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**MESSAGE**

I am pleased to put forth the first edition of our comprehensive report on completion of three years with various activities including workshops, conferences, social campaigns and celebration of days of national and global importance.

I am delighted to mention here that APSWDP has been successful in creating a space among various stakeholders including government institutions and non government bodies as well.

I think the association will certainly fill the void in the region where such network are not existing and will bring social and community network come closer to act together. The association will definitely promote professionalism in the non government organizations working in social welfare domain.

I am quite hopeful that the association will achieve its mission as per vision laid for promotion of social work education.

**President**

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

**Dr. Monica Singh**



**MESSAGE**

I am excited to put forward three years report of Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) on its successful completion of three years.

I am happy to be a part of the association which is a blend of academicians, professionals in government and international agencies working in the country.

I hope that APSWDP will work for promotion of Social Work Education and Reforms by way capacity building programmes, awareness creation, socio-economic empowerment, network building, advocacy, negotiations and ethical lobbying with policy level intuitions of national importance.

I congratulate all the members who have made contributions in shaping the association.

**Vice President**

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

**Dr. J. K. Yadav**



**MESSAGE**

I am very happy to present our first comprehensive report of three years on the occasion of 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary celebrations of Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP).

I would like to share that a “Decade of Youth Work” and leadership development among youth by legendary persons in social development and and Social Work including Late. Didi Nirmala Despande, Former Rajya Sabha Member, Dr. Rajan M. Welukar, Vice Chancellor Mumbai University, Prof. K. D. Gangrade, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Delhi School of Social Work, Md. Aminul Islam Khan, Former Regional Director Commonwealth Youth Programme: Asia Center, Al Gore, Noble Laureate, Masami Miyazaki, Director Goi Peace Foundation, Japan, Nicole Breeze, International Coordinator, Oxfam Australia have inspired to evolve a young network and APSWDP is a reality now.

I am especially thankful to Md. Aminul Islam Khan who continuously mentored and provided sustained handholding in persistent thought making, leading ad network building. He not only pushed me and guided of course to arrive at juncture when this association was conceived.

In the past years, APSWDP has evolved and strengthen relationships with various organizations including State NSS Cell, Chandigarh Administration, State Legal Services Authorities, Chandigarh, Center for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India, Reserve Bank of India, UBI Chandigarh etc in gaining institutional support.

I am thankful to all the members who have come forward in shaping this association.

**Founder & Secretary General**

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

**Vivek Trivedi**





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## BACKGROUND

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is a registered not for profit professional association 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 programme, 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, 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.

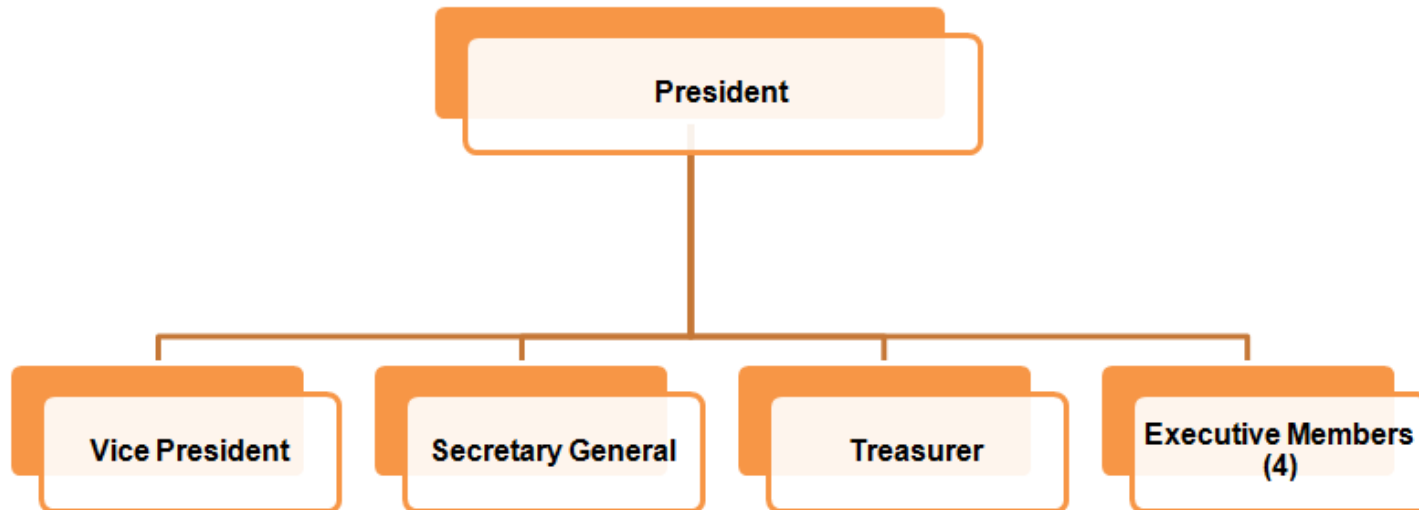


## **GENESIS**

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 programme-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 first founder President, Vice-President, Secretary General and Treasurer of the association are Dr. Monica Singh, Dr. J. K. Yadav, Mr. Vivek Trivedi and Mr. Karamveer Singh respectively.



**FUNCTIONAL FRAMEWORK**





### IDENTITY

APSWDP is a non-government, not for profit, registered country-wide professional association of social work and development practitioners with a vision to strengthen Social Work Education and Profession in development sector. APSWDP construe that working in association with diverse stakeholders is a key to achieve the vision. Our genesis as an association will assist us to focus on forming robust, reverential and germane vision which will strengthen our mission, objectives and relationships with the social work practitioners, under-privileged, most-disadvantaged and vulnerable communities. This relationship will further boost our mandate, assert our practice based learning at the grass root level to eloquent and publicize evolved models, practices and methods to build capacity, empower and to build leadership qualities among the masses for attainment of Sustainable Human Development.

### 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.

#### Purpose:

APSWDP works to build a strong network of social work and development practitioners, where all the members can partner, express their professional views, discuss to work for change in social, welfare, development policies, implementation practices, models of innovations, social values, principles and ethics to warrant inclusive development.





### 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.

### Principles:

1. Work in partnership, team with brotherhood.
2. Commitment to Vision, Mission and Values.
3. Solidarity with poor, marginalized and vulnerable.
4. Gender respecting and sensitive to specially abled.
5. Respecting human, women and child rights.
6. Cross cultural relationship across all social affiliation.
7. Working across diversity of language, religions, ethnicity, geographical area.
8. Committed to be goal driven, outcome oriented and honest to work approach in bringing visible social.
9. Committed to build a social-economic equilibrium and sustainable social development.
10. Work for global peace, resolving social conflict and better tomorrow.

### Strategies:

1. Providing transparency to our programme and activities.
2. Open and shared policy and collective decision making.
3. Connecting the digital elements and use ICT in our programmes.
4. Continuous Capacity Building and Training of members.
5. Getting access to resources and the right tools.



### Aspire:

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 and 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:

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.



### Programme 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.



### First Foundation Meeting of APSWDP on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 at Chandigarh

The first meeting of the founding members was held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 at Panjab University, Chandigarh after receiving the legal status under the Society Registration Act, 1860. The meeting was held under the chair of Dr. Monica Singh, the first President of the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh.

The meeting was convened by Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Secretary General and founder of APSWDP which was attended by all the founding members including Dr. J. K. Yadav (Vice President), Mr. Karamveer Singh (Treasurer), Mr. Sharad Kumar Singh, Mr. Amitoz Dogra, Ms. Rekha Trivedi and Dr. Sumit Arora, the executive members.

In the first foundation meeting, Mr. Vivek Trivedi put forth a road map of the APSWDP for discussion with the founding members to prepare discrete long term and short term plan for organizational development including all the mandatory requirements under the Income Tax Act, 1961; for example- registration under Section 12. A, 80.G and FCRA, registration under Planning Commission, Government of India under NGO portal, United Nation Civil Society Organization (UN-CSO) partnership.

All the members stressed on celebration of World Social Work Day, Social Work Week and Month for spreading awareness and sensitizing community on promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development (SW-ESD).

It was agreed by all the members to work on building relationship and network with other CSOs, Social Work organizations and professionals working in Social Development sector.





### First Governing Body Meeting of APSWDP on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 at Chandigarh



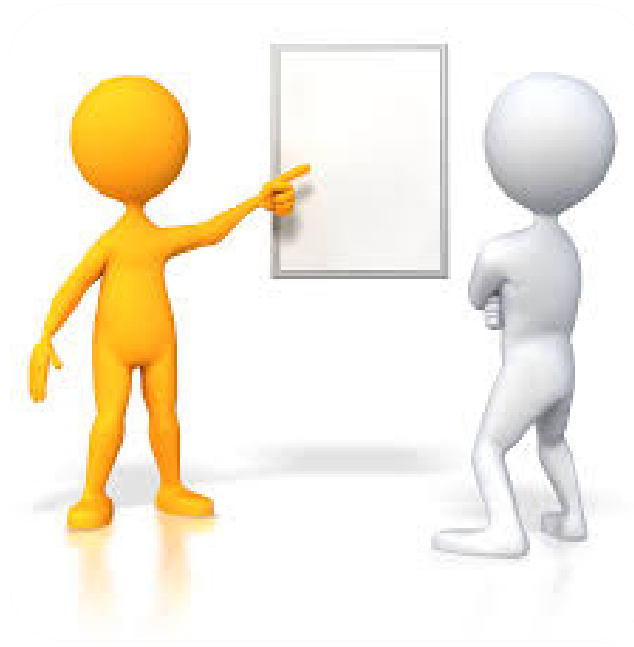
Following the first foundation meeting, first Governing Body Meeting (GBM) of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) was convened under the chairmanship of Dr. Monica Singh, President and co-chairmanship of Dr. J. K. Yadav (Vice President), Mr. Vivek Trivedi (Secretary General) wherein a blue print and road map of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) was discussed with all the members as per decision taken during the first foundation meeting.

Secretary General presented membership kit to all the worthy members including ID card, stamps of key functionaries, Visiting cards, letter heads and other requisite office stationeries which were essential for official bearers. For smooth functioning for the society, various committees were constituted and allocation of roles and responsibilities were also made namely creating office space, hand holding of general administration, resource mobilization through various channels, annual action plan, creation and maintenance of website, designing of IEC material etc.

For creating a workforce of student volunteers and also to provide career counseling, it was stated that with assistance of IGNOU Regional Centre (RC) a resource pool shall be created in order to promote volunteerism among youth.

Members also came to forefront and pledged to celebrate National and International days of observance which will also create a sense of awareness pertaining to various days of observance.





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# **Programmes & Activities**

**World Social Work Week 2015 (Curtain Raiser) 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at RGNIYD, Chandigarh**

The World Social Work Week celebration kicked off with a curtain raiser held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute Youth Development (RGNIYD) followed by a Joint Press Conference with organizing partners including Sponsored, technical support group and media partner. During the day event, the founder members of the Association of Social Workers and Professional Social Workers (APSWDP), the representatives of SUNEHRA AAJ, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Indira Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (IGNOU), Regional Center, Chandigarh, Union Bank of India, Regional Office Chandigarh, Society for Promotion of Research Education Aid and Development (SPREAD) and volunteer shared their commitment and affirm on celebrating the upcoming scheduled World Social Work Week 2015 with diverse communities, civil society organizations, government & non-government and educational institutions.

At a press conference called by the SUNEHRA AAJ on behalf of the association, the convener of the World Social Work Week-2015, Dr. Sumit Arora briefed about the weeklong activities to be undertaken by the collaborating partners throughout the city from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015. Dr. Sumit Arora, mentioned that we need to create a work force of Professional Social Workers so that polices laid down by Government could reach the beneficiaries without any hassles.

During the press conference, Dr. Monica Singh, the President of the association said that "Social problems are rooted deep within our society which cannot be eradicated without commitment and negotiation from youth. Our focus will be spreading awareness of Social Work Profession among youth in the region and building a network of young social work professionals and development



practitioners. There will be emphasis on bridging the gap between theory and practice. Besides, we will award bright young social workers and development practitioners in the region’.

Ms. Rekha Trivedi, the co-convener and official spokesperson of the event said that “Social Work Week has been designed exclusively for those who are committed to annihilate social problems from our society. We will also celebrate 70 years of UNESCO during the week long activities. The suggestions and recommendations which will come up during the festivities will be forwarded to relevant and concerned bodies for their information which can be used for policy formulation or amendment in existing policies”.

### Launch of World Social Work Week 2015 by H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solnaki, Hon’ble Governor Haryana on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Raj Bhawan Haryana, Chandigarh



The launch of the Social Work Week 2015 has been planned in association with Indira Gandhi National Open University, Regional Centre Chandigarh and Union Bank of India, Regional Office Chandigarh. It came to our notice Hon’l governor of Haryana Prof. Kaptan Singh Solnaki is a social worker and served NSS in educational institutions while listening to him in of the educational programme at Law Bhawan Chandigarh. Therefore, our association approached to the office of ADC, Haryana Governor. We shared a thought on celebrating World Social Work Day and also dedicating a full week by celebrating diverse activities in the community along with marking UNESCO’s 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.

Hon’l Governor accepted our request and invited us to launch the programme from the Raj Bhawan.



Dr. Joginder Kumar Yadav welcomed H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor Haryana, Punjab and Administrator Chandigarh on behalf of principle organizers. He also welcomed the representatives of leading partner agencies including Dr. D. B. Negi, Senior Regional Director, IGNOU, Regional Center, Chandigarh, Mr. Keshav Bajjal, Deputy General Manager, Union Bank of India, Regional Office, Chandigarh, Mrs. Achala Bhatnagar, Chief Post Master General, Punjab Circle, Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), official representatives of CPMG office , Raj Bhawan, members of the association and media representatives.

In his welcome note, Dr. Yadav shared about the genesis of the association by explaining that the need of such network was felt during an orientation programme organized by the IGNOU Regional Center in March, 2014 in association with a forum of Social Work Students on the occasion of Social Work Day 2014.

Dr. Yadav requested Mrs. Rekha Trivedi to welcome H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki by offering him a Bouquette of flower.







## A Talk and an Exhibition on Encountering Climate Change by the Climate Reality Leaders (18<sup>th</sup> March 2015) at Government Polytechnic College for Women, Chandigarh



A talk and an exhibition was organized in partnership with GPW National Service Scheme Unit on the second day of the social work week at auditorium, Government Poly-technique for Women, Sec-10 Chandigarh.

An exhibition was displayed in the gallery of the auditorium by the volunteers of the association displaying Climate Change concept, its impact and solutions to overcome the problem. The exhibition was inaugurated and opened to public by the Principal Government Poly-technique for Women. Afterwards, the Programme Coordinator of NSS Unit GPW welcomed the Principal, the Climate Reality Corps Leaders mentored by the AI Gore this year namely Dr. Sumit Arora, Mr. Karamveer Singh, Mr. Youdhveer Singh and Mr. Navneet Trivedi.

On this occasion, NSS coordinator said that it is a good opportunity today for the NSS unit of the college that four of the city youth mentored by AI Gore on Climate Change are among them in the college. He thanked to four of the invited youth for planning an event for creating awareness and sensitizing youth on the issues of Climate Change. Mr. Navneet Trivedi in his presentation explained the basic fundamental of emission of CO<sub>2</sub> and GHG emissions by recalling the science which we read in school days. He explained all





the basic phenomenon of evolution of earth, universe and the natural disasters. Mr. Navneet has also explained the science involved in Climate Change to the young students by showing various pictures and documentaries from the Al Gore presentation.

Dr. Sumit Arora in his part presentation stressed on the severity of climate change by discussing statistical information, present facts and put forth a discussion mode among the young audience. Mr. Karamveer Singh, who is a programme officer with social welfare department in his slides explained the ways to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change in context of local area.

While concluding the presentation, Mr. Vivek Trivedi, the first climate leader from the city, mentored by Al Gore at Australian Conservation Foundation led The Asia Pacific Summit on Climate Change at Melbourne in 2009. He shared about the promotion of eco friendly ways to cremate our loved ones by replacing burning pyre using wood. He urged the young to volunteer for the cause and join a campaign to pledge for eco-friendly ways for the cremation by replacing wood. He shared that for sure, hurdles will be in the way as religious orthodox people will not like the idea, as these have only demoted electric crematorium started for 2 decades in the country. He insisted that poor must be informed of the electric and eco friendly crematorium as these are affected most due to debit to carry out religious rituals.

In the valedictory address, the principal of the college thanked the Association of Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP). She affirmed to take part in the future activities of the association and invited the association to first kick start any environment led initiative or advocacy campaign from her college NSS unit.

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### Painting Competition on Promoting the Dignity and Worth of People on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Children Home, Chandigarh



On the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, a painting competition on promoting the Dignity and worth of people was organized among children from deprived and vulnerable groups. Mr. Gurmeet Singh, young fine artist from Government College of Fine Arts, Chandigarh who is a living example of struggle, shared his thoughts, life history among budding children. They were inspired by his life story. At the end, Mr. Gurmeet Singh gave tips on art work and streams of fine arts.

He said, I am living traces of my life with fine art, be it is painting, music and folk art.

Volunteers and staff of home have also joined the event.



### An awareness session on Social Work as a Profession in the community at Community Sewa Kendra, Sector-25, Chandigarh



Volunteers from the community, students led by Mr. Karamveer Singh organized a community camp in the Sec -25 colony, Chandigarh with support from Women Community Development Society-25 to promote social work as a profession among poor and marginalized communities to pick up such studies through correspondence from Indira Gandhi National Open University, Chandigarh. It was observed during the camp that people from the community uses alcohol, drugs in open and fight with local community people. Violence in the street is a quite common feature. It has created an impact on the studies of girls, who opted to stay at home and leave studies due to teasing and unsafe environment.



### Two Day Orientation Programme – cum – Workshop on Social Work as a Profession in the era of Global Development: Issues and Challenges on 21-22 March 2015 at RGNIYD Chandigarh



Following the previous year commitment at IGNOU Regional Centre, Chandigarh to organize World Social Work Day every year ; a Two Day Orientation Programme-cum-workshop on Social Work as a Profession in the area of Global Development: Issues and Challenges was organized. The workshop was organized with technical support from Indira Gandhi National Open University, Regional Centre Chandigarh, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Regional Centre Chandigarh and financial support from Union Bank of India, Regional Office, Chandigarh, Indian Bank, Sec-7, Chandigarh from 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 at RGNIYD Campus, Chandigarh.

In the workshop, researchers, faculties and Social Work learners from IGNOU and other universities took part during the two days deliberations.



# THREE YEAR REPORT

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)





## **Outcome and Recommendation of the Two Day Workshop**

One of the key objectives of this two day workshop was to compile the proceedings along with outcome of the two days deliberation in the form of recommendation.

Following the various sessions taken up by the experts from diverse background, cross fertilization of ideas among participants, discussions led to following outcome in the form of suggestions and recommendations:

### **A. Government**

1. To introduce Social Work subject in civil services examination
2. To institutionalize national and state level council on social work
3. To introduce Social Work Profession as Practicing like, Law and Medical. Licenses should be issued to professional trained Social Worker by the council.
4. To introduce Social Work as a subject in schooling too at the level of secondary and above

### **B. IGNOU, Regional Centre, Chandigarh**

1. To streamline Field Work course at the study centre by empanelling NGOs, Government Institutions for training purposes to avoid defunct organizations.
2. Certificate of Completion must be mandatory for field work done as per guideline in the Field Work Journal.
3. Induction meeting for Social Work students must be kept separately than an Induction meeting organized by the study centre at the beginning of the session.
4. Group Conference must be chaired by the Field Work Supervisor.
5. A calendar of a session may be passed from the IGNOU Regional Center so that manipulation can't take place and uniform dates can be decided for assignment submission, field work submission before sitting for TEE.

### **C. APSWDP:**

1. Suggested to organize a Social Work Congress on annual basis
2. Launching a journal on social work areas
3. Initiating some expert and specialized training module for professionals engaged in development sector.
4. Open membership in various categories.
5. Facilitating Job openings, training opportunities, internships for Social Work students.



World Earth Day Celebration on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at Model School, Sector-25 Chandigarh in association with School of Public Health, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) Chandigarh



World Earth Day was observed at Model School, Sector 25, Chandigarh with support from School of Public Health, Post Graduated Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) at Community Seva Kendra on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015.

During the celebration, a painting competition was organized in which school children have taken part and portrayed paintings reflecting various social issues.





**World Environment Day 2015 celebration at Government Model School, Sector-10, Chandigarh in association with The Climate Reality Project on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015**





The Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in partnership with The Climate Project Foundation India and State NSS Cell Chandigarh organized the launch of The Climate Reality Project's Online Teachers' Training Program on Climate Change at Government Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 10, Chandigarh on the occasion of the World Environment Day.

Dr. Sumit Arora, Convener APSWDP, also a climate leader with The Climate Reality Project, welcomed the guests and the high profile audience consisting of NSS coordinators and program officers from all the NSS units at Chandigarh among others. The beginning of the event was marked by the veneration of Goddess Saraswati, where in the lamp was lightened along with offering of flowers at the statute of Maa Saraswati by the guests and some members from the audience. One of the program officers of NSS also recited a prayer for Goddess Saraswati on the occasion. Mr. Navneet Trivedi, Programme Officer with the APSWDP, who is also a climate leader with The Climate Reality Project, read out the message of UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon on the World Environment Day whose this year theme was '**Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with care**' and also presented a short brief on the background of launch of this program at Chandigarh.

He stated that the APSWDP is a non government, not for profit, registered country wide professional association of social workers and development practitioners with a vision to strengthen social work education and profession in development sector. He further stated that the founder of APSWDP, Mr. Vivek Trivedi was one of the eight members to draft the Youth Statement at the UNESCO ESD Youth Conference at Okayama, Japan in November 2014. Under 'Capacity building and training' component of the Aichi-Nagoya declaration at the outset of the UNESCO World Conference 2014, the association resolved to engage all the teachers in the region, among other stakeholders, for the spread of awareness on the global issue of climate change. This culminated in to the conceptualization of the launch of The Climate Reality Project's online Teachers' Training Program with the strong support of State NSS Cell and The Climate Project Foundation India.

A brief on The Climate Reality Project was presented by Mrs. Apinder Sodhi, who is a Management Professional with over 25 years of experience in the corporate sector and also currently the Branch Manager of Punjab and Chandigarh. She stated that The Climate Reality Project was founded and chaired by former US Vice President and Nobel laureate Al Gore and had a mandate to spread the awareness on the global issue of climate change and its mitigation.

The key presentation on Climate Change and Teachers' Training Program was delivered at the event by Mr. Bhavesh Swami who is working as Manager with Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India and is also District Manager Haryana & Rajasthan for The Climate Reality Project. The presentation on climate change firstly acquainted the audience with the basic science and causes behind the global warming leading to climate change. Further it illustrated various impacts of climate change on human life, other species, vegetation, land, atmosphere and water bodies etc. One of the key lessons of the presentation was to sensitize the audience towards various activities / ways that are environmentally sustainable and helps in mitigating the challenges of climate change. It includes switching over to cleaner energies like solar & wind power, using energy efficient appliances, recycling of waste, conservation of water, car pooling, plantation of more and more trees etc.

**Seminar on Climate Change Adaptation (CAA) and Education for Sustainable Development at Ryan International School, Chandigarh on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2015**

The school management of Ryan International Public School has extended an invitation to Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to conduct a training programme for school teachers on Climate Change Education which was based on the 'The Climate Reality Project' as part of Training of Trainers (ToT).

The programme was conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in which more than 30 teachers participated. During the training, various facts were shared by the Climate Leaders pertaining to the change which is occurring over the course of time. At the end of the session, various questions were asked by the teachers and same were answered by the Climate Leaders who received training under 'The Climate Reality Project' under the guidance of Al Gore, former US vice president and noble laureate.

Concluding remarks were given by The Climate Leaders namely Mr. Navneet Trivedi, Mr. Karamveer Singh and Youdhvir Singh that such Training of Trainers (ToT) are very essential to identify master trainers who can further impart training to the youth and masses of this country.



**Launch of USHA sponsored Women Empowerment Project under CSR on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

An exclusive initiative on economic empowerment of women through skill building in apparel designing under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in association with USHA International under USHA Silai School (USS) monitoring project was started on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Monica Singh, President of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) Chandigarh.

The project was of one year duration with a target of opening of fifteen silai schools in the city under CSR support. The training and sewing machine was provided by USHA company without any cost to the women. The project was started primarily in the villages, rehabilitation colonies and EWS colonies of Chandigarh including Dhanas, Khudda Lahora, Khudda Ali Sher, Kaimbwala etc. The training was conducted at Young Women Christian Association (YWCA), Sector 11, Chandigarh.



### Plantation Drive with Larsen & Turbo under CSR on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 support at Panjab University, Chandigarh



A plantation drive was conducted in association with Panjab University, Chandigarh at various hostels within the campus. The drive was organized in partnership with Larson & Turbo (L&T) under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). L&T has sponsored the cost of more than 100 trees saplings.

The plantation drive was conducted in the presence of Professor Devi Sirohi and Wardens of various hostels under the leadership of Karamveer Singh, Treasurer, Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) Chandigarh and the Climate Reality Leader.

The drive was highly appreciated by the wardens of the hostels and widely & voluntarily supported by the students of the university with a strong commitment to make the campus more green and clean.



### Consultation workshop on New Education Policy (NEP) on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at State Council of Education Research and Training, Sector-32, Chandigarh



A consultation meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 with National Education Policy (NEP) at State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT), Sector-32, Chandigarh in collaboration with Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) Chandigarh.

During the meeting various issues pertaining to education policy were discussed including Improving State Public Universities, Integrated Skill Development in Higher Education, Addressing Regional Disparity, Bridging Gender and Social Gaps, Linking Higher Education to Society etc. The consultation meeting was attended by all the members of APSWDP including Dr. Jatinder Dhaiya, Mr. Manoj Kumar Teotia, Ms. Reena Raheja, Ms. Radhika Arora, Dr. Vishal and Mr. Navneet Trivedi.

Final report was submitted to State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT) Chandigarh.





### Seminar on Climate Change Adaptation (CAA) and Education for Sustainable Development on 17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at Mt. Carmel School, Chandigarh



The school management of Carmel Convent School has extended an invitation to Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to conduct a training programme for NSS students on Climate Change Education which was based on the 'The Climate Reality Project' as part of Training of Trainers (ToT).

The programme was conducted on 17 & 20 October 2015 in which more than 60 students participated in two batches. During the training, various facts were shared by the Climate Leaders pertaining to the change which is occurring over the course of time. At the end of the session, various questions were asked by the students and same were answered by the Climate Leaders who received training under 'The Climate Reality Project' under the guidance of Al Gore, former US vice president and noble laureate.

Concluding remarks were given by The Climate Leaders namely Mr. Navneet Trivedi, Dr. Sumit Arora that such training are very essential to identify youth who can further impart training to the youth peers and masses of this country.





## Seminar on Climate Change Adaptation (CAA), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Education for Sustainable Development on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Sector-25, Chandigarh





The school management of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) has extended an invitation to Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to conduct a training programme and a workshop for school NSS students on Climate Change Education which was based on the 'The Climate Reality Project' as part of Training of Trainers (ToT).

The programme along with a plantation was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in which more than 50 students participated. During the training, various facts were shared by the Climate Leaders pertaining to the change which is occurring over the course of time. At the end of the session, various questions were asked by the teachers and same were answered by the Climate Leaders who received training under 'The Climate Reality Project' under the guidance of Al Gore, former US vice president and noble laureate.

Concluding remarks were given by The Climate Leaders namely Dr. Sumit Arora, Mr. Navneet Trivedi, Mr. Karamveer Singh and Youdhvir Singh that such Training of Trainers (ToT) are very essential to identify master trainers who can further impart training to the youth and masses of this country.

Shri. Sharad Singh, Executive Member, APSWDP also shared communication skills and global opportunities for students under student exchange programme.



### Seminar on Climate Change Adaptation (CAA), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Education for Sustainable Development on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at GMSSS, Sector-10, Chandigarh



The school management of Government Model School has extended an invitation to Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to conduct a training programme for school teachers on Climate Change Education and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) which was based on the 'The Climate Reality Project' as part of Training of Trainers (ToT).

The programme was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in which more than 70 students participated. During the training, various facts were shared by the Climate Leaders pertaining to the change which is occurring over the course of time. At the end of the session, various questions were asked by the teachers and same were answered by the Climate Leaders who received training under 'The Climate Reality Project' under the guidance of Al Gore, former US vice president and noble laureate.

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### Seminar on Climate Change Adaptation (CAA), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Education for Sustainable Development on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at Sharda Sarvhitkari Model School, Chandigarh



The school management of Sharda Sarvhitkari School has extended an invitation to Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to conduct a training programme for school teachers on Climate Change Education which was based on the 'The Climate Reality Project' as part of Training of Trainers (ToT).

The programme was conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in which more than 30 NSS students participated. During the training, various facts were shared by the Climate Leaders pertaining to the change which is occurring over the course of time. At the end of the session, various questions were asked by the teachers and same were answered by the Climate Leaders who received training under 'The Climate Reality Project' under the guidance of Al Gore, former US vice president and noble laureate.

Concluding remarks were given by The Climate Leaders namely Mr. Navneet Trivedi that such Training workshops (ToT) are very essential to identify young trainers who can further impart training to the youth and masses of this country.

**USHA Silai School Certificate Distribution Programme on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at YWCA, Chandigarh**

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh has organized a Certificate Distribution Programme under USHA Silai School Monitoring Project on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Young Women Christian Association (YWCA), Sector-11, Chandigarh.

In the programme, all the women got training under Silai School opened under USHA projects were awarded training certificates by Dr Monica Singh, President, Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh in presence of official of USHA International including Mr. Shukla and Ajai Yadav.

The programme was moderated by Mr. Karamveer Singh, Treasurer, Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh.



### Seminar on Climate Change Adaptation (CAA), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Education for Sustainable Development on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 at GMSSS, Sector-32, Chandigarh



The school management of Government Model Senior Secondary School Sector-32, Chandigarh has extended an invitation to Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to conduct a training programme for school teachers on Climate Change Education which was based on the 'The Climate Reality Project' as part of Training of Trainers (ToT).

The programme was conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 in which more than 30 NSS students participated. During the training, various facts were shared by the Climate Leaders pertaining to the change which is occurring over the course of time. At the end of the session, various questions were asked by the teachers and same were answered by the Climate Leaders who received training under 'The Climate Reality Project' under the guidance of Al Gore, former US vice president and noble laureate.

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### Celebration of Women Empowerment Day and commemorating World Social Work Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in association with SPREAD and Sunehra Aaj at YWCA Chandigarh



International Women Day and World Social Work Day 2016 were celebrated together with 'Building Sustainable Women Livelihood through Skill Building' 'Promoting the Dignity and Worth of Peoples' theme on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Young Women Christian Association (YWCA), Chandigarh. Dr. Priya Somaiya, Executive Director, USHA Social Service was the Chief Guest. Several sessions were organized on Economic Empowerment, Skill Building and Financial Inclusion of Women with support from SPREAD, SUNEHRA AAJ and FLCC PNB, Chandigarh. More than 100 women participated in the programme. Shr. Harkit Singh Financial Literacy and Counselling Centre, PNB, Dr. Monica Singh President, APSWDP, Dr. Sumit Arora Founder SPREAD, Karamveer Singh Treasurer APSWDP, Ajai Yadav, and Shri. Shukla Ji from USHA Social Service Division and Rekha Trivedi Member APSWDP were also present on this occasion.





## Swachhta Abhiyan under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Plantation on World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at RGNIYD Chandigarh



A special campaign under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBM) along with a plantation drive was conducted on the occasion of World Environment Day i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD).

In the programme, more than 40 youth participated in the community led drive to make a model towards making Clean India.

Plantation was also organized in the campus to mark the day with a memory. In picture, Shri. Kamlesh, Gardner, RGNIYD is putting effort to plant trees in the campus.



**Sponsoring Wheelchair Cricket Players from Punjab for emergence of organized Punjab Wheelchair Cricket Team for representation in Wheelchair Cricket Tournament organized by Shaan-e-Khalsa Sewa Samiti at Sirsa on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**



Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) Chandigarh was approached by Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) from Chandigarh and Punjab region prominently Veer Singh (Moga, Punjab), Rahul John and Sunil Sen from Mother Teresa Home, Chandigarh for supporting and organizing a Punjab team for Wheelchair Cricket to represent in a Wheelchair Cricket Tournament organized by Shaan-e-Khalsa Sewa Samiti at Sirsa in Haryana. In absence of structured and informal set up with no legal framework, APSWDP under Rekha Trivedi, Chairperson Committee on Empowerment of Women and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and has put in effort in organizing a Punjab Wheelchair Cricket Team for participation in a tournament hosted at Sirsa. APSWDP has given sponsorship to the emerging team for the first time for promoting empowerment and capacity building of persons with disabilities.

The Punjab team took part in the triangular tournament played between Delhi and Haryana and Punjab and won the trophy. The tournament was played by more than 36 players from different parts of the country in the absence of united states teams. This tournament at Sirsa set a foundation to form a state and national level network for promotion of wheelchair cricket.

Seema Poonia and Rajeev Kumar, the two volunteers from Haryana have provided full dedicated support to the newly emerged Punjab teams.



### Commemoration of World Social Work Day on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 in association with RGNIYD, Chandigarh.



Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) organized World Social Work Day on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 in association with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) Regional Center Chandigarh at RGNIYD Campus.

Smt. Asha Jaswal, Mayor Chandigarh was the Chief Guest on the occasion. She said in her address that the APSWDP is doing its responsibility with great sincerity towards promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development.

Shedding more light on the subject, Dr. Monica Singh, President APSWDP said “Social problems are rooted deep within our society which cannot be eradicated without commitment and negotiation from youth. Our focus will be spreading awareness of Social Work Profession among youth in the region and building a network of young social work professionals and development practitioners. There will be emphasis on bridging the gap between theory and practice. Besides, we will award bright young social workers and development practitioners in the region’. On this occasion, Stanzin Dawa, Rekha Trivedi, Dr Sumit Arora and Karamveer Singh were also present.



### Celebration of World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 at Zirakpur, Punjab.



A one day programme on celebration of World Environment Day was organized by Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in association with MSW students under IGNOU at Zirakpur on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

The Programme highlighted the importance of creating green spaces in the sub urban spaces due to increasing infrastructure development and concretization. The programme was inaugurated by local Member Punjab Legislative Assembly Shri. N P Sharma in presence of Chairperson of Municipal Council Zirakpur and Area Councillor.

Dr. Monica Singh President welcomed Chief Guest and other invited dignitaries on behalf of the APSWDP.

The MSW IGNOU students led by Ms Shivani Raina mobilized resources and volunteers for the programme.





### Seminar on Youth and Skill Building on the occasion of World Youth Skill Day on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 with RGNIYD and FICCI, Chandigarh



Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in association with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), FICCI organized a one day seminar on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

The seminar highlighted various areas where there is need to give stress on like Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Skill Gap Analysis and identifying green skills as well in the era of Climate Change Adaptation (CAA).

The seminar has witnessed by participants from academia, skill training providers, students, government departments and industries.



**Launch of Interstate Wheelchair Cricket Tournament 2017 by Hon. Mayor Asha Jaswal and Shri. Nirmal Chand Ji Regional Director, RBI, Chandigarh on 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017 at Panjab University, Chandigarh in association with RGNIYD, Chandigarh.**



Inspired by the Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group (SDP IWG) hosted by the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP); Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in principal partnership with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Regional Center under Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India has initiated an innovative step to organize a regional level wheelchair cricket tournament by inviting Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh teams. The Mayor Chandigarh Smt. Asha Jaswal and Sh. Nirmal Chand Ji, RBI Regional Center, Chandigarh were the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor respectively and launched the tournament on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017. The closing ceremony was presided by former Indian Cricket Sh. Dinesh Mongia on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 at Panjab University, Cricket Stadium, Chandigarh.





Workshop on Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through sports on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 at in association with RGNIYD, Chandigarh.





Dr. Monica talked about the various aspects of disabilities, social entitlements available from the Government and standard operating procedure to be followed to deal with Divyang children. She focused on 21 categories of disabilities available under the new law 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2016'.

During this session, the resource person laid thrust on social construction regarding disability and its various forms. The session starts with the definition of disability and various signs related to it in the entire world.

Teresa Paul who is a great eminent personality, a Senior Supreme Court lawyer and a social activist bestowed RGNIYD, RC Chandigarh and APSWDP, Chandigarh for organizing such kind of workshops for empowerment of PwD. She also praised the partakers for their strong initiative by participating in the event and representing different States of India. During her presentation she mentioned that one must have legal knowledge about their rights guaranteed under the Constitution of India. S/he can only be fight for the rights if it is known to them, she added during her presentation.

RGNIYD, RC, Chandigarh in collaboration with APSWDP, Chandigarh has successfully completed a historical workshop on "Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through Sports" cum Inter-state Cricket Tournament on 23rd October 2017. The four states participated in the cricket tournament were Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. The final was won by the Punjab team beating their arch-rivals Uttar Pradesh by hitting six on a very last ball by Sh. Veer Sandhu, Captain of Punjab. On the concluding ceremony, Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi (IAS), Deputy Commissioner Chandigarh was the chief guest on the occasion.



Supported International Conference on Mountain Cities, Climate Change and Sustainable Development on 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 organized by CRRID, Chandigarh in association with Asia Climate Change Education Centre (ACCEC), Jeju, South Korea as Knowledge and Network Partner.







Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners has been involved in the capacity of Knowledge and Network Partner in organizing an International Conference on Mountain Cities, Climate Change and Sustainable Development from 6-8 November 2017 at Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID) in partnership with UNHABITAT, Panjab University Chandigarh, Asian Institute of Climate Change and Education, Jeju (South Korea), International Sociological Association (ISA), The Climate Reality Project India, Centre for Urban Green Spaces (UGS).

The members of APSWDP including Dr. Monica Singh, Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Dr. Sumit Arora, Ms. Rekha Trivedi and Mr. Karamvir have participated and presented a paper on various social issues during the international conference.

Dr. Monica Singh and Mr. Vivek Trivedi were honoured for their significant contribution for making this conference a success. Also, they were honoured by His Excellency Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Hon'ble Governor of Haryana for the success of this event.





**Award of Honour received on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 for Promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development (SW-ESD) received in Youth Forum for Social & Solidarity Economy, Peace and Urban Sustainability at CRRID from The Climate Reality Project-India, Chandigarh.**



APSWDP was awarded with a certificate of appreciation for spreading awareness and promoting social work education for sustainable development by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Sh. Varun Gandhi in the conference.

Dr. Sumit Arora, Ms. Rekha Trivedi and Mr. Karamvir Singh received award from Hon'ble Member of Parliament Sh. Varun Gandhi during the event. The award was conferred under the aegis of The Climate Reality Project India.



**Launch of Interstate Wheelchair Cricket Tournament 2018 by H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor Haryana on 20<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2018 at Punjab Engineering College (PEC), Chandigarh in association with RGNIYD, SLSA Chandigarh.**





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His Excellency Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Hon'ble Governor of Haryana was the Chief Guest at the launch of the tournament at Punjab Engineering College (PEC) Chandigarh on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The Chief Guest H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Hon'ble Governor, Haryana praised the efforts of APSWDP for initiating a new concept in Chandigarh and applauded RGNIYD too for supporting institutionally for bringing the wheelchair events for the first time to the Chandigarh. While addressing the audience, he mentioned that he has heard of blind cricket, deaf cricket but has never thought of wheelchair cricket which has actually put sign of exclamation in his mind and made him speechless to say anything. He also stated that while handshaking with players on wheelchairs, he has felt the energy and confidence of each players.

H.E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Hon'ble Governor, Haryana mentioned that, ***“formation of human body is inevitable and those who strive in order to eradicate celestial imperfections are next to God.”***

***The two day programme was also attended by eminent guests including Dr. M.M.Goyal (Director RGNIYD), Sh. Mahavir Singh (Member Secretary, State Legal Service Authority), Sh. Amarinder Sharma (Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Service Authority), Sh. Deepak K Dhingra (President, Chandigarh Management Association), Dr. M.S.Kamboj (Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh).***





Workshop on Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) through Sports on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018 in association with RGNIYD and SLSA Chandigarh.







The workshop was organized for leadership & capacity building of persons with disabilities through sports and also as a forum for exchange of ideas and concrete ways to make effective Sport for Development programmes on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017. It provided a platform that brought together the persons with disabilities struggling in daily life for their mainstreaming and recognition in sports.

The emphasis was on creating a network of sports organization working with persons with disabilities to foster the Sport for Development & Peace, enable practitioners, Non Government Organizations, donors, and corporate houses to learn about and implement effective Sport for Development programmes.

Opening Address by taken by Dr. Kottu Sekhar, Coordinator of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Regional Centre, Chandigarh followed by a session on Financial Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities by Sh. Kulwant Singh Bhullar and Sh. Manu Bhardwaj, FIDD, Reserve Bank of India, Chandigarh.

The most demanded session was on Features and Provisions of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 which was taken by Sh. Mahavir Singh, Member Secretary, State Legal Service Authority, Chandigarh. Understanding the need of the hour, a session of Leadership Building of Persons with Disabilities was taken by Sh. Amarinder Sharma, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Service Authority, Chandigarh.

Session on Overcoming Challenges in the life since birth was taken up by a well renowned public figure in the literary world Sh. Vivek Joshi which is known for his Motivational Speech on which was based on overcoming the stigma of being disabled. He gave perfect example of Prof. Hawkins who despite of being disabled achieved great heights in his professional career.

His views were also supported by Sh. Prabhakar Pundir on overcoming stress and coping mechanism for PwD by sharing his own life experience when an railway accident made him total disabled and how he went into physical and mental trauma without any hope but his self-motivational character supported by friends assisted him in mainstreaming with the existing social structure where



disability is seen as a curse and lots of stigma is attached with it. Both the session were highly motivating and deservingly followed by huge applaud.

During the closing ceremony of the event, Sh. Anil Garg (PCS), Additional Commissioner of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh presided and deliberated on the significance of such events which are required at the most to uplift the social status of PwD. He also appreciated the efforts of APSWDP team in organizing such an event which requires lot of energy, resources, manpower and above all finances. He finally congratulated APSWDP team for their resilience and determination in organizing this event.

He also awarded each player with Medal of Honour along with participation certificate. During the award ceremony various officials from RGNIYD and APSWDP were present.





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## 17 ਮਾਰਚ ਤੋਂ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ 'ਚ ਮਨਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ 'ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਜ ਸਪਤਾਹ'

ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ, 15 ਮਾਰਚ (ਵਿਕਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਾਨ)- ਐਸੋਸੀਏਸ਼ਨ ਆਫ ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਸੋਸ਼ਲ ਵਰਕਰਸ ਐਂਡ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਪ੍ਰੈਕਟਿਸ਼ਨਰਸ 17 ਮਾਰਚ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ 'ਚ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਜ ਸਪਤਾਹ ਮਨਾਉਣ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਦਾ ਆਗਾਜ਼ ਹਰਿਆਣਾ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਰਾਜਪਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕ ਪ੍ਰ. ਕਪਤਾਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੋਲੰਕੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਪੋਸਟਲ ਕਵਰ ਦੇ ਉਦਘਾਟਨ ਨਾਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਅੱਜ ਸੈਕਟਰ 12 ਵਿਖੇ ਪੱਤਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਰੇਖਾ ਤ੍ਰਿਵੇਦੀ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਹਫ਼ਤੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਯੂਨੈਸਕੋ ਦੇ 70 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਦਾ ਜਸ਼ਨ ਵੀ ਮਨਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਹਫ਼ਤਾ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਰਪਿਤ

▶▶ ਰਾਜਪਾਲ ਸੋਲੰਕੀ ਕਰਨਗੇ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਪੋਸਟਲ ਕਵਰ ਦਾ ਉਦਘਾਟਨ

ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਜੋ ਦੇਸ਼ ਵਿਚ ਵਧ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਅਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਗਤੀਵਿਧੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਖ਼ਤਮ ਕਰਨ 'ਚ ਯੋਗਦਾਨ ਪਾ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਪੂਰੇ ਹਫ਼ਤੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਜੋ ਵੀ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਝਾਅ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕੁਰੀਤੀਆਂ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਉੱਤੇ 21 ਅਤੇ 22 ਮਾਰਚ ਨੂੰ ਦੋ-ਦਿਨਾਂ ਵਰਕਸ਼ਾਪ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਇਹ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਸੰਪੰਨ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਡਾ ਮੋਨਿਕਾ ਸਿੰਘ, ਸੁਨਹਿਰਾ ਆਜ ਐਨ.ਜੀ.ਓ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਸਵਰਲਿਨ ਕੌਰ, ਮੋਡਮ ਰਿਤੂ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਪਤਰਵੇਤੋ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਸਨ।

**ਨ੍ਯੂਜ਼ ਗੈਲਰੀ**

**ਕਲ ਮਨਾਯਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਜ ਸਸ਼ਾਹ**

ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ (ਸੀਰਵ) : ਐਸੋਸੀਏਸ਼ਨ ਆਫ ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਸੋਸ਼ਲ ਵਰਕਰਸ ਐਂਡ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਪ੍ਰੈਕਟਿਸ਼ਨਰਸ (ਐ.ਪੀ.ਐਸ.ਡਬਲਯੂ.ਪੀ.) ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਜ ਸਸ਼ਾਹ ਮਨਾਏ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਜਿਸਦੀ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤ 17 ਮਾਰਚ ਕੀ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਇਸੀ ਦਿਨ ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਜ ਦਿਵਸ ਵੀ ਹੈ। ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਜ ਦਿਵਸ ਦੇ ਤਪਲਕਸ਼ਯ ਪਰ ਹਰਿਆਣਾ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਮਾਨਨੀਯ ਰਾਜਪਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕ ਕਸ਼ਾਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੋਲੰਕੀ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਪੋਸਟਲ ਕਵਰ ਦਾ ਅਨਾਵਰਣ ਕਰੇਗੇ। ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਜ ਸਸ਼ਾਹ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਜ ਦਾ ਪੇਸ਼ਾ ਮੁਢੇ ਅਤੇ ਚੁਨੀਤੀਯਾਂ। ਵਿਸ਼ਯ ਪਰ 21 ਅਤੇ 22 ਮਾਰਚ ਕੀ ਦੋ-ਦਿਵਸੀਯ ਕਾਰਯਸ਼ਾਲਾ ਦੇ ਸਾਥ ਸੰਪਤ ਹੋਗਾ। ਯਹ ਕਾਰਯਕ੍ਰਮ ਡਿਰਿਰਾ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਨੇਸ਼ਨਲ ਓਪਨ ਯੂਨਿਵਰਸਿਟੀ (ਡਗਨੂ) ਰੀਜਨਲ ਸੇਂਟਰ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ, ਰਾਜੀਵ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਨੇਸ਼ਨਲ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਓਫ ਯੂਥ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਰੀਜਨਲ ਸੇਂਟਰ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਅਤੇ ਸਪ੍ਰੈਡ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਨਹਰਾ ਆਜ ਨਾਮ ਕੀ ਗੈਰ-ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਸੰਸਥਾਓ ਕੀ ਸਾਝੇਦਾਰੀ ਦੇ ਸਾਥ ਆਯੋਜਿਤ ਕੀਯਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ।

**'ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਯ ਸਸ਼ਾਹ' 17 ਸੇ**

ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ, 15 ਮਾਰਚ (ਆਸ਼ੀਯ) : ਐਸੋਸੀਏਸ਼ਨ ਆਫ ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਸੋਸ਼ਲ ਵਰਕਰਸ ਐਂਡ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਪ੍ਰੈਕਟਿਸ਼ਨਰਸ 'ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਯ ਸਸ਼ਾਹ' ਮਨਾਏ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸਕੀ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਆਤ 17 ਮਾਰਚ ਕੀ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ। ਇਸੀ ਦਿਨ 'ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਯ ਦਿਵਸ' ਵੀ ਹੈ। ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਯ ਦਿਵਸ ਦੇ ਤਪਲਕਸ਼ਯ ਪਰ ਹਰਿਆਣਾ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਰਾਜਪਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕ ਕਸ਼ਾਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੋਲੰਕੀ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਪੋਸਟਲ ਕਵਰ ਦਾ ਅਨਾਵਰਣ ਕਰੇਗੇ। ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਯ ਸਸ਼ਾਹ 'ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਯ ਦਾ ਪੇਸ਼ਾ ਮੁਢੇ ਅਤੇ ਚੁਨੀਤੀਯਾਂ' ਵਿਸ਼ਯ ਪਰ 21 ਅਤੇ 22 ਮਾਰਚ ਕੀ ਦੋ ਦਿਵਸੀਯ ਕਾਰਯਸ਼ਾਲਾ ਦੇ ਸਾਥ ਸੰਪਤ ਹੋਗਾ।

ਕਾਰਯਕ੍ਰਮ ਡਿਰਿਰਾ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਨੇਸ਼ਨਲ ਓਪਨ ਯੂਨਿਵਰਸਿਟੀ, ਰੀਜਨਲ ਸੇਂਟਰ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ, ਰਾਜੀਵ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਨੇਸ਼ਨਲ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਓਫ ਯੂਥ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ, ਰੀਜਨਲ ਸੇਂਟਰ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਅਤੇ ਸਪ੍ਰੈਡ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਨਹਰਾ ਆਜ ਨਾਮ ਕੀ ਗੈਰ-ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਸੰਸਥਾਓ ਕੀ ਸਾਝੇਦਾਰੀ ਦੇ ਸਾਥ ਆਯੋਜਿਤ ਕੀਯਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਸਸ਼ਾਹ ਦੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਯੂਥ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਯ ਪੇਸ਼ੇਵਰ ਵਿਭਿੰਨ ਪ੍ਰਗਤਿਸ਼ੀਲ ਗਤਿਵਿਧਿਯਾਂ ਦੇ ਯਰਿਏ ਅਪਨੇ ਨੇਕ ਕਾਰਯੋ ਕੀ ਯਤਨ ਮਨਾਏਗੇ। ਕੌਸ਼ਿਕ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੇ ਦੌਰ ਮੇਂ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਯ ਕੇ ਪੇਸ਼ੀ ਪਰ ਦੋ ਦਿਵਸੀਯ ਕਾਰਯਸ਼ਾਲਾ ਵੀ ਆਯੋਜਿਤ ਕੀ ਜਾਏਗੀ। ਇਸ ਯਾਰੇ ਮੇਂ ਐ.ਪੀ.ਐਸ.ਡਬਲਯੂ.ਪੀ. ਕੀ ਅਧਯਕ਼, ਡਾ. ਮੋਨਿਕਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਕਹਾ, ਹਮਾਰੇ ਸਮਾਜ ਮੇਂ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਸਮਸਯਾਓ ਕੀ ਯਝੇ ਯੇਹਦ ਗਹਰੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਯੂਥਓ ਕੀ ਪ੍ਰਤਿਬਙਙਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਸਹਯਾਗਿਤ ਯਿਨਾ ਡਨੋਂ ਮਿਟਾਨਾ ਅਸੰਭਯ ਹੈ। ਐ.ਪੀ.ਐਸ.ਡਬਲਯੂ.ਪੀ. ਕੀ ਪ੍ਰਯਕ਼ਾ ਰੇਖਾ ਤਿਵੇਦੀ ਨੇ ਕਹਾ, ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਯ ਸਸ਼ਾਹ ਯਾਸ ਯਾਰੇ ਪਰ ਯਨਕੇ ਲਿਏ ਹੈ ਯੋ ਸਮਾਜ ਸੇ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਸਮਸਯਾਓ ਕੀ ਯਝਾਙਙ ਫਿਕਨੇ ਕੇ ਲਿਏ ਪ੍ਰਤਿਬਙਙ ਹੈ।





## City to celebrate first Social Work Week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 15

TAKING a first-of-its-kind initiative, the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is all set to celebrate 'Social Work Week' for the first time in the city. The celebration will be kicked off on March 17 coinciding with the World Social Work Day.

The week will be celebrated in collaboration with the regional centre of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD). On the occasion of World Social Work Day, a cover envisaging the sanctity behind the profession of social work in the current scenario will be released. The closing of the week will be marked by organising a workshop on social work profession, issues and challenges on March 21 and 22, wherein seminars will be on ideas of social reforms among the youth in the development sector. The events will also witness participation from prominent dignitaries. Highlights will also include an exhibition on encountering climate change, a painting competition 'Promoting the Dignity

and Worth of People -Spotlight on Lesser Known' and a session promoting professional social work education.

Dr Monica Singh, president, APSWDP, said, "Social problems are rooted deep within our society which cannot be eradicated without commitment from the youth. Our focus will be spreading awareness on social work profession among the youth in the region and building a network of young social work professionals and development practitioners."

Adding to it, Co-convenor for the event, APSWDP, Rekha Trivedi, said, "Social Work Week has been designed exclusively for those who are committed to annihilate social problems from our society. We will also celebrate 70 years of UNESCO during the week."

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Regional Centre, Chandigarh; Union Bank of India, Regional Office, Chandigarh; Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) Regional Centre, Chandigarh; and NGOs SPREAD and Sunchra Aaj will be a part of the programme.

## Social work week to be celebrated on March 17

CHANDIGARH: Taking a first-of-its-kind initiative, Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is all set to celebrate 'Social Work Week'.

The celebration will be kicked off on March 17 coinciding with 'World Social Work Day' which marks the magnificence of social work across the globe. On this occasion of 'World Social Work Day, a special cover envisaging the sanctity behind the profession of social work in the current scenario will be released.

The closing of Social Work Week will be marked by organising a two day workshop on social work profession, issues and challenges on March 21 and 22.

The workshop will put forth an era of thought provoking and brain storming sessions and cross fertilization of ideas on social reforms among youth. DP

## Social Work Week celebrations set to begin tomorrow

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 15

The Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is going to hold Social Work Week. The celebrations will begin from March 17, which is marked as World Social Work Day.

The five-day workshop will host a number of sessions on social reforms among youth. The highlights of the celebrations include an exhibition on encountering climate change, painting competition on the theme Promoting the Dignity and Worth of People - Spotlight on lesser Known and a session promoting professional social work education.

Besides, there will be a two-

day workshop on social work profession in the era of global development.

Dr Monica Singh, president, APSWDP, said: "Our focus will be to spread awareness of social work profession among youth in the region and build a network of young social work professionals and development practitioners."

Dr Sumit Arora, chairperson of the Standing Academic Committee and Convener of the APSWDP, said: "We need to create a workforce of professional social workers so that policies laid down by the government could reach the beneficiaries without any hassles". — TNS





# राज्यपाल ने किया अनावरण

विश्व समाज कार्य दिवस राज्यपाल भवन में विशेष कार्यक्रम आयोजित

**आज समाज नेटवर्क**  
 चंडीगढ़। विश्व समाज कार्य दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में प्रोफेशनल सोशल वर्कर्स एंड डेवलपमेंट प्रैक्टिशनर्स एसोसिएशन द्वारा 'सोशल वोक' माध्यम से 'विश्व अनावरण' कार्यक्रम का आयोजन राज्यपाल तथा चंडीगढ़ के प्रशासक प्रो. कप्तान सिंह सोलंकी की अध्यक्षता में हरियाणा राज्यपाल भवन में किया गया। इस समारोह में सुनिता बेक और इंदिरा के. डयल सहभागी के साथ केदार बंसल, इन्फो सीवीसी के चीड डेवेलपमेंट के डी. सी. सिंह, सोशल वोक माध्यम के अखिल अहवाल ने भाग लिया। इस अवसर पर



विश्व अनावरण का अनावरण करते राज्यपाल ने अन्य एसोसिएशन के एक संस्थापक अखिल अहवाल के साथ मिलकर 'सोशल वोक' माध्यम के लिए 'सोशल वोक' स्टेटमेंट जो 'सोशल वोक' के अनावरण 2014 में जारी हुआ था, से मुख्य अतिथि एवं उपस्थित समाज कार्य अखिल अहवाल

समर्थन करने के लिए 'सोशल वोक' को प्रोत्साहित करने का देश तथा राज्य में समाज कार्य पर राष्ट्रीय तथा राज्यीय स्तर पर चर्चा करने के प्रयास को महत्वपूर्ण का समर्थन के लिए विशेष आभार व्यक्त। राज्यपाल ने समाज कार्य क्षेत्र में जुड़े हुए एकांकी को और सफल बनाने के लिए समाज कार्य के लिए स्वयंसेवकों को प्रोत्साहित करने का आग्रह किया कि हमारी सरकारों और संयुक्त राष्ट्र को समाज कार्य के सहयोग से जोड़ने का प्रयास करना चाहिए। समाज कार्य को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए अखिल अहवाल ने राज्यपाल के माध्यम से समाज कार्य को प्रोत्साहित करने का आग्रह किया। इस अवसर पर विदेशी ने समाज कार्य के क्षेत्र में भारतीय प्रोफेशनल सोशल वर्कर्स को प्रोत्साहित करने का आग्रह किया।

# Social work professionals must engage with youth: Solanki

**DP CORRESPONDENT Chandigarh.**  
 A 'Social Work Week', on the occasion of World Social Work Day, was inaugurated at Haryana Raj Bhawan by Professor Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor of Haryana, Punjab and Administrator of Union Territory of Chandigarh. Prof Solanki was presented the first day special cover after it was released by Achala Bhatnagar, Chief Post Master General (Punjab Circle), titled 'Promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development'.  
 Speaking to delegates of Chandigarh-based Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), the Governor emphasised the need for social work



ers across the spectrum of disciplines to engage with the youth and empower them. "It is incumbent on everyone to drive the change that we want to see through education and empowerment. The Government or the law-makers cannot achieve this gigantic task alone," he said. The Governor said that he was happy that practitioners from diverse fields had come together to voluntarily shoulder societal responsibility and share their knowledge and experiences. The social work professionals will organize several activities over the entire week including sessions, talks and seminars, besides painting competitions, to spread awareness about the profession, its areas, and services.

The Government called upon the delegates to take their initiative to Haryana, Punjab and beyond and said that there was a need to invoke the spirit of 'live and let live' in the society and rid it of its ills. He said he would be happy to offer his support for this important cause "in whichever way possible." He asked the APSWDP delegates to engage with Central and State Government organizations also so that this movement can take root and benefit a larger number of citizens.

# Social work professionals must engage with youth & empower them: Kaptan Singh Solanki

**CHANDIGARH:** A 'Social Work Week', on the occasion of World Social Work Day, was inaugurated here this morning at Haryana Raj Bhawan by Professor Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor of Haryana, Punjab and Administrator of Union Territory of Chandigarh. Prof Solanki was presented the first day special cover after it was released by Mrs Achala Bhatnagar, Chief Post Master General (Punjab Circle), titled 'Promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development'.  
 Speaking to delegates of Chandigarh-based Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), the Governor emphasized the need for social workers across the spectrum of disciplines to engage with the youth and empower them. "It is incumbent on everyone to drive the change that we want to see through education & empowerment. The

Government or the law-makers cannot achieve this gigantic task alone," he said. The Governor said that he was happy that practitioners from diverse fields had come together to voluntarily shoulder societal responsibility and share their knowledge and experiences. He particularly praised the role of APSWDP founder Mr Vivek Trivedi, global youth activist recognized by UNESCO ESD World Youth Conference 2014. Mr Trivedi also presented the UNESCO Youth Statement on ESD which was adopted by the world body at Nagoya, Japan, in November 2014. The Governor called upon the delegates to take their initiative to Haryana, Punjab and beyond and said that there was a need to invoke the spirit of 'live and let live' in the society and rid it of its ills. He said he would be happy to offer his

support for this important cause "in whichever way possible." He asked the APSWDP delegates to engage with Central and State Government organizations also so that this movement can take root and benefit a larger number of citizens. The APSWDP delegates included Dr D B Negi, Dr J K Yadav & Dr Monika Singh of IGNOU; Mr Keshav Bajaj & Mr P K Aggarwal of Union Bank of India; Mrs Achala Bhatnagar, Chief Post Master General (Punjab Circle) & Mrs Manisha Bansal, Director (Indian Postal Service); besides Mr Karamveer Singh, Mr Sumit Arora, Mr Navneet Trivedi and Mr Deepak Sharma. The social work professionals will organize several activities over the entire week including sessions, talks and seminars, besides painting competitions, to spread awareness about the profession, its areas, and services.



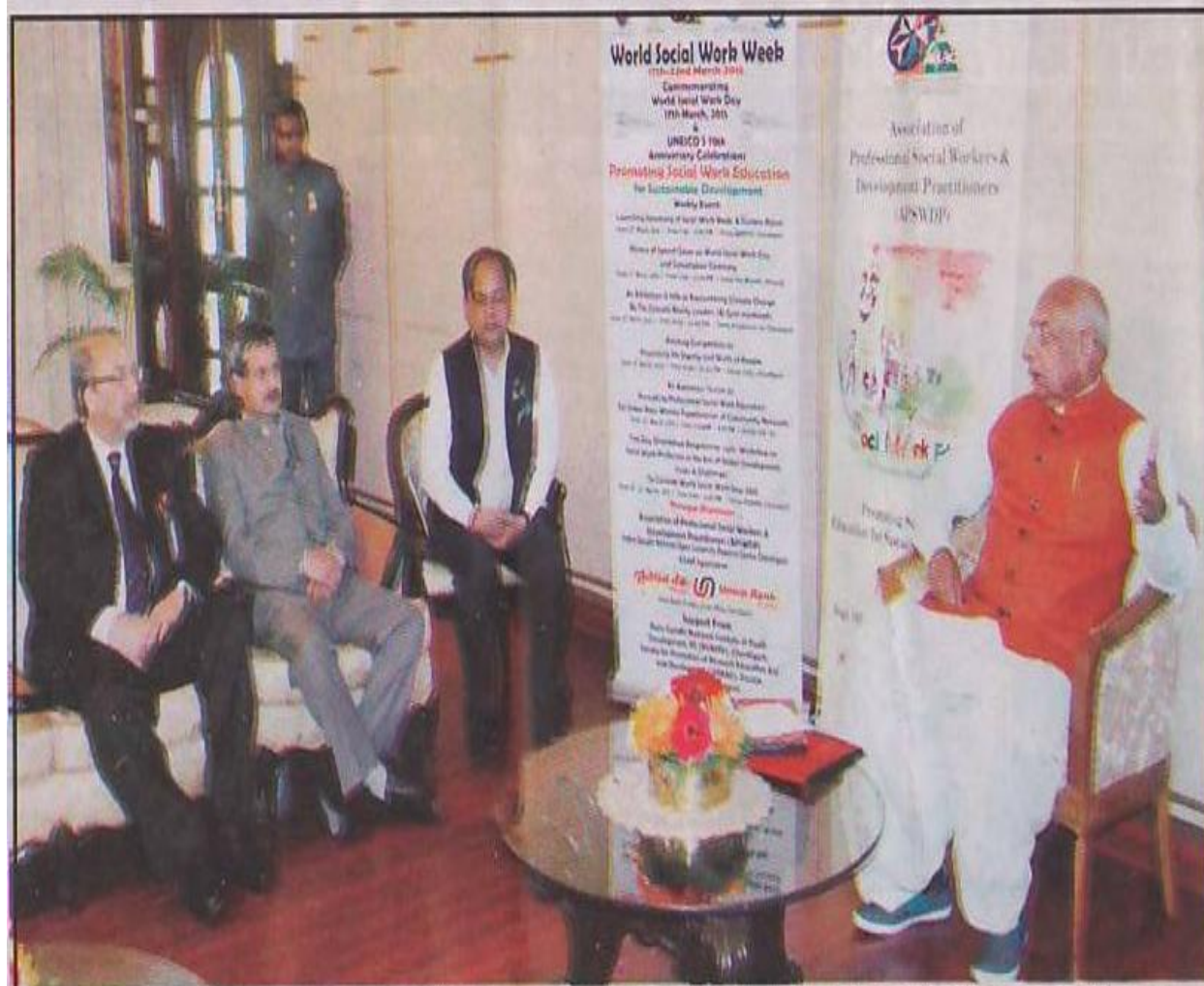




ACTIVITIES

World Social Work Week

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners will celebrate 'Social Work Week' from March 17, which coincides with 'World Social Work Day'. Social work professionals will celebrate noble deeds through innovative activities. The highlights include an exhibition on encountering climate change, painting competition 'Promoting the Dignity and Worth of People - Spotlight on lesser Known' and innovative session.



Haryana and Punjab Governor and UT Administrator, Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki at World Social Work Day function organized by Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) at Chandigarh yesterday.



# APSWD celebrates World Environment Day

DP CORRESPONDENT  
Chandigarh

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in partnership with State NSS Cell Chandigarh and technical support from The Climate Reality Project India organised Training of Trainers for the programme coordinators of NSS at NSS Unit, Government Model School, Sector 10, Chandigarh.

The objective behind organising the event was to share environmental issues with teachers so that they can disseminate same information to students through holistic teachings. These teachings lead to behavioural transformation in upcoming students so that they are aware about the environmental concerns that are need of the hour.

The ToT was planned in consonance with the key strategies of

ESD Youth Statement of UNESCO particularly capacity building and training of trainers.

In Friday's programme, emphasis was to impart free training to teachers associated with NSS units in Chandigarh. Idea was to take the climate reality certified online teachers training programme on climate change to teacher's fraternity.

Navneet Trivedi, programme officer APSWDP informed that upon completion of course, a school will be certified by The Climate Reality Project in India when two teachers from the school successful complete the course.

Dr Sumit Arora, spokesperson of APSWDP said that on this occasion the programme will be taken to each schools in the city after completion of teachers training programme for students.

Dr Bikram Rana, State Liaison



Officer, Chandigarh assured to all the stakeholders that support will be provided in taking up the advocacy as well as capacity building programmes to teachers as well as to the students.

Vivek Trivedi, founder of the initiative said that Youth are committed for bringing social change at the bottom of the pyramid. He assured that association will promote voluntary technical support in ev-

ery possible manner for resource mobilisation, network building, capacity building and training programmes to the government and non-government agencies.

Bhavesh Swami, Manager with Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power (District Manager, Rajasthan, The Climate Reality Project) and Apinder Sodhi, Leading Management Professional (District Manager, Punjab and Chandigarh, The Climate Reality Project) shared The AI Gore's Climate Reality presentation and teachers training programme respectively.

In the programme, as many as 180 participants has taken part from government, academics, civil society, youth and students in various activities during the whole day.

Dr Harbir Singh Anand, Dr Priti Garg, Sharad Kumar Singh, Karamvir Singh, Youdhvir Singh were also present on the occasion.









# हमारा क्रिकेट बोर्ड बनाइए, हम भी देश के लिए जीतना चाहते हैं

**Criket Star**  
 पंजाब यूनिवर्सिटी के क्रिकेट स्टैडियम में आज से इंटरस्टेट व्हीलचेयर क्रिकेट टूर्नामेंट 2017 शुरू होगा। अपने खेल और जिंजीगी के बारे में इन जांबाज खिलाड़ियों ने हमसे बात की। साथ ही यह भी कहा कि वे देश के लिए खेलना चाहते हैं...



• सुनील, संजयजी सिंह और विठ्ठल कुमार और सुधीर कुमार

विठ्ठल को कुछ महीने बाद ही कुछ सख्त इन्जीनरी हो गई थी, फायरिंग में कुछ क्षति भी बरसना। 10 साल तक सब ठीक-ठाक चलता: मैं दौड़ता चलता, चलता था लेकिन 11 साल का होने पर मुझे चलने में दिक्कत होने लगी। किसी न किसी चीज का सहाय लेकर चलना पड़ता था। फिर मम्मे के सड़क ठेका ही गिर जाता। फिर बचपने पर चल चल की उप करने के साथ कैंसे-कैंसे बंद करवा डिये-डिये इन्जिन अंदर ठेकावा चला आया। इन्जे बंद में थोड़ा ही चल पाता था। मेरी बलाय चलने बंदित पर थी। 40वीं तक बॉडी न बॉडी मुझे उठाने ही कामा लेकर जाता जैसे मैं बोल पेशर का इस्तेमाल करने की बला पाया। इस सभसे धरे मंग लीक क्रिकेट खेलने का भी रहा। पर मी अपनी सामान्य को इस खेल पर हलके नहीं होने दिया। जब भी मैच आता... जबर देखाता। खेलने का मन करता तो जब भी पाया के खेलना था जलो तो उन्को साथ खेलने लगता। वो भी खेल पर केवल। फिर थोड़ा बल व कर्मी के बर्बा के साथ खेला। उन्को समय पाया भी परन्तु बर्बा में वह कहकर मन बंद दिया कि तुम्हें मंग लग जायगी। इन्के अलावा भी वह भी सोचो कि इस तरह वह कैसे खेल सकता है। 2016 में मुझ पर के लीक चल चल कि व्हील चेयर पर जो क्रिकेट खेल सकते हैं और इन्के मैच जो होते हैं, फिर जब व मुझे मी खेल को बुरा करने का थोड़ापना दिशा। सब फिर जब से लेकर अब तक उतावलेता की टीम में बर्बा था, बर्बा था मैंन खेल रहा हूँ, जिलाइकर होने के समय ही अपनी टीम का कैप्टन भी हु। अब इन लोगों के जो लीक के मैच आते हैं जो बर्बा खेल नहीं खेल करते थे। लक्ष्मण के मैचवर्त फिर सब से मे अपने विन्डी के बर्बा से। वे पंजाब यूनिवर्सिटी में अब से शुरू होने वाले इंटरस्टेट व्हीलचेयर क्रिकेट टूर्नामेंट 2017 के लिए तैयार खड़े हैं। इस दौड़न अंग सभसे के खेल भी आते हैं। इन्के कुछ लोग भी वल भी और कामा क्रिकेट के उन्को लखन में इस तरह का बदलना आया और क्रिकेट के तुम्हें भी फेरे उम्मा सब महानर रहा।



**गलत इन्जेक्शन की वजह से व्हीलचेयर पर वजह से व्हीलचेयर पर**  
 वीर सिंह कंगू पंजाब टीम के कैप्टन हैं। 2016 से मैच खेल रहे हैं और कुछ मैच जीते भी हैं। पहले हैं- मंगल में खेल रहा था। जब तक व जल मुझे तैय करवाना हुआ तोकर में मुझे बर्बा लगा। इंजेक्शन लगाने दिया। जिसमें मेरी पैर की खले बर्बा हो गई। अब से खेल करना था तो क्रिकेट खेलने का जुनून उबर था। पर मकल नहीं व लीक वीरे विकर खेलने में मेरे बर्बा करवा नहीं छोड़ा। क्रिकेट खेलने में फेरीट है। मैच खेलने के सब सभ को लखन में बलाय भी महसूस किया। व्हीलचेयर का उपकरण बर्बा चला, और खले खेलने का मैच देते हैं इन में खेल के लिए, उन्को ल खले रहे।

**जीत के लिए खुद पर भरोसा रखना जरूरी**  
 सुधीर कुमार किल हरियाणा से हैं और एक साल से व्हीलचेयर पर मैच खेल रहे हैं। बल्ले हैं- अब साल तक बॉलिंग था। बर्बा-मैचों में लेकर बल-बैट की बलाय का मैं पैर से जल व लीक उन्के में फेरीट होना। लीकर में खेल करवाने पर चल पाता कि पैर की खले में फेरीट है। इन्के बल में पैर से लख व लीक उन्के के अलावा बर्बा बिल्लु नहीं बला पर सभसे से ही मेरी क्रिकेट में उरि रही। मंग के बर्बा को खेलने को बला व अब तक बर्बा लख कि तुम इन्के सब क्रिकेट खेलने सोचो बर्बा हो। पति में बल्ले में मंग लीक बलाय मीरे सभ खेलने को सोच दे तुम के बरे से चल पाता कि मैं मैच खेल सकता हु। सब इन्के बला व लीक उन्के क्रिकेट तक पुरुष।

**नॉर्मल लोगों से जीत गई थी हमारी टीम**  
 चंडीगढ़ अलग जलन में खले बर्बा सुनील अब हरियाणा में खले हैं। 2016 में क्रिकेट खेल रहे हैं। अपने को मैं बल्ले से कि 3 महीने का व जल मेरी पैरट बिल्ली के अलग अलग से लेकरवा पाते था। मैच खेलने पर वीरिय पेंडेंट जर्सी में लेकर खिले बला। इनके के कंग चंडीगढ़ के ही अलग जलन में मंग जला। बर्बा ही चल नहीं बलाय व लीक क्रिकेट का खेल करवाने से लख। 2000 में अब बर्बा का पैर व लख उन्के मी बल जला। मुझे का है जब नहीं व लखन के बर्बा बर्बा में मेरी उन्के लीक उन्के पर खेलने बर्बा में मैच खेलने पर वीरिय बिल्लु उन्के मीरे पर मैच खेल मी। इन्के मंग लीक उन्के बल जला।

**चार टीम हैं शामिल**  
 टूर्नामेंट को संयोजन देना चिन्ती में बलाय कि यह टूर्नामेंट एशियाइयन ऑफ व्हीलचेयर खेलन कौंसिल पर डेवलपमेंट प्रोटेक्शन की ओर से कराया जा रहा है। जिसका सपोर्ट तबसे सभी मैकल इंटरनेट और कुछ डेवलप कर रहा है। मैच के दिन तक बर्बा इन्के हरियाणा, पंजाब, उत्तरप्रदेश और दिल्ली की टीम खिल लेगी। एक टीम में 13 खेल है। 23 अक्टूबर को टूर्नामेंट के लिए बर्बा वल जलना होगा। इन्के सुनील कौंसिल की बर्बा, चंडीगढ़ के बर्बा वीरिय और सभसे बर्बा व किलन इन्के इन्के के सभसे बर्बा वीरिय मंगेलेट मी करीने।

# लीडरशिप व कैपेसिटी बिल्डिंग सेमिनार के साथ व्हीलचेयर क्रिकेट टूर्नामेंट पूरा व्हील चेयर्स पर बैठे-बैठे लगाए चौके-छक्के



चंडीगढ़ | तीन दिवसीय इंटर स्टेट व्हीलचेयर क्रिकेट टूर्नामेंट का समापन लीडरशिप और कैपेसिटी बिल्डिंग सेमिनार के साथ सोमवार को हो गया। दो दिन तक मैदान में चौके और छक्के की बौछार करने वाले व्हीलचेयर स्टार्स ने यहां पर राजीव गांधी नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ यूथ डेवलपमेंट के स्पीकरों ने इसके लिए टिप्स दिए। व्हीलचेयर टूर्नामेंट को एपीएसडब्ल्यूडीपी की ओर से आयोजित किया गया था। चंडीगढ़ के डीसी अजीत बालाजी जोशी यहां पर चीफ गेस्ट के तौर पर मौजूद रहे और उन्होंने सभी खिलाड़ियों को मेडल दिए। उन्होंने कहा कि ये खिलाड़ी भी सभी की तरह वेहद खास हैं और उन्होंने मैदान में सावित कर दिया कि वे किसी से कम नहीं हैं। इस टूर्नामेंट की शुरुआत 21 अक्टूबर को किया गया था और इसमें पंजाब, हरियाणा, दिल्ली और यूपी के 55 खिलाड़ियों ने हिस्सा लिया। आज ये खिलाड़ी विश्वभर के लोगों को मैसज दे रहे हैं कि वे किसी मामले में पीछे नहीं हैं। वे हर खेल में अपने आप को सावित कर रहे हैं। क्रिकेट के अलावा रग्बी, बार्सेटबॉल, वेसबॉल आदि में भी खिलाड़ी अच्छ प्रदर्शन कर रहे हैं।





# वीर ने सिक्स लगाकर पंजाब को बनाया चैंपियन

इंटर स्टेट व्हील चेयर क्रिकेट टूर्नामेंट के फाइनल में अंतिम गेंद पर किया कमाल, लास्ट ओवर में बनाए 23 रन; यूपी की हार

जागरण संवाददाता, चंडीगढ़ : इंटर स्टेट व्हीलचेयर क्रिकेट टूर्नामेंट के रोमांचक फाइनल मैच में पंजाब ने यूपी को हरा दिया। पंजाब को अंतिम ओवर में 23 रन और अंतिम गेंद पर छह रन की जरूरत थी। पंजाब के बल्लेबाज वीर ने अंतिम गेंद पर छक्का लगाकर अपनी टीम को चैंपियन बना दिया।

पंजाब यूनिवर्सिटी के क्रिकेट ग्राउंड में रविवार को फाइनल मुकाबले में यूपी ने टॉस जीता और पहले बल्लेबाजी का फैसला लिया। यूपी ने 12 ओवरों में 122 रन बनाए।

अनमोल ने 51 रनों की अर्धशतकीय पारी खेली। पंजाब के गेंदबाद सुनील व रोहित ने एक-एक विकेट ह्रासिल किया। जवाब में खेलने उतरी पंजाब की टीम को अंतिम ओवर में जीत के लिए 23 रन की जरूरत थी। वीर ने धमाकेदार बल्लेबाजी करते हुए अंतिम गेंद पर छक्का लगाकर पंजाब को चैंपियन बना दिया।

## अंतरराष्ट्रीय मैच खेल चुके हैं वीर

वीर अंतरराष्ट्रीय मैच खेल चुके हैं। वीर ने बताया कि उन्होंने मलेशिया में पाकिस्तान के साथ अंतरराष्ट्रीय मैच खेला था। इसके अलावा आगरा में भी वे एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय मैच खेल चुके हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि वे वैसे पंजाब के मोगा से हैं और फिलहाल चंडीगढ़ के सेक्टर-21 में रह रहे हैं। वीर ने बताया कि वे क्रिकेट की प्रेक्टिस करते रहते हैं।

ढाई साल की आयु में उन्हें पोलियो हो गया था। पहले वे बैठकर क्रिकेट खेलते थे। फिर उन्हें कई लोगों ने व्हीलचेयर पर क्रिकेट खेलने की सलाह दी। जिसके बाद ही उन्होंने एक टीम बनाई और व्हीलचेयर पर क्रिकेट खेलना शुरू किया। इसके बाद ही उनकी टीम ने इलाहाबाद में पहला मैच खेला। इसके बाद मेरठ और लखनऊ में



फाइनल मैच के दौरान प्लेयर्स की होसलाआफजाई करने पहुंचे पूर्व क्रिकेटर दिनेश मोंगिया। वीर ने शानदार पारी दिखाई। जागरण



चंडीगढ़ की पंजाब यूनिवर्सिटी के ग्राउंड में चल रहे व्हील चेयर क्रिकेट टूर्नामेंट के फाइनल में उत्तर प्रदेश की टीम के खिलाफ शॉट लगाता पंजाब का बल्लेबाज। वीर ने सबका दिल जीत लिया। जागरण

भी मैच खेला। इसमें काफी लोगों का उन्हें सहयोग भी मिला। इससे पहले सिरसा में भी उन्होंने टूर्नामेंट जीता था। वे शॉटपुट गेम भी खेलते हैं और उसमें भी कई कंपीटिशन में तीन मेडल जीत चुके हैं। वीर के प्रदर्शन से साथी खुश दिखे।

अंतिम ओवर का खेल (बल्लेबाज वीर)	पहली गेंद डॉट	तीसरी गेंद चौका	पांचवीं गेंद डॉट
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जीत हासिल करने के बाद पिच को चूमता पंजाब की टीम का खिलाड़ी।

टूर्नामेंट में जीत हासिल करने के बाद खुशी का इजहार करते वीर। यूपी की इस मैच में हार हुई।



## हरियाणा की टीम ने दिल्ली को हरा हासिल किया तीसरा स्थान

तीसरे स्थान के मैच में हरियाणा ने दिल्ली को 9 विकेट से मात दी। हरियाणा ने टॉस जीतकर पहले फील्डिंग करने का फैसला लिया। दिल्ली की टीम 11.1 ओवर में 68 रनों पर सिमट गई। जवाब में हरियाणा ने एक विकेट खोकर जीत हासिल कर ली। हरियाणा की तरफ से जगरूप ने 41 रनों की पारी खेली।

## पूर्व क्रिकेटर दिनेश मोंगिया ने बढ़ाया होसला

पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह में पूर्व क्रिकेटर दिनेश मोंगिया भी पहुंचे। उन्होंने खिलाड़ियों का होसला बढ़ाया। मोंगिया ने कहा कि ये खिलाड़ी जिस तरह से इन मैचों में होसला दिखा रहे हैं, वह काबिल-ए-तारीफ है और उनके इस जज्बे को वे सलाम करते हैं। उन्होंने विजेता खिलाड़ियों को पुरस्कार प्रदान किया और भविष्य के लिए शुभकामनाएं भी दीं।



# ... और फिर मेरे दोनों पैरों के ऊपर से ट्रेन गुजर गई

प्रभाकर सिंह पंडीर ने पंक से एमटेक की। एक्सोडैट में दोनों टांगे चली गईं, अब ब्रिलियन्स क्रिकेट में हिस्सा ले रहे हैं

**एचसीएल (हॉस्पिटल प्रीमियर लोग) शुरू करवाएँ**

एचसीएल के ब्रिलियन्स में कर्मियों में एक भी अंधा नहीं था। कौन-कौन से ब्रिलियन्स की टीमों के साथ मिलकर काम करने में कर्मियों को ब्रिलियन्स और एचसीएल के बीच में इतना गहरा रिश्ता बन गया कि कर्मियों को हीरे की तरह माना जाता था। कर्मियों को ब्रिलियन्स में काम करने के लिए हीरे की तरह माना जाता था। कर्मियों को ब्रिलियन्स में काम करने के लिए हीरे की तरह माना जाता था।

**ये तो शुरुआत है अभी तो आगे जाना है**

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**दोबारा से जीजंगा पहले वाली जिंदगी**

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**जुगल खेले बंद मिला तो**

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# Sportsman's spirit

**No specialised wheelchair or coach, but that does not deter this physically-challenged group to toss the ball**

**JASMINE SINGH**

**UNITED WE PLAY**

Based on the motivation and inspiration from various corners in our country and abroad too, I have mobilised a team and identified persons with various disabilities as per rules/practices globally, which include persons with disability like spinal injury, polio, amputation etc and a few orphan youth from Chandigarh and Punjab.

**REKHA THREED**

work related to development and welfare of persons with disability. I networked with various sports organisations that work for such persons to build their capacity. For two years, we have been successfully organizing a wheelchair cricket just team for Chandigarh.

Punjab. We have sponsored as well as sent teams to various places in UP and Haryana for friendly matches. Just because I am associated with persons with disabilities, I got calls from other network which are into wheelchair sports in the country for evolving a wheelchair rugby team," she adds.

Though the team has not been recognised at the state level or received any kind of affiliation from the administration, Rekha feels it is only a matter of time that this team will be winning laurels at the international level.

She introduces us to the smiling faces of the rugby team: Sunny Shukla, Sunit Kumar, Veer Singh, Rahul, Dalip and Krishna manoeuvre their wheelchairs, on the not-so-professional turf of Sector-21 ground, Young Rahul, 27, an orphan is cheering for the rest of members, 'pan kar pan kar', he moves his wheelchair briskly, catching the ball just in time. 'Fool hai,' Veer shouts as the two get into a friendly altercation. "Since it is new game, we are getting acquainted to the special rules and regulations," shares Rahul, who is working as a laboratory technician at Civil Hospital—22.

Rahul and the rest of his team do not have specialised wheelchairs for the game. They could manage to purchase only two chairs so far. "These chairs are light and allow easy movement,"

'Veer jumps in the conversation. Popping, he wipes the sweat of his face with his tee. "Do you see the attitude of these sportsman, in fact, stylish sportsman," he laughs.

The team members practise post 2pm, at any place they can get permission for, be it a school or a place like Mother Theresa Home. They do not have any professional coach to teach rugby, so they teach each other. "I wish we got a net, and that we can practice professionally," Sunit expresses his concern. Sunit and Dalip have been picked for the national team. But despite the challenges, overcoming physical disability, trying to make do with less professional wheelchairs, this rugby team is ever-smiling.

**Subhash Jewellers**

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# दिव्यांग व्यक्तियों को ईश्वर की ओर से दी गई है चुनौती: सोलंकी

राज्यपाल ने नेशनल व्हीलचेयर क्रिकेट प्रतियोगिता-2018 के शुभारंभ अवसर पर किया संबोधित



उज्जयल प्रो. कप्तान सिंह सोलंकी अखिलेश्वर और खिलाड़ियों के साथ।

**इगमार्ज न्यूज़**  
**पंटीगढ़।** हरियाणा के राज्यपाल प्रो. हसन सिंह सोलंकी ने कहा कि दिव्यांगता व्यक्ति को ईश्वर की ओर से दी गई चुनौती है। उनकी मदद करना ईश्वरीय कार्य है क्योंकि उनको ज्ञानते समय ईश्वर से जो चूक रह गई उनकी मदद करने वाले उस कमी को पूरा करते हैं।  
 सोलंकी ने शनिवार को नेशनल व्हीलचेयर क्रिकेट प्रतियोगिता-2018 के शुभारंभ अवसर पर संबोधित कर रहे थे। प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन इंडिया व्हीलचेयर क्रिकेट एसोसिएशन द्वारा पंजाब इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेज के क्रिकेट मैदान में किया गया।  
 राज्यपाल ने अंग्रे कहे कि अपने स्व मनोबल के द्वारा जिन दिव्यांगों ने स्वयं को खेलने की स्थिति में लाया। वे दूसरों के लिए प्रेरणा का स्रोत हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि इनका प्रथम श्रेय स्तर की प्रतियोगिताओं के आयोजन तक आ चुका है। भविष्य में

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर भी दिव्यांगों को ऐसी क्रिकेट प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन होगा। उन्होंने गर्व प्रकट किया कि 2016 में रियो में सम्पन्न पैरालम्पिक खेलों में भारत के चार दिव्यांग खिलाड़ियों ने पदक जीतकर देश का नाम रोशन किया। इस अवसर पर राज्यपाल ने इस प्रतियोगिता की पुस्तिका का लोकार्पण भी किया। उन्होंने इस प्रतियोगिता के आयोजन में मदद देने वाली संस्थाओं राजीव गांधी राष्ट्रीय युवा विकास संस्थान, एसोसिएशन ऑफ प्रोफेशनल सोशल वर्कर्स एंड डेवलपमेंट प्रैक्टिशनर्स, पंजाब इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेज आदि की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि ये संस्थाएं दिव्यांगों को

आत्म विश्वास के साथ जीने की प्रेरणा दे रही हैं। उन्होंने विश्वास प्रकट किया कि यह क्रिकेट प्रतियोगिता दिव्यांगों में नई शक्ति व आत्मविश्वास का संचार करेगी और इन्हें साहसी व्यक्ति बनने में मदद करेगी। इससे पहले एसोसिएशन ऑफ प्रोफेशनल सोशल वर्कर्स एंड डेवलपमेंट प्रैक्टिशनर्स के संस्थापक विवेक त्रिवेदी ने राज्यपाल का स्वागत किया। इस अवसर पर इंडिया व्हीलचेयर क्रिकेट एसोसिएशन के संस्थापक स्कवाइन लीडर अजय प्रताप सिंह, रेखा त्रिवेदी, राजीव गांधी राष्ट्रीय युवा विकास संस्थान की चेन्नई शाखा के निदेशक प्रो. एमएम गोयल आदि मौजूद रहे।

“THE GOVERNMENT HAS OPENED A GATEWAY FOR MANY SUCH ORPHANS, WHO HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO PERFORM IN VARIOUS FIELDS. AT THE SAME TIME, I THINK THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO WAIVE OFF THE FEE FOR ORPHANS AND EVEN SADHUS.” **REKHA TRIVEDI, SOCIAL WORKER**

## Destiny's child

The new rules of getting a passport have been eased. But it takes a social worker like Rekha Trivedi to help orphans secure one...



Rahul John with Rekha Trivedi

**JASMINE SINGH**

**R**EKHA TRIVEDI, a social worker from Chandigarh, was surfing on line when she saw an article on the new changes that have been introduced in the passport process in 2017.  
 Out of the various points that had been mentioned to facilitate the passport application process, one point drew her attention - applicants can now choose to fill in the detail of only one legal guardian or parent, making it much easier for single parents to get passport for the children. It was no longer mandatory to write father's name in the application form. The rules for obtaining passports had been eased for single mothers, orphans, sadhus and adopted children.

**TEARS OF JOY**

Rekha almost yelled with joy as the smiling face of Rahul John, an orphan, came flashing to her mind. "Rahul had expressed his desire to go ahead for playing a wheelchair cricket tournament, but he had no passport. And then one day, I read about the new rules." From that day onwards, Rekha started collecting documents. "There are many orphans who have the talent, but couldn't go anywhere because they didn't have passport." She finally assembled the papers, a matric certificate and a bonafide letter from his orphanage where he grew and received schooling, and following the new procedure, helped Rahul get a passport, which he flaunts with joy.  
 Rahul now has a proof of his identity and he can fulfil his dreams. "There are many like me who have dreams,

who want to travel the world; this new relaxation will certainly be of great help."

**RAY OF HOPE**

Rekha is now being approached by more such kids, who also want to avail the facility. Chandan, 24, an orphan staying in Maloya with a friend from his village, is a trained plumber. He got an offer to work in Dubai, but since he didn't have a passport, he couldn't go. "All this time, I have moved around with an old, tattered ration card, but now I've heard that I too can get my passport made, which sounds really great," says Chandan, still sceptical whether he can ever go to Dubai.

**PLEASE NOTE**

ORPHANS WHO DO NOT HAVE ANY BIRTH CERTIFICATE CAN NOW GET THE HEAD OF THE ORPHANAGE, WHERE THEY WERE RAISED, TO CONFIRM THEIR DATE OF BIRTH ON AN OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD. THIS DOCUMENT IS NOW ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR ISSUING PASSPORTS.

Like Chandan, Suresh, Kumar K and Mohit John saw young boys who want to own their own passports. Suresh, 27, staying in Dadu Majra Colony, too had a job opportunity as a drain cleaner in Germany, but had no passport. "I am already collecting the necessary documents and soon will be able to send you my picture with my passport on whatsapp," he grins with joy, as he requests us to add him on our whatsapp list!  
[www.whatsapp.com](http://www.whatsapp.com)



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### Participation of APSWDP members in Conferences/ Trainings/ Meetings

S. No.	Programme	Member's Name
1.	International Training Programme on Climate Change Adaptation organized by The Climate Reality Project under ALGORE Climate Leadership Programme at New Delhi from 13-15 February 2015 at New Delhi	Dr. Sumit Arora Mr. Karamver Singh Youthvir Singh, Volunteer Navneet Trivedi, Volunteer
2.	<p>Orientation Programme on Schemes and Programmes of MoWCD for functionaries of Voluntary Organizations from 20-24 April, 2015 organized at NIPCCD, Lucknow.</p> <p>Orientation Programme on Schemes and Programmes of MoWCD for functionaries of Voluntary Organizations from 24-26 May, 2016 organized at NIPCCD, Lucknow.</p> <p>Training Course on Empowering Women to Lead Change at ISI New Delhi from 24/4/16 to 3/5/16.</p> <p>Training Course on Empowering Women to Lead Change at ISI New Delhi from 12/12/16 to 18/12/16.</p> <p>Para Legal Training course on Human Rights and Law from 25/4/17 to 1/5/17</p> <p>Para Legal Training course on Human Rights and Law from 17/03/18 to 23/03/18</p> <p>ICLEI World Conference on Sustainable Development 2015 at Seoul, South Korea</p>	Rekha Trivedi



3.	International Conference on Mountain Cities, Climate Change and Urban Sustainability from 6-8 November, 2017 at CRRID	Dr. Monica Singh Dr Sumit Arora Rekha Trivedi Karamveer Singh
4.	International Conference on Disaster Management organized by UNISDR at Geneva from 27-29 January, 2016	Vivek Trivedi
5.	Training Programme on Developing Capacities on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in the Asia Pacific Region in from 18-22 May 2015 at UNITAR CIFAL JEJU South Korea	Navneet Trivedi
6.	Training Programme on Integrated Solid Waste Management and Circular Economy from 24-27 April 2018 at UNITAR CIFAL JEJU. South Korea	Dr. Sumit Arora
7.	Participation in World Punjabi Conference at Toronto in Canada from 13-14 June, 2015 organised by PUBPA, KALM Foundation and World Punjabi Centre, PUP.	Dr. Monica Singh





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- M.K. Gandhi