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- Jim Rohn

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**DR. MONICA SINGH
PRESIDENT**



MESSAGE

I am pleased to put forth the first edition of our Annual Report 2014-15 on successful completion of first year with various activities including workshops, conferences, celebration of days of national and global importance.

I happy that the founding members of the association have chosen me as a first President of the Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP). I assure all of you to work for our primary mandate of Promotion of Social Work Education for Sustainable Development.

I think the association will fill void in the region where such network are not existing and will also bring social and community network come closer to act together. The association will definitely promote professionalism in the Non Government Organization working social welfare sector.

I am certain that the association will achieve its mission as per vision laid on promotion of Social Work Education.

With regards,

Dr. Monica Singh

DR. J. K. YADAV
VICE PRESIDENT



MESSAGE

I am excited to put forward Annual Report 2014-15 of **Association of Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)** on the first foundation anniversary.

I recall how a workshop on the Social Work Day 2014 at IGNOU Regional Center Chandigarh has resulted into Emergence of a young network of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners from the region with an objective to promote the value of the profession.

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 the association will work for Promotion of Social Work Education and Reforms by way of capacity building programmes, awareness creation, socio-economic empowerment, network building, advocacy negotiations and lobbying with policy institutions of national importance.

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

Dr. J. K. Yadav

**VIVEK TRIVEDI
SECRETARY GENERAL**



MESSAGE

I am delighted to present our first Annual Report 2014-15 on the first anniversary of Association of Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP).

I would like to share you that a “Decade of Youth Work” and leadership development by legends and mentors in Social Work and Development sector viz. Late. Didi Nirmala Despande former Rajya Sabha Member, Dr. Rajan M. Welukar, Former Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University, Prof. K. D. Gangrade, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Delhi School of Social Work, Md. Amin-ul-Islam Khan, Former Regional Director Commonwealth Youth Programme, Commonwealth Secretariat, U.K., Al Gore, Noble Laureate and Masami Miyazaki Director Goi Peace Foundation, Japan inspired me to found this association, which is a blend of professionals working in Social Work and Development sector.

I thank specially Md. Amin-ul-Islam Khan who continuously provided sustained hand holding in persistent thought making, leading and network building. He pushed me to arrive at a juncture when this association was conceived.

The association was fortunate to receive blessings of His Excellency Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Hon. Governor Haryana, Punjab and Administrator Chandigarh by of hosting Launch of World Social Work Week from Raj Bhawan.

I thank Mr. Keshav Baijal, DGM UBI, Regional Office Chandigarh and Dr. Negi for providing financial support in the form of donation and purchasing Special Postal Cover as a part of CSR and Fund Raising assistance. I also thank Mrs. Achala Bhatnagar, Chief Post Master General, and Mr. Deepak Sharma, Punjab Circle for supporting the association organizing a cancelation ceremony of the Special Cover on World Social Work Day celebration and Haryana Raj Bhawan.

I thank all the members who have come forward in shaping this association right from its inception.

Vivek Trivedi

**KARAM VEER SINGH
TREASURER**



MESSAGE

I am very happy to be associated with Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) since its formation stage. I am thankful to Vivek sir for showing confidence and taking me in his team to work on organizational development.

As a student of Social Work, it is an immense opportunity for me to work under the mentorship of eminent and passionate Social Work Professionals viz. Dr Monika Singh and Dr. Yadav.

I was excited when sir offered me an internship-cum-training on organizational building and I responded immediately.

I feel honor to be the first young Treasurer of the association.

Association has completed one year of successful functioning and is now under organizational mechanism building phase.

Karam Veer Singh




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संदेश

यह अत्यन्त हर्ष का विषय है कि एसोसिएशन ऑफ प्रोफेशनल सोशल वर्करज़ एण्ड डिवैल्पमेंट प्रेक्टिशनरस, चण्डीगढ़ 1 दिसम्बर, 2015 को अपनी स्थापना का एक वर्ष पूरा कर रही है। जिस उद्देश्य को सामने रखकर उक्त एसोसिएशन की स्थापना की गई थी, उसे पूरा करने में एसोसिएशन के सभी पदाधिकारियों ने अपना भरपूर सहयोग देकर विभिन्न प्रकार की गतिविधियों का सफल आयोजन किया। मुझे याद है कि जब वर्ष 2014 में इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय (इग्नू) क्षेत्रीय केन्द्र, पंचकुला में 'समाज कार्य शिक्षा' के परामर्शदाताओं एवं दूर-शिक्षार्थियों के लिए एक वर्कशाप का आयोजन किया गया था, उसमें सामने आये तर्क-वितर्क तथा अमूल्य सूझावों के दृष्टिगत एक ऐसी एसोसिएशन की जरूरत महसूस की गई थी जो समाज कार्य शिक्षा के प्रचार-प्रसार में भरपूर योगदान दे सके, फलस्वरूप इसी संकल्पना के साथ उक्त एसोसिएशन की स्थापना की गई थी।

विगत वर्ष आयोजित की गई विभिन्न गतिविधियों में मुख्यतः 17 मार्च, 2015 को "विश्व समाज कार्य दिवस" के उपलक्ष्य में महामहिम राज्यपाल, हरियाणा द्वारा राजभवन चण्डीगढ़ में डाक विभाग के सौजन्य से व्यावसायिक समाज कार्य शिक्षा और सतत् विकास पर एक विशेष आवरण जारी किया गया। इसी शृंखला में समाज कार्य शिक्षा का प्रचार-प्रसार करने तथा इस क्षेत्र में प्रयोगात्मक शोध एवं अध्ययन करके सम्बन्धित विभागों एवं नीति निर्धारक एजेंसियों को सुझाव देने एवम् अवगत करवाने के उद्देश्य से इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय (इग्नू) क्षेत्रीय केन्द्र, चण्डीगढ़ तथा एसोसिएशन के संयुक्त सौजन्य से दो दिवसीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया।

अपनी स्थापना के उपलब्धियों भरे एक वर्ष (वर्षगांठ) पर मैं एसोसिएशन के सभी पदाधिकारियों को उनकी कड़ी मेहनत, प्रतिबद्धता एवं अथक प्रयासों के लिए बधाई देना चाहता हूँ तथा एसोसिएशन की प्रगति के लिए शुभकामनाएं देता हूँ।


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Al Gore's Climate Leadership Program

Dated : 19th November 2015

Message



The Teachers Training Program (TTP) for climate change awareness saw a successful launch program in Chandigarh on World Environment Day, 5th June 2015. Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWD) successfully gathered and trained 160 schools of Chandigarh, which have NSS support. The Climate Reality Project would like to thank Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners for successfully launching the Teacher Training Program in Chandigarh.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "A. Pundir".

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Background of APSWDP

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, urbanization, 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.

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.

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 innovation, social values, principles and ethics to warrant inclusive development.

Values

1. Understanding differing ethnic and cultural patterns, as well as the capacity to engage in ethnic-gender and age-sensitive practice.
2. Respecting and Welcoming.
3. 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 and 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.

Aims

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

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.

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.

Programme & Activities

- **First Foundation Meeting**



The first foundation meeting was held on 1st December, 2014 at registered office under the chairmanship of Dr. Monika Singh, President and Co-chairmanship of Dr. J K Yadav, Vice President. The meeting was convened by Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Secretary General after receiving the legal status of the association under the Section 21 of the Society Registration Act, 1860.

Prior to registration of the association, the meetings were convened on 26th January 2014, 23rd March, 29th March, 15th August, 2nd October 2014 , which put forth the way to receive legal entity.

In the first foundation meeting, Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Secretary General welcomed Dr. Monika Singh, President, Dr. J. K. Yadav, Vice President and Executive Members of the association. He presented the Articles of Association to all the members of the association.

Dr. Monika Singh, President thanked all the members who contributed their time and energy specially Mr. Vivek Trivedi for shaping association. She said, this association is a need for the region as there is absence of any professional network of professionals working in development sector.

*Members of the Association presenting Articles of Association to Dr. Monika Singh, President
(In Picture (R-L): Mr. Karamveer Singh, Mr. Amitoz Dogra, Dr. J K Yadav, Dr. Monika, Mr. Vivek and Mrs. Rekha Trivedi)*





Dr. J. K. Yadav, Vice President thanked Mr. Vivek Trivedi for inviting him to be a part of the professional network of development practitioners working in government, non government, civil society organizations. He said, he is delighted to be associated with association led by youngsters and assured the governing body of his guidance and support.

Mr. Vivek Trivedi, the founder and the Secretary General of the association thanked all the members specially Mr. Karamveer and Dr. Sumit Arora for drafting Articles of Association and other mandatory procedures to be followed at office of the Registrar Of Societies Chandigarh. Mr. Vivek Trivedi thanked Dr Monika Singh for accepting the proposal of being the first President of the association. He thanked Dr. J K Yadav, Mrs. Rekha Trivedi, Mr. Amitoz, Dr. Sumit Arora and Mr. Sharad Singh for putting their efforts in shaping the structure of the association.



In the meeting, it was decided that in the upcoming meetings, decision on annual plan, standing committee on various subjects and organizational administrative mechanism will take place.

Mr. Vivek Trivedi, affirmed in the meeting that the association has to put their organized and synchronized efforts in putting up candidature to UN Consultative status in UNDESA. He said, all the members must follow ethics and be accountable and responsible to association.

At the end Dr. J. K. Yadav put Vote of thanks formally and thanked all the members for their contribution. He also thanked volunteers of the association specially Mr. Narendra, Fine Artist for designing logo, theme of the association.

- **Celebration of World Social Work Day-17th March 2015, launch of World Social Work Week 17-22 March, 2015, Cancellation and Release of Special Postal Cover on SW-ESD, Presentation of UNESCO Youth Statement to His Excellence Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor and 70 yrs of UNESCO's celebration.**

Background

Taking a first-of-its-kind initiative, Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is all set to celebrate 'Social Work Week 2015'. The celebration will be kicked off on March 17th 2015 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 postal 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 organizing a two day workshop on social work profession, issues and challenges on 21st and 22nd March 2015. The workshop will put forth an era of thought provoking and brain storming sessions and cross fertilization of ideas on social reforms among youth practices in development sector and enabling.

During this week Social work professionals will swing into action to celebrate noble deeds through various innovative social activities. The events will witness the participation from prominent and credible dignitaries. The highlights of this mega celebration include an exhibition on encountering climate change, painting competition 'Promoting the Dignity and Worth of People –'Spotlight on lesser Known' and innovative session promoting professional social work education. Besides, there will be two-day workshop on social work profession in the era of global development.

The Association is committed to bring recognition to social work professionals and acknowledge their contribution towards the society. The association is also aimed at promoting the concept of social work education among the youth and enhances their skills so that their potential could be realize to bring changes in the society. Outcomes from this workshop will be marked by voice of youth through ideas and recommendations, artistic, through question and answers form, philosophical thoughts.

Programme Objectives:

The objectives behind organizing a Social Work Week to mark and commemorate World Social Work Week 2015 were:

1. To raise awareness of Social Work Profession among youth in the region
2. To build network of young social work professionals and development practitioners
3. To bridge a gap between theory and practice in social work profession
4. To develop operational framework on Field Based Training
5. To link social work academicians, practitioners, learners and employers
6. To award the be bright young social workers and development practitioners in the region

Curtain Raiser - 15th March, 2015 at RGNIYD, Chandigarh



Picture: Functionaries during a Press Conference

The World Social Work Week celebration kicked off with a curtain raiser held on 15th March, 2015 at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute Youth Development (RGNIYD) followed by a Joint Press Conference with organizing partners including Sponsors, 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 17th to 22nd 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, 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”.

Launching Ceremony 17th March, 2015 at Raj Bhawan Haryana, Chandigarh

Background

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 Solanki 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 70th Anniversary Celebrations.

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



Picture: H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor Haryana, Punjab and Administrator Chandigarh is arriving in the Lounge Hall.

Welcome Address: Dr. Joginder Kumar Yadav, Deputy Director, IGNOU, RC Chandigarh



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 Baijal, 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 Bouquet of flower.

Floral Welcome: Mrs. Rekha Trivedi, Founding Member, Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioner (APSWDP)



Mrs. Rekha Trivedi is welcoming H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor Haryana, Punjab and Administrator Chandigarh (Above picture) and Mrs. Achala Bhatnagar, CPMG, Punjab Circle by presenting a Bouquet of Flower (Below picture)

Programme Brief: Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder General Secretary, Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioner (APSWDP) and UNESCO ESD Youth Representative.

Genesis of the Association:

Mr. Vivek Trivedi, the founder of the Association and the UNESCO ESD Youth Representative in his introductory address shared about the genesis of the association with a motivation and inspiration of global mentors on youth leadership development. He briefed that how academicians, youth, experts working in developing sector with a common denominator of spreading awareness of Social Work Education & Profession and its strengthening in the prevailing time.



Background of Social Work Profession in India:

Mr. Vivek Trivedi shared that how J R D Tata has sown the seed of the social work profession in the country in 1936 by establishing Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) at Mumbai and how it has progressed over the years. He has also briefed that majority of national programmes in welfare sector are being implemented by the Social Work professionals viz-a-viz poverty, livelihood, financial inclusion, disaster management, women welfare, child rights, public health etc.

Presenting First Special Cover to Hon’l Governor after its cancellation and release by Chief Post Master General Mrs. Achala Bhatnagar:



Picture: The special cover on Social Work Day is being presented to H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki and distributed to the heads of organizers

The first special postal cover designed by Master Gurmeet Singh on the theme of Promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development was presented to H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor Haryana, Punjab and Administrator Chandigarh after its release and cancellation by the Chief Post Master General Smt. Achala Bhatnagar, I.P.S. Punjab Circle, Chandigarh.

Presenting Youth Statement on ESD and Seeking Support:

The UNESCO ESD Youth Statement adopted in UNESCO Aichi-Nagoya Declaration was presented and shared to H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki. Mr. Trivedi urged the governor on its spread and implementation in the state of Haryana, Punjab and UT Chandigarh.

Mr. Trivedi also urged in his request to the governor that the Social Work Education may be given due consideration in order to strengthening the social work profession so that it will further attract and inspire the youth to join the studies in the social work education and work for the nation in professional manner with the leading international developmental agencies. He said, it will also broaden a base of professionals required by the government machinery for the implementation of the national programmes.

He suggested the following three things to be incorporated in the state under him and also to be forwarded to the PMO and concerned ministries of union government through his office:

1. Introduction of Social Work as subject in civil services
2. Constitution of council on Social Work at national and State level
3. Introducing Social Work as a subject from school level like other subjects



Picture: H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki congratulated the founder on his selection by the UNESCO in the Youth Statement on ESD drafting committees

Address by H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki:

H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Hon'ble Governor emphasized the need for social workers across the spectrum of disciplines to engage with the youth and empower them. "It is essential on the part of 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 during his deliberation.

He also expressed that practitioners and volunteers from diverse fields had come together to shoulder the societal responsibility by 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. He congratulated Mr. Trivedi and committed to forward the UNESCO Youth Statement on ESD which was adopted at the **AICHI NAGOYA** Declaration by the world body at Nagoya, Japan, in November 2014 at appropriate level also.

The Governor called upon the delegates to take their initiative to Haryana, Punjab and beyond and said that there is a need to invoke the spirit of ‘live and let live’ in the society and get rid it of its ills. He said he would be happy to offer his support for this important cause “in whichever way possible.”

Presenting a Souvenir (Poem written by Mr. Vivek Trivedi on Sustainable Development):



Picture: Dr. Monica Singh, President of the Association at the facilitation ceremony

Launch of Association's Website www.apswdp.org:



Picture: Hon'l Governor while launching the web portal of the Association

H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki expressed his remarks in visitor book:



Group Picture at Raj Bhawan with H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki:



Media Interaction:



- **A Talk and an Exhibition on Encountering Climate Change by the Climate Reality Leaders on 18th March, 2015 (Day-II):**

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.



Picture: Young students of college in the auditori



Mr. Navneet Trivedi in his presentation explained the basic fundamental of emission of CO₂ 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. Youdhveer Singh, a research scholar at Panjab University Chandigarh explained about the The Climate Reality Corps and its mission on creating awareness.

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.

At the end, four of the climate presenters made the august gathering to take a pledge on saving our blue planet.



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.



- **Painting Competition on Promoting the Dignity and Worth of People on 19th March, 2015 (Day III) at Children Home, Chandigarh.**



On the 19th 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 has also joined the event.

- Awareness Session on Social Work as a Profession on 20th March, 2015 (Day IV) at Sec-25



Today, 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.

The representatives of Women Community Development Societies-25 has kept a meeting in the community and made an outreach with the members of partner organizations to the door steps of the people to identify potential women candidate for joining Bachelor course in Social work from IGNOU.

IGNOU has planned to launch a women specific study center especially for poor women living in slums and poor localities.

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 21st -22nd March, 2015 at RGNIYD, Chandigarh.**

Background

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 21st -22nd 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.

Welcome Session:



In the welcome session, Mr. Vivek Trivedi welcomed the Chief Guest Mrs. Poonam Sharma the Mayor Municipal Corporation Chandigarh, Shri. Bikram Rana, State Liaison Officer (SLO), State NSS Cell, Chandigarh Administration and the Special Guest Dr. D. B. Negi Senior Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Chandigarh. He also welcomed delegates from various universities, government departments, civil society organizations who have come from Haryana, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh.

Lamp Lighting Ceremony:

During the inaugural session, the Chief Guest Mrs. Poonam Sharma performed the lamp lighting ceremony with other invited guests and students.



Programme Overview:

Mr. Vivek Trivedi, while briefing programme schedule, informed that the schedule is designed in a manner that the participants can be benefited at most. Since, the IGNOU's Social Work programme is distance based so learners do not get opportunities to interact and take part in deliberations in their daily routine. Therefore, programme is planned in a manner that it covers introduction on Open Distance Learning concept offered by IGNOU, structure of regional centre and study centre w.r.t. Social Work programmes.

The programme was also aimed at spreading awareness on UNESCO's 70th Anniversary Celebrations. In view of this, a special session was kept on Role of UNESCO in Development Sector by a research scholar from Panjab University. Since, the whole world is celebrating anniversary celebrations, therefore association decided to take UNESCO to the youth by way of quizzes and a presentation.

The programme schedule include sessions on Social Work as a Profession, Areas of Social Work, Role of Mass Media in Social Work, Social



Work and Ethics, Role of Social Worker in Community Development and a panel discussion on Strengthening Social Work Profession.

The programme was designed with an outcome based approach so that the suggestions and recommendations can be shared with concerned stakeholders.

Inaugural Address:



In her inaugural address, Mrs. Poonam Sharma, the Mayor Chandigarh has said that current era require professionally trained persons in welfare sector too like other sector including IT, Management and Engineering. She said, I am surprised to see that Social Work Education covers all aspects of Social Welfare including Women & Child, Social Security, Education, Health, Water & Sanitation, Disability, Environment, Labour Welfare, Mental health Correctional and Welfare Administration.

She was delighted to witness evolution of an association of a professional social workers and practitioners by a young globally recognized official of our office, who has been a source of inspiration to us in social welfare segment.

She thanked Mr. Vivek Trivedi for invitation and associating her with Social Work Education.

Addressing the participants, she said our country is facing one serious issue of rising dowry cases and domestic violence among young couples in the early years of marriages. It is a matter of serious concern. She admitted that the professionals engaged in law are working in the area but not with constructivism. Their work pattern is leading to separation and divorces only. She stressed on strengthening our community using our trained social workers in Individual Case Work in a way that false cases of dowry may not get filed but get resolved by both the parties. She called the young girls to develop an understanding on high morals, social Indian values and respecting towards other women too.

Address by Guest of Honor:

Dr. Bikram Rana, State Liaisoning Officer Chandigarh Administration thanked the association for inviting him as a guest of honor. He shared that Social Work Education as a subject in higher education reminded of his work done under National Service Scheme. He said, the curriculum developed under NSS as a subject is actually a kind of social work education at school level. He said, I am delighted to see NSS volunteers pursuing the profession of social work through Post Graduation.



In his address, Mr. Rana expressed that the country is actually looking for credible professionals in the field of social welfare administration to handle national programmes of welfare at national, state and local level. The presence of international development agencies in the country has paved the way for such young professionals who have social work background, added Mr Rana.

Address by Special Guest:

Dr. D. B. Negi, Senior Regional Director, IGNOU, Regional Center Chandigarh, the Special Guest appreciated efforts led by Mr. Vivek Trivedi in taking up the concern of IGNOU student of Social Work discipline to the regional centre.



He thanked him for forwarding suggestions and idea of hosting joint workshop during World Social Work Week. He said, I am very happy to see so many partners have come up to celebrate the whole week. He recalled the appreciation and support of H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, the Governor of Punjab, Haryana and Administrator Chandigarh during the launch and hosting it at Haryana Raj Bhawan.

He assured on this occasion that he will take all necessary steps to ensure effective and rightful delivery of Social Work courses under his regional centre.

Distribution of Awards:

For the first time in the region, during the 2nd Celebration of Social Work Day in the city, two awards were instituted namely Bright Young Social Worker Award 2015 and Bright Young Development Practitioner Award 2015. Five Young persons were selected from Punjab,

Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh in both the category based on their initiatives, profile of work, voluntary assignments and change brought.

Mr. Vivek on this occasion said that such awards at community level will motivate youth to join social work sector. Since, the profession is struggling by competing with other discipline. Therefore, such recognition must be given to person engaged in this sector so that they will inspire others to join and work in this sector.

This year Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Mrs. Indu Bala, Mr. Abhay Mohan and Mr. Hansraj were chosen by the panel constituted.



Picture (Clockwise): Ms. Jaswinder Kaur (Mental Health), Mrs. Indubala (Rural Community Development SHGS), Mr. Abhaymohan (HIV/AIDS and Drug de addiction) and Mr. Hansraj (Community Deveopment) receiving awards from Mr. Bikram Rana, SLO Chandigarh Administration and Dr. Monica Singh, President of APSWDP.

Presenting Special Cover to Chief Guest:

During the inaugural session, Mr. Vivek Trivedi presented to the Mayor Mrs. Poonam Sharma, a postal album showcasing a Cancelled Special Cover on Social Work Day released on the occasion of World Social Work Day by H. E. Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor Haryana, Punjab and Administrator Chandigarh.



Token of Mementoes to Guests:



Dr. Monica Singh, Convener and Dr. J K Yadav, Co-convener thanked and presented a token of honor to Dr. Bikram Rana, State Liaison Officer, Guest of Honor and Mr. Manoj Teotia, Mrs. Sangeeta Vardhan, Guest Speaker and Dr. D. B. Negi, SRD, IGNOU, RC Chandigarh during the workshop.

Valedictory Address:

In the valedictory address, Dr. Monica Singh thanked the Chief Guest, Guest of Honor and the Special Guest for sparing their valuable time for the inaugural session.

She also thanked all other guest, delegates and students who have come all the way from other states.

Dr. Monica Singh thanked to the heads of all the partner institutions who have provided their commendable support in making this workshop a reality specially Dr. D. B. Negi, Dr. J. K. Yadav, Shri. Keshav Baijal, Shri. Pradeep Kumar Aggrawal, Mr. Stanzin Dawa, Mr. Navdeep Dadwal, Ms. Swarleen, Ms. Reeta Kashiv and Kushal Moudgil.



Session I: Role of IGNOU ODL in Higher Education: Special Reference to Social Work Discipline- Dr. D. B. Negi, Sr. Regional Director, IGNOU RC Chandigarh

In his presentation, Dr. D.B. Negi, told that the main objective of the Programme was to provide a basic understanding about the theory and operational aspects of Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode teaching-learning process to teachers and students. He further advised the academic counselors to take the IGNOU assignment as a social work but not certainly for the remunerative work because in IGNOU work load is quite high and exhaustive which requires hard work, patience and dedication. Dr. Negi while elaborating the role and responsibilities of academic counselors, stressed upon the development of study skills and good study habits among the distance learners. He appreciated the efforts of the Association in the promotion and publicity of Social Work Education and also assured the collaborative events of Regional Centre in future also.



Session II: Strengthening Role of Study Centre for Effective Delivery of Social Work UG/PG courses - Dr. J. K. Yadav Deputy Director IGNOU RC Chandigarh

Dr. Joginder Kumar Yadav, Deputy Director highlighted the role of Regional Centre and Study Centres of the University. He told that Regional Centre is considered as face of the university in the sense that almost all the delivery mechanism viz. admission, examination, evaluation and material distribution, orientation and training workshops and student support services have been decentralized and the process gets finalized at the Regional Centre's level. He further told that study centres are the the main contact points for students and real place for actual teaching-learning process i.e. counseling, practical, workshops, seminars, project work, assignments and term-end exams. In this way the role and responsibilities of the functionaries of Regional Centre and Study Centre becomes more important in ODL system. He emphasized on the need of quality support services to the students by Academic Counsellors, and other functionaries of Regional Centre and Study Centre at large.



Session III: Role of UNESCO in International Development - Mr. Youdhvir Singh

Mr. Youdhvir Singh took one presentation on Role of UNESCO in International Development. He started the session with a quiz on UNESCO among the participants. In his presentation, he highlighted on the following:

1. Evolution of UNESCO
2. Structure and Functions of UNESCO
3. Role of UNESCO in the affairs of Education, Culture and Scientific Knowledge among UN member countries



4. About National Commission for UNESCO in India
5. Support in Policy Making, Resource Network building
6. Joining and Working with UNESCO
7. 70th Anniversary celebrations across the globe

Participants appreciated the session as they were not aware of UNESCO and its role in International Development. Participants were observed to be very curious during the session.

Session IV: Role of APSWDP in Promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development: An Interaction With Founder Members- Dr. Monica Singh

Dr. Monica Singh in her session on Role of APSWDP in Promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development, said that association has been founded with a mandate 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.



She shared the following objective of the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP):-

1. To promote social work as a profession through national, regional & International cooperation and Network.
2. To strengthen professional values, ethics, standards and professional relationship with the employing organizations.
3. To support social organizations, community based organizations for the promotion of professionally educated and trained social workers participation in planning, formulation of policies, social work trainings, monitoring & evaluation

4. To strengthen the values of great Indian reformers into social work education and profession.
5. To bridge between the Professional Social Work organizations and Development agencies also including the faith based & Cultural organizations.

She said, there is a new role assigned to professional worker in the field of Sustainable Development; as the global development platform has widen the scope of work in environment, climate change and sustainable development on awareness, advocacy, campaign, technology transfer.

Session: V: Role of Professional Social Worker in Community Development- Mrs. Sangeeta Vardhan, Local Women Development Practitioner

Mrs. Sangeeta Vardhan, a women activist, IGNOU MSW learner and a founder of the Vatsal Chaya Trust shared her successful journey in the field of community development w.r.t. women development through skill building.



She said that our poverty stricken communities require trained human resource in Social Work profession so that they can better implement social welfare schemes of successfully in the field. She appreciated the efforts of IGNOU for starting BSW/MSW course and shared that it has actually made many persons to study through distance mode who could not study in their life time. It has also given field worker an opportunity to learn and enhance their study. She urged the IGNOU authorities to open a special women and a slum study centre in Chandigarh for promoting Social Work programme.

Session VI: Panel Discussion: Strengthening Social Work as a Profession



During the two days workshop, a panel discussion was organized to discuss on proceeding to strengthen the social work profession not only by making the availability of graduate and post graduate courses in university but also to evolve some mechanism at national and state level on Social Work in lines of national level councils on several disciplines viz-a-viz agriculture research, social science research and others.

In addition to institutionalizing council on Social Work at national and state level, the participants agreed to Mr. Vivek Trivedi on introducing Social Work as a subject in civil services exams. It will give an opportunity to appear in civil services exam with Social Work subject. The services will also get qualified officials trained in social work profession with humanitarian aspects.

Mr. Jitender Lohia, Asst. Professor from Chaudhary Basni Lal University, Bhiwani shared that he prepared for civil services with the subjects which he never studied in his graduation and post graduation. If this subject is available in the subject list of UPSC then Social Work students can appear and make success in the exams. It will create a new era in the civil services exams.

Mr. Vivek Trivedi shared during the discussion that Uttar Pradesh PCS exams has introduced Social Work as a subject and many student from Social Work students are appearing in exams.

Mr. Manoj Teotia agreed and supported the point shared by Mr Lohia and Mr. Trivedi. He said it will give a new dimension to civil service officers too. It will be like an added advantage to the training institutions like LBSNAA, Mussoorie and other institutions in upgrading trainings on various emerging aspects in social welfare domain.

Smt. Poonam Sharma, Mayor has endorsed the discussion thread initiated since start of panel discussion. She added that Social Work discipline must start from schooling since secondary level like other subject viz-a-viz Social Science, Physical Education, Geography, Languages and others.

She appreciated the momentum led by mobilizing social work professional and development practitioner community from the region and linking the community with other federation.

Session VII: Opportunities for Professionally Qualified Social Workers in Government and Int'l Development Agencies in India and abroad- Mr. Sharad Singh

Mr. Sharad Singh, a Consultant with UNICEF and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in his session on opportunities for trained Social Workers in national and international development agencies working in development sector shared that the leading agencies require professionals with qualification of MSW/BSW in the national missions. Since, this discipline covers human resource management, labour welfare, social policy and public policy, social development, social welfare administration etc. Therefore, credibility has set to this discipline as trained persons can handle national programmes at all levels. He said, I have seen many youth joining inter

governmental agencies like UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, World Bank, ADB etc and Planning Commission, various ministries in their mid twenties and early thirties.

He appreciated IGNOU that it has provided an opportunity to working class and house wives who could not study due to several reasons.



Session VIII: Role of Financial Institutions in UPA, Women SHGs and Micro-credit- Mr. Amit Joshi

Mr. Amit Joshi, a professional in government with Social Work background from distance mode. He shared how he grew from a field level worker to an official level in the Local Government. He added that Social Work discipline has given him understanding of the social welfare system and knowledge on social innovation.



In his presentation, he shared on the following key development areas:

1. Role of Financial Institutions in subsidy linked programme of union and state government
2. Women Self Help Programme, a key to economic upliftment and community development
3. Micro Credit for starting small business.
4. Community Leadership Development.

Day 6: 22nd March, 2015 Day II Workshop Session IX: Dr R K Mishra, Role of Communication and Mass Media in Social Work

Dr. R. K. Mishra in his session on Role of Communication and Mass Media in Social Work has explained why Mass Communication and Social Work are complimentary and supplementary to each other. He stressed that communication is one of the important skills of a professionally trained social worker. Possessing



good communication skills will further ensure advocacy and networking and lobbying skills in social workers.

In his session, he shared on The communication ‘bridge’ that relationship provide acts as a vital link – or point of human connection – across two worlds: the world of the social worker and the world of the service user, carer or other person.

Session X: Dr. B. S. Jamwal, Importance of Social Values and Ethics in Social Work Profession



Dr. B. S. Jamwal started his session on Importance of Social Values and Ethics in Social Work Profession by saying that Ethical awareness is a fundamental part of the professional practice of social workers.

During his entire presentation he not only touched on skills and principles but has also linked ethics and values to it. He referred code of ethics of NASW and IFSW to the participants.

Session XI: Presentation by IGNOU Social Work Students



A special session was designed for the Social Work learners to present their field work case studies, projects, group work and community organization completed in their field. The session was first of its kind where IGNOU learners were given opportunity to share by speaking, reading paper and making poster and power point presentation.

It was actually an opportunity given to learners their experiences in the field to scale up their social worker skills. More than 10 social work learners IGNOU, Panjab University and other institutions presented their field work presentations orally and through power point presentations.



Some of the presented work includes Mental Health, Self Help Group and Rural Development, HIV/AIDS, Rural Health Programmes, Anganwadi Centre, Drug addiction and alcoholism, Women Empowerment, Juvenile Justice, Youth Development, and Poverty etc.

Session XIII: Outcome and Recommendation of the Two Day Workshop- Mr. Vivek Trivedi

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.

Session XIV: Open Discussion and Vote of Thanks – Dr J. K. Yadav

In the open discussion, participants shared their views on the two days workshop organized. They appreciated the way it was planned and organized by inviting resourceful experienced persons from field and academics. They were happy to interact with specially practitioners.

One of the participants Asst. Professor Jitender Lohia CBLU Bhiwani shared that it has opened gateways for them into the social welfare sector to serve the countrymen. Few other participants from Panjab University shared that the workshop was a blend of academic and practitioners

based model. It has actually served their purpose and they are expecting such events on annual basis.

At the end, Dr. J. K. Yadav shared that as many as 550 participants took part in the whole week. He thanked all the persons associated with planning at the initial stage specially Dr D. B. Yadav, Mr. Vivek Trivedi and Shri. Keshav Baijal. He thanked Dr. Monica Singh, the President of the association, functionaries, members of the association viz. Karamveer Singh, Rekha Trivedi, Sumit, Amitoz, Sharad Singh and NSS volunteers.

Dr. Yadav thanked the officials and staff of IGNOU Regional Centre, Chandigarh, RGNIYD, RC Chandigarh, UBI, RO Chandigarh, Indian Bank for providing technical and financial resources.

Finally, he thanked all the delegates who have come from other states to take part in the workshop.

- **Earth Day celebration on 22 Apr 2015 at Bal Bharti Public School, Ludhiana (Punjab); Presentation on 'Natural Hazards & Disasters, and Risk Reduction by Enhancing Emergency Response'**

The Bal Bharti Public School, Urban Estate, Dugri, Ludhiana (Punjab) celebrated World Earth Day on 22nd April, 2015. The school invited association to interact with the students and enrich their knowledge about disaster management with special reference to Earthquakes.



Mr. Navneet, Hon. Programme Officer delivered a presentation on 'Natural Hazards & Disasters and Risk Reduction by Enhancing Emergency Response' before the students of senior secondary classes. Mrs. Poonam Dogra, Principal, Mrs. Anju Talwar, Coordinator, Senior Wing were present among other staff members.

He apprised the audience about the thin line difference between a hazard and disaster.

'While a hazard is a threat, a disaster is an event'.

Hazard is a phenomena that pose a threat to people, structures or economic assets and which may cause a disaster.

Disaster is a serious disruption of the functioning of a society, causing widespread human, material or environmental losses which exceed the ability of the affected society to cope using its own resources.



Further the presentation drove the students through basics of earthquake, its causes, individual's role before, during and after an earthquake.

The concluding part showed the emergency drills and procedures to be followed during an earthquake.

The school children were very delighted to know about the basic sciences of the earthquake and more so by knowing their emergency responses and drills.

The principal of the school expressed her interest in conducting the mock drills to enhance the preparedness of the school in minimizing the risks.

- **Celebration of Earth Day 2015 in association with School of Public Health, PGIMER and Govt. Model School, Sec-25, Chandigarh.**



World Earth Day was celebrated in Government Model High School (GMHS), Sector 25, Chandigarh by Public Health Dispensary, School of Public Health (SPH), PGIMER in collaboration with Association of Professional Social Worker and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) on 22nd April 2015.

A poster making competition and awareness rally of student was organised by school teachers. Dr. Ravindra Khaiwal, Assistant Professor, Environmental Health, SPH, PGIMER was the chief guest of the event. An interactive discussion on the theme of IT'S OUR TURN TO SAVE MOTHER EARTH was carried out with the audience by Dr. Khaiwal. A token of appreciation was presented to winners and participants with support from Dr. Monika Singh, President, APSWDP.

Dr. Neelam Sikka, In-charge, GMSH-25, Dr. Ankita Kankaria, Senior Resident, SPH, PGIMER, Dr. Somvir Bajar, Senior Demonstrator, SPH, PGIMER, Mr. Kamal Behl and Mr. Rakesh Sahota worked as a team to make event successful.

- **Teachers Training Programme on Climate Change Advocacy on the occasion of World Environment Day 2015 on 5th June, 2015 at Govt. Model School, Sector-10, Chandigarh.**

Background

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.

Welcome Session

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.

Lamp Lighting



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.

Programme Brief

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 was 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.

Introduction on the Climate Reality Project

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 online teachers' training program is one of its key program which is designed to give teachers confidence in facilitating climate change and sustainability education inside and outside the classroom so that they can help young people understand the causes and consequences of climate change, bring about changes in attitudes and behaviors to reduce the

severity of future climate change, and build resilience in the face of climate change that are already present.

Presentation on Climate Change

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.



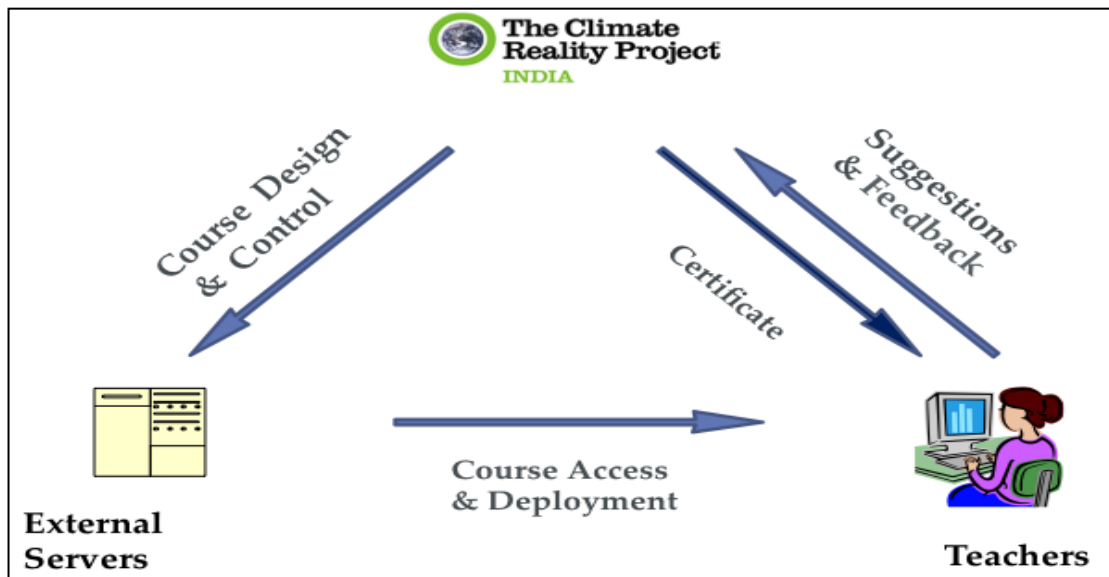
The presentation on climate change firstly acquainted the audience with the basic science and causes behind the global warming leading to climate change. Further it illustrated various impacts of climate change on human life, other species, vegetation, land, atmosphere and water bodies etc. One of the 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.

Presentations on Teachers' Training Program

The presentation on the online teachers' training program apprised the audience about the background, structure and expectations of the program. This consists of individual learning through the online program on climate change. The interested teachers are given a unique user id and password with the help of which they log in and start the online program. On this portal a teacher learns about the **science, impacts and solutions to climate change** at her own pace (usually 15 days). A teacher who has cleared the online program is now entitled to a certificate of being a **climate aware teacher**. The school is also recognized as a **climate aware school** and becomes a part of the Indian Climate Aware School Network if a minimum of **two teachers** from a school is certified as a climate aware teacher.

After the completion of the online program the teachers will be given a resource kit to help them further the education on climate change to their students.



Both the presentations were well taken by the audience, which was evident by a long and healthy discussion among the audience and the presenters/speakers.

Address by Chief Guest

The chief guest, Shri Bikram Rana, State Liaison Officer, State NSS Cell, Chandigarh appreciated the good efforts of APSWDP and The Climate Project Foundation in bringing out this program at Chandigarh. He assured his fullest support to the program in engaging all the NSS units and expressed his interest in extending the outreach of this program to all the NSS volunteers in the region.



Future Plans

Mr. Karamveer Singh, Treasurer APSWDP and a Climate Leader with The Climate Reality Project briefed the audience that after the formal launch of this program on the World Environment Day, the team of climate leaders will visit all the schools/colleges one by one and make a presentation on Climate Change & Online Teachers' Training Program before all the teachers and help the interested teachers in enrollment and further guide them in completing this program.



Exhibition on Climate Change

An exhibition on Climate Change at the venue was organized by Mr. Youdhvir Singh, a research scholar at Punjab University and also a climate leader with The Climate Reality Project Mr. Sharad Singh, founder member of APSWDP presented mementoes to the distinguished guests.



Vote of Thanks

The founder and Secretary General of APSWDP, Mr. Vivek Trivedi, recited a self written poem 'Jalvayu Parivartan' (Climate Change) and expressed the vote of thanks at the end of the program. He expressed special thanks to Mr. Bikram Rana, State Liaison Officer, NSS for taking the proposal of this program very kindly.



He also expressed thanks to Mr. Aditya Pundir, Country Manager, Mrs. Apinder Sodhi, Branch Manager for Punjab & Chandigarh, Mr. Bhavesh Swami, District Manager for Haryana & Rajasthan, Ms. Padma Wangmo and Ms. Sheetal from The Climate Reality Project, the Principal Mr. Harbir Singh Anand and NSS Program Officer Dr. Priti Garg from Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector 10, Chandigarh, YES Bank, members & volunteers of APSWDP and all the participants to make this event a success.

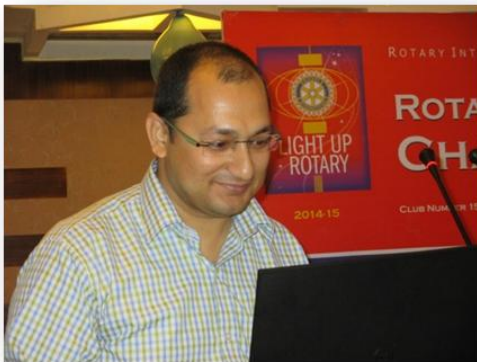


Plantation

After this program, a plantation drive was conducted, with the support of YES Bank, to commemorate the World Environment Day.

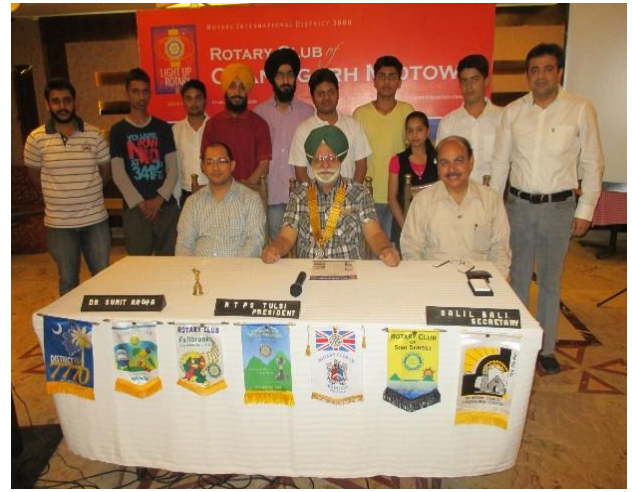


Presentation on 'The Climate Reality Project' at Rotary Club Chandigarh



A presentation on The Climate Reality Project was made by Dr. Sumit Arora to members of Rotary Club at Hotel President Chandigarh on 22nd May 2015. Dr. Arora has participated in The Climate Reality Leadership Corps at New Delhi and also holds a position of Chairperson on Standing Committee on Research and Publication in Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP). During The presentation, all the members of Rotary Club were given a brief scenario pertaining to the problems faced by our mother earth as a result of Global Warming which has already shown its existence in form of earthquakes, cloud burst and unexpected storms.

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n this occasion, Mr. R.T.P.S.Tulsi President of Rotary Club Chandigarh along with Mr. Salil Bali, Secretary of Rotary Club Chandigarh and other dignities of Rotary Club Chandigarh were present on this occasion. Mr. Pallav Mukherjee deliberated on the current scenario of climate change and how human are impacting due to constant change in weather pattern.

Dr. Sumit Arora commenced the presentation on The Climate Reality Project which portrayed recent incidents of Utrakhand and Kashmir which had witnessed the consequences of climate change along with states of Uttar Pradesh and North East that were submerged by floods leaving millions homeless along with huge destruction of assets and resources. The presentation on The Climate Reality Project focused on use of renewable sources like solar and wind energy which is adequately available with mother earth. Another factor that was brought to focus was to be more partial towards low carbon emission.

Past President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Mr. Deepak Sood honoring Dr. Sumit Arora (above); Dr. Sumit Arora with Mr. R.N.T.P.Tulsi and Mr. Salil Bali (Below)

Teachers Training Programme on Climate Change Advocacy at Ryan International School, Chandigarh on 4th July, 2015



A special workshop was conducted on climatic changes around the world by team of three members Mr. Navneet Trivedi, Mr. Karamveer Singh, and Mr. Youdhvir Singh. The main aim of the team was to introduce APSWDP (Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioner), who with the help of IPCC (Indian Government Protection of Climate Change), create awareness amongst the students, with help of teachers, about the devastating effects of Global Warming. By educating and training teachers under the project (Teacher's Training Program) they aim to reach out to various students and to future generation. During the workshop the team spoke of various areas that have been vastly effected by the climatic changes e.g Greenland, Sunderban in West Bengal, The California Lake etc. The bad effects of CO₂ and how far we are responsible for the same was projected by means of small demonstrations. The presentation successfully engaged the teachers and resulted in achieving its aim of creating awareness among them about the hazards of the changing climate. Small initiative taken by a few organizations were discussed as to how the environment can be protected. It was an effective workshop and proved to be quite an eye opener.

Environment is a concern deeply felt by the faculty members and all the students at Ryan Chandigarh. The workshop proved to be in sync with the vision of our school. We feel deeply indebted to the team of climate Reality Project for coming up with such a practical and functional workshop that would definitely contribute to further bonding of our students with environment.

Plantation Drive at Panjab University in association with L&T and NSS Unit on 16 Sep 2015



A plantation drive was under taken at Vallabh Bhai Patel Boys Hostel No. 4 Panjab University Chandigarh by Larsen & Turbo Construction Company and Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) under Corporate social Responsibility. On this day, two Hundred Plants saplings including Triveni and fruit plants.

The plantation was carried out with support of Prof. Yogesh Kumar Rawal Warden during the launching ceremony of Swachta Aabhiyaan in the hostel premises. The young students of the hostel have committed to make their hostel clean and green.

On this occasion, Dean Student Welfare Mr. Navdeep Goyal, Prof. Devi Sirohi Chairperson Chandigarh Child Protection Commission were also present. Mr. Youdhvir Singh, Program Officer (Hony.) APSWDP informed that such plantation drive, awareness and advocacy programs on environmental conservation, climate change and disaster risk will be organized on regular basis for youth and children.

Consultation on New Education Policy (NEP) 2015 in association with State Council on Education Research and Training (SCERT) on 24th October 2015



A consultation on New Education Policy (NEP) 2015 was organized under Block Level Category with support and guidance from State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT) Chandigarh on 24th October, 2015. The Consultation was moderated by Dr. J. K. Yadav and Chaired by Dr. Monica Singh. The report of the consultation was uploaded on My Government portal.

Participation of APSWDP in Programs and Activities

CII - Women's Day Celebration 2015

Celebrating International Women's Day as Nanhi Chhaan Day in CII Northern Region



Ms. Rekha Trivedi, Chairperson Women Empowerment Committee and Mr. Karamveer Singh, Treasurer along with Mr. Navneet and Ms. Meenakshi volunteers took part in CII Women's Day celebration on 2nd March 2015 at CII NR Head office, Chandigarh. In the meeting, both the members shared their perspectives on women empowerment and assure CII project Nanhi Chhaan for association's support.

Participation in International UNESCO/TVET Conference on Emerging Trends in Technical and Vocational Education at PSS-CIVE, Bhopal



Ms. Rekha Trivedi, Chairperson Women Empowerment Committee took part in the International UNESCO/TVET/NCERT Conference on Emerging Trends in Technical and Vocational Education at PSSCIVE, Bhopal from 18-20 February, 2015. In the conference, she shared on role of voluntary organization in taking up livelihood linked skill education to poor children especially women. She interacted with international and national leading organizations and development agencies working in development sector and shared case studies from Chandigarh during various sessions.

Participation in the Climate Reality Leadership Corps training 22-24 February 2015 by AI Gore, Noble Laureate at New Delhi

Chandigarh based four youth quartet from APSWDP of diverse background including Panjab University research scholar, government, civil society and retired naval engineer have taken part recently in month in three days international training programme on climate change under *The Climate Reality Leadership Corps* project. The training workshop equipped these four youth with latest scientific and research data to help spread the reality of human actions causing damage to our environment.



This is for the second time in last six years that four persons were selected for this training from the city. While Navneet Trivedi is a retired engineer from Indian Navy and presently pursuing Masters in Rural Development from IGNOU along with aspirations for the Indian Administrative Services, Dr. Sumit is a Sociologist, Karamveer is working with government and a student of Social Work from IGNOU and Youdhvir is a research scholar in Panjab University.

The youth quartet was inspired by Vivek Trivedi, a city based social development expert, an alumni and active presenter from class of 2009. He was a part of the TCP - AI Gore Climate Leadership Programme at Melbourne in Australia. Shri Trivedi has appealed the quartet to advocate for the alternative energy systems based on renewable resources and also to spread the idea of switching to electric crematorium as against conventional methods of burning pyre using wood to save cutting millions of trees in the region.

The most important take away from the training, according to Navneet were two fundamental aspects to the climate change which everyone is required to look in to. The first being "Why do we need to change" and the other "How do we change".

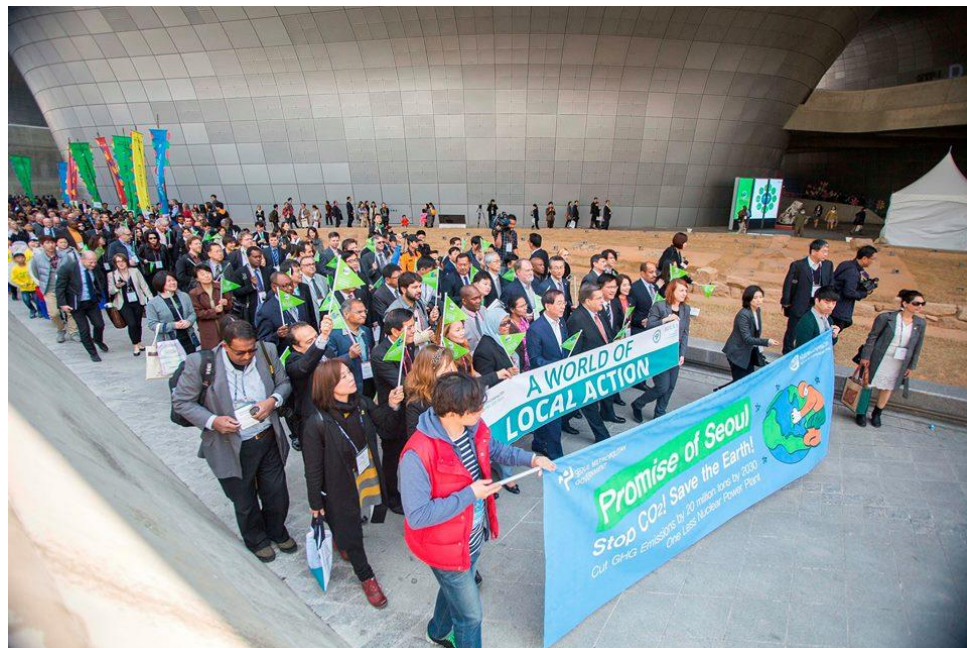
Karamveer Singh advocated the campaign of "Why and Why not". The wrong practices that are adverse to our environment should be tagged with 'Why', where as the alternative sustainable solutions should be encouraged under the tag of 'Why not'.

**Participation in Training for Functionaries of Voluntary Organizations at NIPCCD,
Lucknow 20-24 April 2015**



Ms. Rekha Trivedi represented association in training programme for functionaries of voluntary organization at National Institute of Public Cooperation and Community Development (NIPCCD) at Lucknow from 20th -24th April, 2015. She shared mission and vision of the association in the training programme and learned about various national programmes for women development and empowerment of Government of India. The course was on Voluntary Management with special reference to Women and Child Development Schemes.

Participation in ICLEI World Conference, Seoul South Korea 7-10 April 2015



Ms. Rekha Trivedi took part in meetings, exhibition, sessions and community events and Seoul Walk on Sustainable Development at ICLEI World Conference 2015 from 7th -10th April, 2015. She has taken part in a special session on women empowerment in World Conference and interacted with Women Mayors of the UN countries.

Participation in Awareness Generation & Training Programmes on Concentrating Solar Technologies (CSTs) at Center by WRST under UNDP-GEF assisted CSH Project of MNRE at Mt. ABU from 23-25 October, 2015



Ms. Rekha Trivedi was invited on behalf of association to attend awareness generation and training programme on concentrating solar technologies under UNDP-GEF assisted CSH project at Mt. Abu from 23-25 October, 2015.

Participation in CIFAL/UNITAR Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation and in Jeju Forum 2015 at JITC, Jeju, South Korea in May 2015



Mr. Navneet, Program Officer (Honorary) with APSWDP attended an international training workshop on “Developing Capacities on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the Asia-Pacific Region” from 18 – 22 May 2015 at CIFAL Jeju/Jeju International Training Center (JITC) Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do, Republic of Korea. It was organised by CIFAL Jeju/JITC (www.cifaljeju.org) in coordination with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), UNISDR Office for Northeast Asia and Global Education and Training Institute (UNISDR ONEA/GETI) (www.unisdr.org/incheon), United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (UCLG-ASPAC) (www.uclg-aspac.com) and Jeju Special Self-governing Province.

The workshop was attended by High-level authorities and experts from local/city governments, and other local actors within the Asia Pacific region.

The workshop contents were composed of the following:

- Introducing the Concepts and Current Tendencies in Urban Risk and Risk Reduction
- Introducing Making Cities Resilient (MCR) Global Campaign and MCR Campaign Tools
- Applying the MCR Tools, Diagnosis and Assessment
- Mainstreaming DRR and CCA into Development and Building Resilient Cities
- Developing and Implementing of Safe and Resilient City Action Plan

- City Action Plan Monitoring, Evaluating and Follow up
- Sharing Experiences, Model Programs for City-to-City Learning & Capacity Development
- Effective Partnership Building and Facilitation Skills

This capacity building training workshop, while promoting the importance of effective climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, provided:

- i) an opportunity for local governments and cities in the Asia-Pacific region to enhance capacities in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction with a focus on local governments/cities Resilience Action Plans development and implementation.
- ii) a platform to exchange in-depth learning from experts in the related area and to share good practices among participants
- iii) a venue for city-to-city cooperation in building resilience in cities by integrating disaster risk principles into local DRR and CCA plans, programs and initiatives.

Media Report

Social work professionals must engage with youth: Solanki

By Correspondent Chandigarh

A 'Social Work Week', on the occasion of World Social Work Day, was inaugurated at Hariana Raj Bhawan by Professor Kapil Singh Solanki, Governor of Haryana.

Pradesh and Administration of Union Territory of Chandigarh. Prof. Solanki was presented the first day special cover after it was released by Ashish Bhattacharya, Chief Project Officer (General) (Pradesh Office), 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-



The Governor called upon the delegates to take their initiative in Hariana, Pradesh and beyond and said that there was a need to develop the spirit of 'let and let be' in the society and old id of Rishi.

He said he would be happy to offer his support for this important cause "in which the effort is possible" to build the effective delegation-engage with Central and State Government organisations also as that movement can take root and benefit a larger number of citizens.

The social work professionals will organise several activities over the entire week including sessions, talks and seminars, besides painting, competitions, to spread awareness about the profession, its aims, and services.

... across the spectrum of disciplines to engage with the youth and empower them. "It is incumbent on everyone to drive the change that we need to see through education and empowerment. The Government or the late- realisation cannot achieve this quantum leap alone," he said.

The Governor said that he was happy that practitioners from diverse backgrounds had come together to voluntarily shoulder societal responsibility and discharge knowledge and experience.

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ਆਜ ਸਮਾਜ ਨੇਟਵਰਕ

ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ। ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਸਮਾਜ ਕਾਰਜ ਦਿਵਸ ਦੇ ਤਪਲਵ ਮੈਂ ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਸੋਸ਼ਲ ਵਰਕ ਐਂਡ ਡੇਵਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਪ੍ਰੈਕਟਿਸ਼ਨਰਸ ਐਸੋਸੀਏਸ਼ਨ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਚੀਫ ਪੋਸਟ ਮਾਟਰ ਜਨਲ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜਨ ਦੇ ਸੋਲੰਕੀ ਸੇ 'ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਆਕਰਣ' ਹਰਿਆਣਾ ਏਵ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਰਾਜਪਾਲ ਤਥਾ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕ ਪ੍ਰੋ. ਕਪਤਾਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੋਲੰਕੀ ਕੋਂ ਅਧਿਕਤਾ ਮੈਂ ਹਰਿਆਣਾ ਰਾਜਪਾਲ ਮੈਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਆ ਗਯਾ। ਇਸ ਸਮਾਰੋਹ ਮੈਂ ਕੁਮਿਨ ਕੋਰ ਆਫ ਡੀਵੀਓ, ਕੇ. ਓਪ ਸਹਾਯਕਕ ਕੇਸ਼ਵ ਕੋਲ, ਡਮੁ ਖੇਤਰੀ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਦੇ ਕਾਰਿਡ ਖੇਤਰਿ ਨਿਰੇਸ਼ਕ ਡਾ. ਡੀਐਚੀ ਨੇਗੀ, ਚੀਫ ਪੋਸਟ ਮਾਟਰ ਜਨਲ ਅਚਯੁਤਾ ਖਟਜਗਰ ਨੇ ਖਾਨ ਲਿਆ। ਇਸ ਅਕਸਰ ਪਰ



ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਆਕਰਣ ਕਾ ਅਨਾਕਰਣ ਕਰਤੇ ਰਾਜਪਾਲ ਵ ਅਨਯ। ਆਜ ਸਮਾਜ ਨੇਟਵਰਕ ਏਸੋਸੀਏਸ਼ਨ ਕੇ ਡੁਕਾ ਸੰਘਯਯਕ ਜਨਲ ਨੇਕੋਟੇਟੀ ਵਿਕੇਂਕ ਤਿਥੇਦੀ ਨੇ ਖੁਨੇਕੋ ਡੁਕਾ ਸਾਰਥ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਕੇ ਲਿਫ਼ ਸਿੱਖਾ ਪਰ ਯੂਥ ਸਟੇਟਮੈਂਟ ਜੋ ਯਾਪਾਨ ਕੇ ਯੋਚ-ਨਾਯੋਯ ਖੁਨੇਕੋ ਡੇਕਰੇਸ਼ਨ 2014 ਮੈਂ ਘਰਿਟ ਹੁਆ ਥਾ, ਸੇ ਮੁਕੁਯ ਅਤਿਥਿ ਏਵ ਤਪਥਿਫ ਗਯਾਮਾਯ ਕੋ ਅਗਯਤ ਕਰਕਾ

ਤਥਾ ਅਭਿਲੇਖ ਕੀ. ਪ੍ਰਿਤਿ ਸਹਾਯਿਮ ਰਾਜਪਾਲ ਕੋ ਪੇਂਟ ਕੀ ਐਰ ਇਸਕਾ ਕ੍ਰਿਯਾਨਯਨ ਤਨਕੇ ਪ੍ਰਤਿਨਿਥਿਯ ਮੈਂ ਹਰਿਆਣਾ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਤਥਾ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਮੈਂ ਕਰਕਾਨੇ ਕੇ ਲਿਫ਼ ਆਪਣ ਕ੍ਰਿਯਾ। ਇਸ ਅਕਸਰ ਪਰ ਤਿਥੇਦੀ ਨੇ ਘਨ ਚਚੀ ਕੇ ਡੈਰਾਨ ਖ਼ਾਰਨੀਯ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਨਿਕੀ ਸੇਯਾ ਮੈਂ



ਐਸੋਸੀਏਸ਼ਨ ਆਫ ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਸੋਸ਼ਲ ਵਰਕਰਸ ਐਂਡ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਪ੍ਰੈਕਟਿਸ਼ਨਰਸ ਦੀ ਰੇਖਾ ਤ੍ਰਿਵੇਦੀ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ 'ਚ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਜ ਸਪਤਾਹ ਬਾਰੇ ਦੱਸਦੇ ਹੋਏ।

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City to celebrate first Social Work Week

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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 (RGNIDYD). 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 (RGNIDYD) Regional Centre, Chandigarh; and NGOs SPREAD and Sunehra Aaj will be a part of the programme.

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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 Convenor 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

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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.

AT GMHS: World Earth Day was celebrated at the Government Model High School (GMHS) in Sector 25 by the Public Health Dispensary of School of Public Health, PGI, in collaboration with the Association of Professional Social Worker and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) on Wednesday. A poster-making competition and awareness rally for students was organised by teachers on the occasion. Dr Ravindra Khaiwal from PGI was chief guest at the event.

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 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 Bajjal & 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.



City Youth Quartet have been trained by Noble laureate and Fomer US Vice President, Al Gore

CHANDIGARH: Chandigarh based four youth quartet from diverse background including Panjab University research scholar, government, civil society and retired naval engineer have taken part recently in month in three days international training programme on climate change under the Climate Reality Leadership Corps project. The training workshop equipped these four youth with latest scientific



and research data to help spread the reality of human actions causing damage to our environment.

This is for the second time in last six years that four persons were selected for this training from the city. While Navneet Trivedi is a retired engineer from Indian Navy and presently pursuing Masters in Rural Development from IGNOU along with aspirations for the Indian Administrative Services, Dr. Sumit is a

Sociologist. Karamveer is working with government and a student of Social Work from IGNOU and Youdhvir is a research scholar in Panjab University.

The youth quartet was inspired by Vivek Trivedi, a city based social development expert, an alumni and active presenter from class of 2009. He was a part of the TCP - Al Gore Climate Leadership Programme at Melbourne in Australia.

APSWD celebrates World Environment Day

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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 ToI 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.

Bhavesw 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 Al 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.

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.

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

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सेक्टर-25 गवर्नमेंट मॉडल हाई स्कूल में पब्लिक हेल्थ डिस्पेंसरी स्कूल, स्कूल ऑफ पब्लिक हेल्थ पी.जी.आई. के सहयोग से वर्ल्ड अर्थ डे मनाया गया जिसमें छात्रों ने पोस्टर मेकिंग प्रतियोगिता में भी हिस्सा लिया। इस मौके पर एन्वायरमेंटल हेल्थ के असिस्टेंट प्रो. डा. रविंद्र ने पर्यावरण के प्रति जागरूक किया।

Students make green posters

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chandigarh: PGI's School of Public Health celebrated World Earth Day by organizing a poster-making competition at Government Model High School, Sector 25. PGI organized the event in collaboration with the Association of Professional Social Worker and Development Practitioners.

Mentors

1. Dr. Negi, Regional Director, IGNOU Chandigarh
2. Mr. Keshav Bajjal, DGM, UBI, Headquarters Mumbai
3. Mr. Jitendra Lohia, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Chaudhary Bansi Lal University, Haryana
4. Mr. Hansraj, Member Himachal Pradesh State Assembly, H. P.
5. Mr. Manoj Teotia, Assistant Professor, CRRID Chandigarh.
6. Dr. Vishal
7. Dr. Devendra Singh
8. Dr. Arun Agrawal, School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh.
9. Dr. Jitendra Dahiya, State AIDS Control Society Chandigarh
10. Col. Ajay Mehndiratta, Prayatan Chandigarh.
11. Mr. P. K. Agrawal, UBI, Chandigarh
12. Smt. Manisha Badal, IPS, Punjab Circle, Chandigarh.
13. Smt. Achala Bhatnagar, CPMG, Punjab Circle, Chandigarh.
14. Shri. Deepak Sharma, CPMG Office, Punjab Circle, Chandigarh.
15. Mr. P. Anant, Deputy Director, Rastriya Mahila Kosh, New Delhi
16. Ms. Swarleen Kaur
17. Ms. Ritu Kashiv

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2. Shri. Bikram Rana, State Liaison Officer, State NSS Cell, Chandigarh
3. Shri. Aditya Pundir, The Climate Project India, New Delhi
4. UNESCO, Paris

Honorary Team

1. Mr. Yudhvir Singh, Programme Officer (Hon)
2. Mr. Navneet, PNB, Chandigarh, Programme Officer (Hon)
3. Ms. Meera Saxena, Project Coordinator, USHA Silai School Monitoring Project

Volunteers

1. Master Gurmeet Singh, Fine Artist
2. Master Narendra, Fine Artist
3. Master Naresh, Fine Artist
4. Mr. Balbir Singh
5. Mr. Rajeev Kumar
6. Mr. Sanjeet Gautam

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