



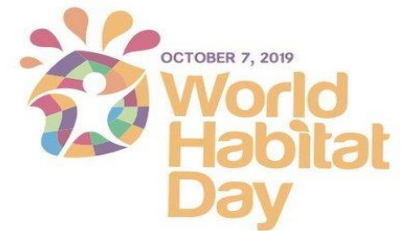
Youth Parliament 2019

On Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Coinciding World Habitat Day 2019

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Report



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**Association of Professional Social Workers and Development
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Background:

The Oxfam International Youth Parliament - OIYP is an inspiration behind organizing the Youth Parliament 2019 on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at Government Post Graduate College, Sector-11, Chandigarh. The constant mentorship of Vivek Trivedi, OIYP-2004 Sydney, Australia and founder of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) to Swarmani Youth Club Chandigarh, which has made to conceive an idea behind organizing Youth Parliament on SDGs at Government Post Graduate College, Sector-11, Chandigarh during their participation in World Social Work Day 2019 event at Chandigarh.

The National Service Scheme Unit of Government Post Graduate College, Sector-11, Chandigarh has extended their institutional support in organizing Youth Parliament for the first time in their campus during NSS winter camp for their National Youth Volunteers for developing their deeper understanding on global developmental issues through Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Objectives of Youth Parliament:

The core objectives of the Youth Parliament are:

- to foster youth development through social dialogue;
- to give young people the opportunity to have their views heard by key decision-makers, stakeholders and the general public;
- to help young people to understand and actively participate in development processes;
- to assist young people, learn how to influence governmental decision-making as active citizens;

- to highlight the importance of helping young people understand how decisions are made and how they can be involved in influencing their world.

Youth Parliament on Sustainable Development Goals – Why?

There is no alternative to sustainable development. But the environmental care cannot be left to no one or two individuals or countries. As our distant forbears collaborated for obtaining food and warding off wild animals, we need to collaborate today both in meeting our needs and in environmental protection. A greater level of collaboration is needed to manage to tackle great environmental changes such as climate change. Countries at their individual levels should integrate conservation activities. Private sector, which controls national economy to a large extent, should also be responsible towards environmental care. Young members of civil societies should give pressure to the government towards building proper co-ordination among population, resources, environment and

Goal	Title	Description
1	No poverty	End poverty in all its forms everywhere
2	Zero hunger	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
3	Good health and well-being	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
4	Quality education	Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
5	Gender equality	Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
6	Clean water and sanitation	Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
7	Affordable and clean energy	Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
8	Decent work and economic growth	Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
9	Industry, innovation, and infrastructure	Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
10	Reduce inequality within and among countries	Reduce inequality within and among countries
11	Sustainable cities and communities	Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
12	Responsible consumption and production	Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
13	Climate action	Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
14	Life below water	Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
15	Life on land	Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse
16	Peace, justice, and strong institutions	Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive
17	Partnership for the goals	Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

Source: United Nations [6].

development. Thus, the concept of Youth Parliament on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is relevant and practical in taking up the global development agenda 2030.

Inaugural Session:



The Youth Parliament on Sustainable Development Goals was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in presence of Dr. Renu Trikha, NSS Co-ordinator Government Post Graduate College, Sector-11, Chandigarh by lighting the auspicious lamp. Mr. Rohit Kumar and Mr. Amzad Khan were also present during lamp lighting ceremony. The convener of the Youth Parliament Dr. Renu Trikha nominated Chief Guest as Speaker of the parliament.

The national anthem and NSS song was sung by the youth parliamentarians and guest present after the lamp lighting ceremony, which marked a respect to nation.

Formal Welcome: Dr. Renu Trikha welcomed formally by presenting bouquet of flowers to Chief Guest Mr. Vivek Trivedi, OIYP 2004 Sydney, Founder, APSWDP.

Introduction to the Programme:

Dr. Renu Trikha briefly described the the idea and conceived plan behind organizing the present form of Youth Parliament 2019 on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She shared that, she was having a vision to take his her NSS student to develop a deeper understanding of social and developmental issues through the journey of understand UN – SDGs. She has also introduced about World Habitat Day 2019 to students and explained the importance of the day.

She shared that her NSS unit is dedicatedly supported Swachh Bharat Mission under the leadership of Mr. Rohit Kumar, who was her student in the previous years. She laid stress on the theme of the World Habitat Day 2019 i.e. Frontier technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth.

Key Note Address by Chief Guest:

Mr. Vivek Trivedi addressed the youth parliamentarians by giving a brief on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He said that SDGs are also known as the Global Goals, which were adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030.



He shared that the 17 SDGs are integrated to each other and the goals recognize any action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability.

He has also stressed on taking a pledge to **Leave No One Behind**, countries have committed to fast-track progress for those furthest behind first. That is why the SDGs are designed to bring the world to several life-changing ‘zeros’, including zero poverty, hunger, AIDS and discrimination against women and girls. He highlighted that the Youth Parliament also provides an opportunity for participants to eloquently express their opinions while operating within a parliamentary setting. It is hoped that the National Youth Parliament will continue to grow in stature and will serve to dispel any doubts that the future of our democracy is in safe hands. The NSS Unit Cell was indeed proud to have hosted the Youth Parliament. He has also recalled and shared his experience of Oxfam International Youth Parliament

2004 held at Sydney, Australia, in which he was selected when he was studying in Panjab University, Chandigarh to be a part of Education group out of eight groups. He clarified that, participation in OIYP 2004 has made him to have global understanding of the social issues, crisis, cross cultural learning and exposure in development sector. He strogly recommneded student to follow **Think Global Act**



Local in their life.

After the keynote address, the convener of the Youth Parliament took permission from the Chief Guest to start sharing of the presentations by the nominated youth parliamentarians by the university. The Chief Guest and Speaker of the Youth Parliament permitted the convener to start the presentations w.r.t. Sustainable Development Goals in their original sequence.

Dr. Trikha informed to the speaker that the orientation and preparation process commenced prior to the parliament to acclimatize the young people selected for presentation to assume the responsibility. Shee shared that the process included “Dress, Etiquette and Civility”, “Oratory Skills” and “Debating Skills, Aspects of Debate and the Standing Orders”.

Seventeen youth parliamentarians from the university expressed their individual views through a detailed power point presentation comprising of overview, relevance with respect to Chandigarh region, understanding and awareness of stakeholders, gaps and limitations and local solutions on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. It was evident from the presentations that the young parliamentarians were knowledgeable and prepared of their allocated SDGs theme and answered to the queries raised by the panel experts and Speaker in addition to the youth audience from the university in the public gallery.

Concluding Remarks:

At the end of the presentations followed by a Questions & Answers session, the Chief Guest and the Speaker of the Youth Parliament appreciated the efforts led by Dr. Renu Trikha and Mr. Rohit Kumar for beautifully design the schedule in a very structured manner.

He said, he got inspired by all the participating students students who have worked hard in making presenation orally and digitally presented. He stressed that we do not need only good orators in English; no doubt we need those who have ideas and innovation along with commitment. He emphasized that language is secondary issue, and one can work on it individually and in group for their overall personality.



He added that the sole purpose of this initiative is to develop dialogue between youth beyond language, culture, geography, ethnicity and dialect. Mr. Vivek Trivedi clarified that sustainable development does not have one language but it has a only one language i.e. action, commitment and behavior modification.

While concluding session, he also shared that one should develop art of asking Questions and Saying No in life, which are necessarily required professional skills in development sector.

He blessed all the youth present and aspire them to be one day successful human being with a mind and soul to conserve mother earth directly or indirectly from their acquired position in their career.

Felicitation and Vote of Thanks:

At the end, Dr. Renu Trikha felicitated young parliamentarians and Chief Guest, invited guests and volunteers with a green sapling, token of memento.

She thanked Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP),

Swarnani Youth Club and Chitakara University for coming for organizing Youth Parliament at their campus.



Organizing Team:

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