents welfare associations, religious networks, philanthropists, youth organizations, members of the associations, and top CSR companies, APSWDP provided food and sanitary and personal hygiene kits for more than 10,000 families.

Photo courtesy of: APSWDP

Source: UN DPI CIVIL SOCIETY UNIT

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COVID-19 stories around the world inspire solidarity

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COVID-19 RESPONSE

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP)

"APSWDP in partnership with the Local Government has launched a Solidarity Response Relief Humanitarian Campaign to combat COVID-19 in Chandigarh, India."

Act on Science
Share **Solutions**
Inspire **Solidarity**

#UNwithCivilSociety #COVID19

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VIRTUAL FELICITATION OF APSWDP COVID-19 FRONTLINERS

**We salute
APSWDP COVID 19
frontliners!**

Thank you for your Voluntary services and sacrifice during this difficult time.

You are our die-hard heroes.

Dr. Monica Singh **Rekha Trivedi**

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Akash Yadav **Rohit Kumar** **Amzad Khan**

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STATE AWARD BY CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) was conferred State Award (Commendation Certificate) on the occasion of Independence Day 2020 received by Ms. Rekha Trivedi, Secretary General, APSWDP and Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Honorary Director, APSWDP from Honorable Mayor Chandigarh on behalf of H.E. Shri V.P. Singh Badnore, Honorable Governor Punjab and Administrator, Chandigarh for the exemplary work in the field of COVID-19 Pandemic.



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VIRTUAL DIALOGUE ON LEARNING IN THE COVID-19 ERA: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

Aligned to the **SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being** and **SDG 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities**, APSWDP conceived and organised a virtual dialogue on **29th November 2020** (Sunday) with the theme “Learning in COVID-19 Era: Issues and Challenges”.

The background of planning the dialogue was based on the fact that COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us with the true ambiguity of human existence and the true vulnerability of human life on one side and on the other side it has made us realize the value of independence - the independence to move, to be with those we adore, to live in self-respect and safety - for ourselves and for our loved ones. In pursuit of understanding the issues and challenges COVID-19 pandemic has given rise to in 2020, it is an opportunity to re-think and re-create the ways we live, we work, we celebrate and we learn, which will eventually help us in building the future we want.

The aim of the Virtual Dialogue was to discuss the forced migration due to conflicts, manage change in VUCA world and an access to humanity. The **outcomes of the Dialogue** will enable all the participants and panelists to document their ideas and solutions for framing an inclusive global plan of the future we want.

APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE

Platform: **zoom**

29th November 2020 (Sunday)
09:30 am to 11:00 am (IST)

**LEARNING IN THE COVID-19 ERA:
ISSUES AND CHALLENGES**

PANELISTS

- Dr. Sumit Arora**
Sociologist and Development Expert
APSWDP and Alumni UNITAR/ CIFAL
- Rivli Chand**
Assistant Professor - AIT (MBA)
Chandigarh University
- Adv. Gautam Bhardwaj**
Legal Advisor and Consultant

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- Vivek Trivedi**
Program Convener
& Founder APSWDP
- Hitesh Kumar Gulati**
Moderator & Co-Convener
Hon. Director – Policy & Admin, APSWDP
- Rajeev Choudhary**
Co-Convener & Rapporteur
Member APSWDP

Join the Conversation:

Who can attend ?
Social Work Students,
Researchers, Corporates, Civil Society
Members, Youth, Change Makers,
Development Experts, Academia

Make Your Voice Heard

#Partnership
#Change
#Migration
#Motivation
#SustainableFuture

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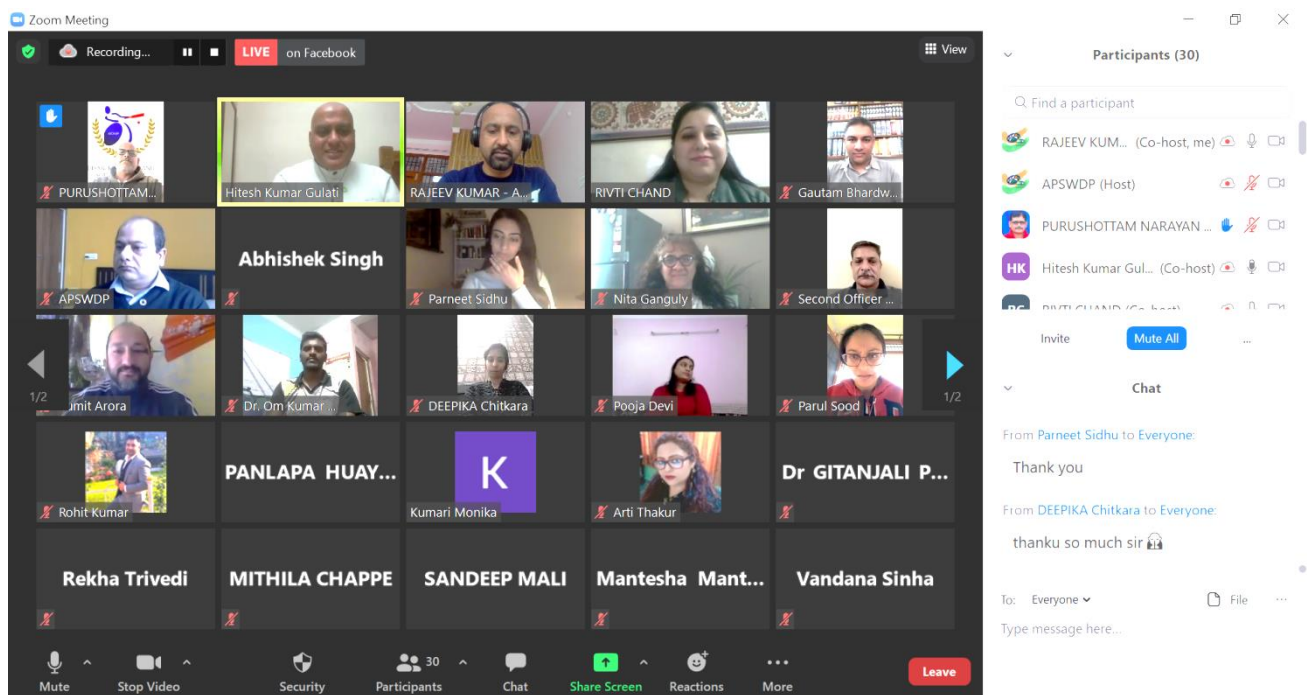
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The key objectives of the Dialogue were:

- First, Develop understanding on Role of Civil Society under the ambit of Sustainable Development Goals with special focus on Health and Well-being.
- Second, to discuss various migration patterns evolving due to climate crisis, conflict, pandemic.
- Third, to understand change and prepare yourself for a better future.
- Fourth, to initiate dialogue on building a community network to address issues of marginalised communities, prevention & preparedness for future.
- And last, to give exposure on various issues and solutions for building a sustainable future. To sensitize and adopt the principles of Think Global and Act Local.



ETHICS AND VALUES DURING COVID-19

The Pandemic of 2020 has made the world run helter-skelter. A never seen phenomenon for the current population, ethical decision making has become a big area of debate during COVID-19. The priorities of ethical values have had to change to tackle the issues caused by the spread of this virus.

The World Health Organization has therefore recommended that the following ethical values must be prioritized to make decisions during COVID-19:

1. **Transparency:** The population must be aware of the criteria for decisions
2. **Inclusiveness:** The decisions should be potentially revisable and open to changes
3. **Consistency:** All individuals in the same category must be treated consistently
4. **Accountability:** Those making the decisions must be held accountable.

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Perhaps the biggest issue faced by most countries recently is resource allocation and prioritization for best population recovery. The World Health Organization recommends that the resources are allocated equally to ensure they derive the same benefits, to make sure that they provide the best utility, that they prioritize those who are worse off and prioritize those tasked with helping others.

Nevertheless, there are several ethical dilemmas that exist due to this pandemic despite the governments trying to follow the above-mentioned values.

Freedom has always been one of the highest prioritized ethical values in the past. However, in order to curb the spread of COVID-19, the governments of countries across the world have had to restrict not only movement across countries and states, but also confine the population to their own home. This decision greatly infringes on the right to freedom that is a considered a constitutional right in a great majority of the countries.

Another question that this pandemic brings is whether it is ethical to release the personal information of patients of COVID-19. Doctor-patient confidentiality used to be a legal aspect of the healthcare industry, but with the number of positive cases growing exponentially, the healthcare industry has had to release this information to invoke caution in the population's minds.

While transparency has been strongly recommended by the World Health Organization, many countries are partaking in censorship to not reveal the extent to which COVID-19 has impacted them. While they may state 'avoidance of panic' as a reason for this censorship, the fact remains that, with the severity of this virus, it is preferred that panic creates vigilance in the population.

While these may be just some of the ethical issues caused by COVID-19, it shows how the actions must adapt to the unexpected changes occurring and that sometimes there are some ethical values that must be given priority over others to ensure a healthier society.

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SUPPORT OF MEDIA - FOURTH PILLAR OF DEMOCRACY

Mass Media is one of an important pillar of society as it acts as a mirror of societal happening. In India, media is considered as a fourth pseudo-pillar of democracy likely Legislature, Executive and Judiciary. It keeps a balance between the three key pillars and acts as a watchdog for the Indian Democracy like any other opposition party. Media also portrays the positivity from the society to inspire the other for building peace, harmony and cordial relations between the communities. It is the most important powerful tool which has not only played a major role in the past history on several occasions leading to bringing transformation in the thought process of society, but also revolutionized many democracies in the world.

In one of the movies related to World War II “Enemy at the Gate”, the character of Nikita Khrushchev was to coordinate with the defense of the city and the demands ideas from his subordinates on how to improve morale. Her senior suggests that the people need “an example, but an example to follow” and give them hope. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the situation was not less than any war. Here also there was a need to identify example and examples to follow amongst officers, staff and volunteers to boost the morale and fighting spirit to combat COVID-19 pandemic with a ray of hope to overcome and restoring peace and new normal.



Source: <https://internationaljournalofresearch.com/2020/09/03/the-impact-and-roles-of-mass-media-during-the-pandemic/>

The Founder and the Governing Body members of APSWDP left no stone unturned in making & identifying COVID-19 Community Warriors & Volunteers liaison with media houses to publish their success stories for inspiring others to follow. In Chandigarh, the key print and digital media correspondents have come forward with APSWDP in identifying and compiling positive stories related the recovery, relief, social action, essential services, and overall best practices initiated by the association during COVID-19 pandemic. The media houses have published detailed interviews, stories of volunteers with clarity to avoid any mass-miscommunication and rumors leading to any fatality in the city.

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APSWDP Chandigarh is courteous to the following media houses for relentless support rendered to the Civic Body:

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CHALLENGES VERSUS PREPAREDNESS & READINESS FOR FUTURE

Every pandemic comes with some unpredicted and unbelievable troubles and the response to such situations always leads to advancing of greater vision and assessment of better solutions for futuristic crisis. Such learnings and experiences will work as benchmarks in planning and organising capacity building and training programmes for preparedness.

COVID-19 Pandemic is one of the unexpected biological disaster for which the countries across the globe were unprepared. Although, they formulated various strategies to combat against the pandemic. In India, it started with a nationwide lockdown from 22nd March 2020 with State Level

and Union Territory level plans by the government including development of Social Distancing Norms, Quarantine Centres for Corona Positive Cases and PPE Kits for CORONA Warriors, etc.

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) despite following various challenges and limitations, has taken a giant and gradual leap in combating COVID-19 crisis in the city by involving various stakeholders, mapping and mobilization of resources and continuous monitoring:



Sr. No.	CHALLENGES	PREPAREDNESS AND READINESS
1.	<p>APSWDP deals with promotion of social work education for sustainable development through capacity building & training, advocacy, linkages, research and development of models.</p> <p>In case of COVID-19 pandemic APSWDP was not ready, equipped and trained to deal with such biological disaster.</p>	<p>APSWDP since the Lockdown and Curfew planned and roped in Members and Volunteers of different backgrounds and expertise to deal with day-to-day pandemic situation and giving Civil Society Organisations (CSO's) to the local government. In future, APSWDP will identify the team of philanthropists, pro-active members, local Civil Society Organisations (CSO's) and robust network of volunteers, who can deal with different pandemic situations based on their competencies and mapping Civil Society Organisations (CSO's) along with their expertise on social surveys, monitoring and evaluation.</p>

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2.	During the country-wide lockdown and Curfew at Chandigarh, it was very difficult to provide non-stop support and conducting community based need assessment of required commodities like milk, vegetables, fruits, and groceries and other basic services including health and counseling, etc.	APSWDP in future can develop a Database Management System comprising of Local Counselors in various domains including Suicidal Risk, Domestic Violence, Children in Stress, Stress Management, etc. and Professional Social Workers having expertise in planning, management, resource mobilization, community development, etc.
3.	Technology centric mechanisms and resources were not readily available for monitoring, evaluation and solutions to deal with the pandemic situation in various sectors/ villages of the city.	APSWDP shall look forward to introduce available Information and Communication Technologies (ICT's) based applications for volunteer/ member engagements, mapping, mobilization of resources and monitoring.
4.	Finances to deal with COVID-19 Pandemic	APSWDP is a Membership based Not for Profit Organisation, which works on various small grants, donations from members and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) support in kind. In future, APSWDP will work on generating Funds through online fundraising tools for specific social support.
5.	Relief Distribution to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Marginalised Community including Stranded Migrant Labour, Person with Disabilities, Transgender, Senior Citizens	Relief Distribution was coordinated by Community Action Teams (CAT's) of APSWDP under guidance and mentorship of Founder and Emeritus Member. The onsite distribution was supervised/ managed by three Community Action Teams (CAT's) with support of Civil Society Organizations (CSO's) & volunteers with their deployment on ground. Regular communication with COVID-19 CAT was ensuring the non-stop supply of required items from corporates and industries through CSR. The relief distribution includes essential items like tent, medicines, clothes, food items, soaps, items of special needs for women's, pregnant as well as lactating women, children, disabled/ injured & old aged.

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6.	Relief Transport Management	APSWDP with the help of local government coordinated the transportation of relief materials mobilized from CSR companies for distribution at local level. The association can tie-up with local transport associations for mobilizing transport support in case of pandemic situation on voluntary basis.
7.	Risk Awareness and Communication	Addressed the mass communities with other departments including Development Cell (DAY-NULM and Street Vendors Cell) for creating public awareness on prevention of spread of Novel Corona Virus, duties of the citizens during crisis, engaging print and digital media for publishing positive, influential and motivating stories of members & volunteers as COVID-19 Warriors.
8.	Capacity-Building in Disaster Management	The primary purpose of capacity-building in COVID-19 pandemic is to reduce risk and thus make communities safer. This was done by increasing resilience and enhancing coping capacities. Effective capacity-building at the Chandigarh level requires the active participation of all those who are tasked with it. In future, a comprehensive and up-to-date Disaster Management Resource Inventory, Awareness Generation, Education, Research and Development (R&D) should be designed for effective handling of any such crisis. APSWDP along with civil societies will ensure the capacity-building activities for various government, non-government entities and looking forward to get associated with UN bodies including USESCO, UNDRR, UNITAR, etc., for knowledge and TOT's.

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Sr. No.	CHALLENGES	PREPAREDNESS AND READINESS
9.	Lack of existing best practices and learning portal/ knowledge bank	APSWDP shall plan in future for linking global practices of local governments, CSO's & other agencies with urban learning network for connecting to such platform.
10.	Vision of having futuristic Conferences/ Workshops/ Webinars on Post COVID-19 pandemic	Post COVID-19 pandemic conferences/ workshops/ webinars may be planned under the patronage of APSWDP for future preparedness.





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AREA MAPPING



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INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING



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CSR SUPPORTED RELIEF DISTRIBUTION



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DISTRIBUTION OF COOKED FOOD



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DISTRIBUTION OF DRY RATION



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DISTRIBUTION OF FRUITS



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DISTRIBUTION OF FACE MASKS



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DISTRIBUTION OF SANITARY PADS



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RELIEF DISTRIBUTION TEAM



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नगर निगम ने शुरू किया सेनेटरी किट्स और ओट्स बांटने का अभियान

निगम गरीबों में बांटेगा 500 किलो ओट्स

जागरण संवाददाता, चंडीगढ़: नगर निगम की मेयर राजबाला मलिक ने कमिश्नर केके यादव के साथ मिलकर सेनेटरी किट्स बांटने के अभियान का मलोया में उद्घाटन किया। इसके साथ ही जरूरतमंद लोगों को ओट्स भी बांटे जाएंगे। 500 किलो ओट्स बांटे जाएंगे। यह अभियान एनजीओ के कार्यकर्ताओं की ओर से चलाया जाएगा।

इस मौके पर समाज विकास अधिकारी विवेक त्रिवेदी भी मौजूद रहे। इस अभियान के लिए मेयर ने डॉ. संदीप मेहरवाल, डॉ. सुमित अरोड़ा और हितेश कुमार गुलाटी का धन्यवाद किया। इन लोगों ने सेनेटरी किट्स बांटने के लिए उपलब्ध करवाई है। सूखा राशन के लिए रोहित कुमार, अमजद खान का धन्यवाद किया वही, ओट्स के लिए अरुण शर्मा का धन्यवाद किया।

लेबर भूखी न रहे, उद्योगपतियों की जिम्मेदारी: दीपक शर्मा

जांस, चंडीगढ़: नेशनल करप्शन कंट्रोल एंड ह्यूमन वेलफेयर ऑर्गेनाइजेशन के नेशनल चेयरमैन व उद्योगपति दीपक



नगर निगम परिसर में खाने का सामान और सेनेटरी पैड बांटने के लिए जाने से पहले फिजिकल डिस्टेंस में खड़े कमिश्नर केके यादव, मेयर राजबाला मलिक और कर्मचारी ●सौजन्य-निगम

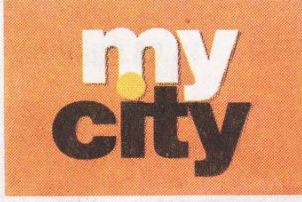


औद्योगिक क्षेत्र के फेज-2 में जरूरतमंद लोगों को खाने के पैकेट बांटते नेशनल करप्शन कंट्रोल एंड ह्यूमन वेलफेयर ऑर्गेनाइजेशन के चेयरमैन दीपक शर्मा (दाएं) ●जागरण

शर्मा और माता चिंतपूर्णी शिव मंदिर सेक्टर-32 के सदस्य कश्मीरी लाल राजकुमार ने वीरवार को लगातार आठवें दिन औद्योगिक क्षेत्र फेज-2 में रह रहे मजदूरों को खाना पहुंचाया। वहीं

कहा कि मजदूरों तक खाना पहुंचाना उद्योगपतियों की जिम्मेदारी है। दीपक शर्मा ने बताया की उद्योगपति मित्रों के सहयोग से फैक्ट्रियों में रह रही लेबर तक खाना 8 दिन से पहुंचाया जा रहा है।





हम लोग



पति ने ढाई महीने से छुट्टी नहीं ली पत्नी भी महिलाओं की सेवा में जुटीं

नगर निगम में समाज विकास अधिकारी विवेक त्रिवेदी ने अपने स्तर पर कई योजनाएं बनाईं

माई सिटी रिपोर्ट

चंडीगढ़। मुश्किल समय में देश की रक्षा करना हर भारतीय का पहला कर्तव्य होता है। वही कर्तव्य मैंने और मेरी पत्नी ने निभाया। यह कहना है नगर निगम के समाज विकास अधिकारी विवेक त्रिवेदी का। विवेक त्रिवेदी नौकरी के साथ साथ पत्नी रेखा त्रिवेदी के सहयोग से 29 मार्च से लगातार लोगों की सेवा में जुटे हुए हैं। बड़ी बात यह है कि इस दौरान उन्होंने एक भी साप्ताहिक अवकाश नहीं लिया।

विवेक त्रिवेदी ने बताया कि कमिश्नर केके यादव से बातचीत कर उन्होंने राष्ट्रीय शहरी आजीविका मिशन के तहत 750 स्ट्रीट वेंडर्स को पास दिलवाया।

सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग का पालन करने के साथ ही लोगों को सुविधा देने के उद्देश्य से शहर की कॉलोनियों और झुग्गियों में सब्जियां पहुंचाने की व्यवस्था करवाई। कोरोना महामारी के दौरान सभी स्ट्रीट वेंडर्स को मास्क, सैनिटाइजर और हर प्रकार की हेल्थ स्क्रीनिंग के साथ उन्हें रोजगार उपलब्ध कराया।

पत्नी रेखा त्रिवेदी ने जीरकपुर की झुग्गियों में रहने वाली महिलाओं को बांटे सैनेटरी पैड और मास्क

उन्होंने बताया कि उनकी पत्नी रेखा त्रिवेदी ने जीरकपुर की झुग्गियों में रहने वाली महिलाओं को सैनेटरी पैड, मास्क और सैनिटाइजर वितरित किए। साथ ही छोटे बच्चों को दूध व सरेलेक उपलब्ध कराया।

विवेक त्रिवेदी ने 10 शेल्टर होम को भी मेयर राजबाला मलिक व कमिश्नर केके यादव की मदद से एक्सपेंशन करवाया और बेघर लोगों को अस्थायी आशियाना दिलवाया। लोगों को तीन समय का खाना मिल जाये

बस इसी उद्देश्य से विवेक त्रिवेदी पत्नी के साथ काम में जुटे रहे।

विवेक त्रिवेदी ने बताया कि इस पूरे काम में सामाजिक संस्थाओं ने भी उनका काफी सहयोग किया। संस्थाओं के माध्यम से ग्वाला कॉलोनी, मनीमाजरा रेलवे ट्रैक के पास रहने वाले लोग, झुग्गियों और अन्य 49 हजार लोगों



विवेक त्रिवेदी पत्नी रेखा के साथ। - अमर उजाला

चार साल के बेटे को संभालते थे दादा विवेक त्रिवेदी ने एक बेटे को गोद लिया है। इसकी उम्र चार साल है। पति-पत्नी जब लोगों की सेवा करेंगे तो बच्चे को कौन संभालेगा, यह बड़ा सवाल था। तब विवेक त्रिवेदी के पिता ने कहा तुम समाज की सेवा करो, नाती को संभालने की जिम्मेदारी मेरी है। यह सुनते ही जैसे पति-पत्नी एक बड़ी विडंबना से मुक्त हो गए। दोनों सुबह 6 बजे घर से निकलते थे। रात को घर आकर अच्छे से सैनेटाइज होकर फिर बेटे को भी समय देते थे।

रोग प्रतिरोधक क्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में बांटा 1500 किलो च्यवनप्राश

विवेक त्रिवेदी ने बताया कि कोरोना से बचाव का सबसे बेहतर माध्यम था कि लोगों की रोग प्रतिरोधक क्षमता बढ़ाई जाए। कमिश्नर व मेयर के सहयोग से ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में 2 से 3 हजार परिवारों के बच्चों को 15 सौ किलो च्यवनप्राश वितरित किया ताकि उनकी रोग प्रतिरोधक क्षमता बढ़ी रहे। इसके अलावा एक हजार किलो रेडी टू ईट सामग्री बच्चों और महिलाओं में बांटी गई। इस सामग्री में गर्म पानी डालने पर यह साथ ही खाने के लिए तैयार हो जाती है।



MC official on 14-hour duty to ensure supplies

FRONTLINE WARRIORS

SANDEEP RANA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 22
The likes of Vivek Trivedi, a government official, are ensuring that there is no dearth of essentials for city residents.

Trivedi, Social Development Officer with the MC, has been involved in screening and issuing curfew passes to vendors, who have been supplying grocery, vegetables and fruits in various parts of the city. Three kind of vendors are currently operating in the city — mobile, street and those on CTU buses.

“We have roped in 180 registered vendors for the job. All of them have been screened. We have given them masks, gloves and sanitisers. We are looking after everyone’s safety,” says Trivedi.

Besides, he is involved in



Vivek Trivedi distributes food among the needy. PRADEEP TEWARI

“In the time of such a pandemic, it becomes our social responsibility to serve the public. I am passionate about the task. We get inspiration from MC Commissioner KK Yadav and Mayor Raj Bala Malik. This is what I pass on to my team.”

— Vivek Trivedi, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MC

delivering dry ration and cooked food in different areas. “These days, we work for about 14 hours. I reach the MC office at 8.30 am. After planning and preparing for the day, we leave for getting essentials delivered at 11.30

am and return by 4.30 pm. After that, we do other related works till 8 pm. Simultaneously, we keep monitoring vendors’ issues,” he says.

“Initially, I had to convince my family about being on

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duty. In the time of such a pandemic, it becomes our social responsibility as well. I am passionate about the task. We get inspiration from MC Commissioner KK Yadav and Mayor Raj Bala Malik. This is what I pass on to my team,” shares Trivedi. “We are all acting like volunteers. My team members — Rohit Kumar, Amzad Khan, Balbir Singh, Rajiv, Deepak, Dishant, Dr Sumit Arora and others — are quite passionate and do not fear anything and understand their responsibilities,” he smiles. Besides distribution of cooked food and ration, 500-kg dry oat meal has also been distributed. They also have around 700-800 people who get cooked food daily. In all tent shelters, food is delivered daily.

“The Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners, Swarmani Youth Welfare Association, IFUNA, Chandigarh chapter, Sant Nirankari Mission and other civil society and youth organisations, FICCI and Marico Ltd have supported us,” he concludes.





नगर निगम ने चंडीगढ़ में फंसे 16 कश्मीरियों की मदद की

चंडीगढ़ स्टेट लीगल सर्विस अथॉरिटी की अपील पर सहायता की गई

नवदीप मिश्रा

चंडीगढ़। नगर निगम ने कर्फ्यू के कारण शहर में फंसे 16 कश्मीरियों की मदद की। उन्हें राशन के साथ ही खाना बनाने के लिए इंडेक्सन (इलेक्ट्रिक हीटर) भी उपलब्ध कराए ताकि कोई समस्या न हो। मेयर राजबाला मलिक व कमिश्नर केके यादव ने आश्वासन दिया कि किसी को कोई समस्या नहीं होगी। सभी कश्मीरियों ने निगम को धन्यवाद दिया।

समाज विकास अधिकारी (एसडीओ) विवेक त्रिवेदी ने बताया कि चंडीगढ़ के स्टेट लीगल सर्विस अथॉरिटी महावीर सिंह का फोन आया कि कश्मीर से चंडीगढ़ में काफी संख्या में मुस्लिम लोग शॉल, कश्मीरी वुलेन बेचने आते हैं। अचानक से कर्फ्यू लगने के कारण मनीमाजरा में 16 लोग फंस गए हैं। सभी लोग निजामुद्दीन में जमात में शामिल लोगों की खबरें सुनकर काफी घबरा रहे हैं। वे सभी लोग कपड़े बेचने वाले हैं, जो कर्फ्यू के कारण फंस गए हैं। सभी इस समय काफी परेशान हैं। यह सूचना एसडीओ ने तत्काल कमिश्नर व मेयर को दी। दोनों की ओर से मिले निर्देश पर नगर निगम की टीम ने तत्काल राहत सामग्री पहुंचाने का निर्णय लिया। निगम ने नीति आयोग की ओर से रजिस्टर्ड संस्था को मदद के लिए सेक्रेटरी स्टेट लीगल सर्विस अथॉरिटी (एसएलएसए), जम्मू और कश्मीर को जानकारी दी। वहां से स्वरमनी यूथ वेलफेयर एसोसिएशन को मदद के लिए कहा गया। संस्था के फाउंडर ने डॉ. सुमित अरोड़ा के साथ मिलकर सभी लोगों को गेहूं का आटा, ओट्स, चावल, चाय, चीनी, नमक, मसाले और इलेक्ट्रिक हीटर भी दिया गया है। इस दौरान डे एनयूएलएम के राजीव कुमार, एसएलएसए के सदस्य गोपाल अत्री मौजूद रहे।



मनीमाजरा में कश्मीरियों को मदद करने पहुंची निगम की टीम।

ऐसी मदद ने हम लोगों का डर खत्म कर दिया : साजिद

टीम ने देखा कि सभी कश्मीरी काफी डरे थे। निजामुद्दीन वाले मामले के बाद सभी के अंदर डर बैठ गया था। अमजद खान को सभी की स्क्रीनिंग की जिम्मेदारी सौंपी गई ताकि किसी को कोई डर न लगे। तभी एक युवा कश्मीरी साजिद ने कहा कि टीम ने ऐसी मदद की कि हमारा तो डर बिल्कुल खत्म हो गया।

एसएलएसए ने निगम का आभार जताया

निगम की टीम ने सभी कश्मीरियों की मदद के बाद एसएलएसए के सेक्रेटरी फैजान एच इकबाल को जानकारी दी। साथ ही कश्मीरियों से बात भी कराई। निगम के काम से खुश होकर सेक्रेटरी ने पूरी टीम को धन्यवाद दिया। साथ ही मेयर व कमिश्नर का आभार जताया। बेहतर सुविधा उपलब्ध कराना आसान नहीं है, लेकिन टीम ने कर दिखाया।



Legal services authority arranges food for Valley migrants, NE pupils

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The State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), UT, has helped Kashmiri labourers and North East (NE) students by providing them food and ration amid the lockdown in the tricity under the guidance of Justice Jaswant Singh, Executive Chairman, SLSA.

As per the request received from the Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority on April 11, there were around 15 Kashmiri labour migrants who were without food and ration. The SLSA with the collaboration of Vivek Trivedi, convener, Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), and Gopal Attri, para legal volunteer, provided ration to the migrants. Later



An official of the State Legal Services Authority gives food to a labourer in Chandigarh. TRIBUNE PHOTO

today, a food heater was also provided to the migrants by the para legal volunteer.

On April 11, the SLSA received an email from Mizoram Legal Services Authority to help all North East students stranded in different states. In pursuance to this, Rajeshwar Singh, Law Offi-

cer of SLSA, contacted the North East students asking about their requirements of food/ration. Pursuant to this, arrangement for food/langar for 120 students stranded in Nayagaon was made through a gurdwara in Nayagaon by the efforts of Manjit Malhotra, para legal volunteer.

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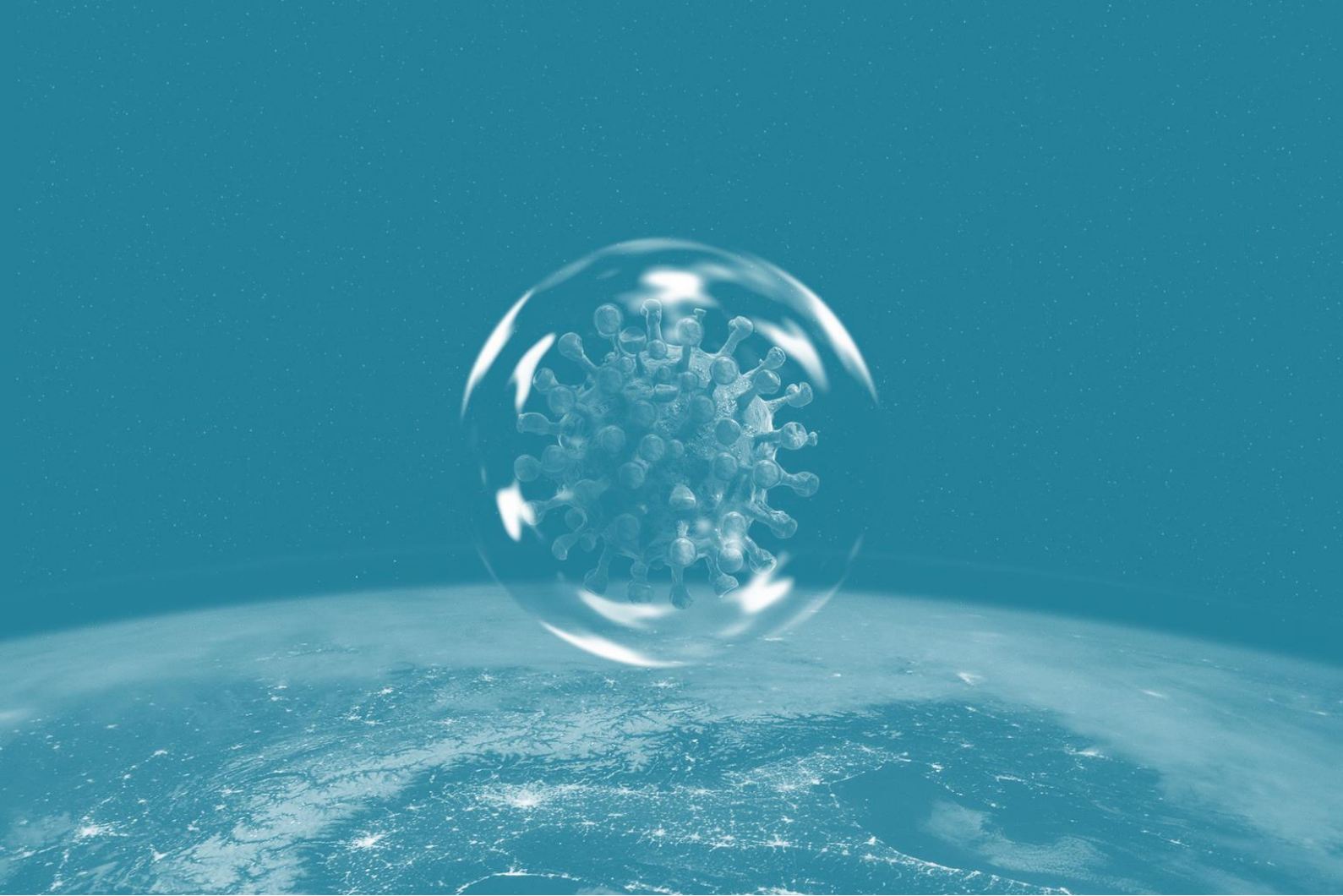
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