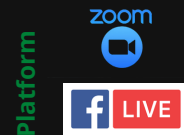




VIRTUAL SOCIO-LEGAL CONSULTATION ON TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY IN INDIA



UNDER THE AMBIT OF UNITED NATIONS
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (UN-SDGS)



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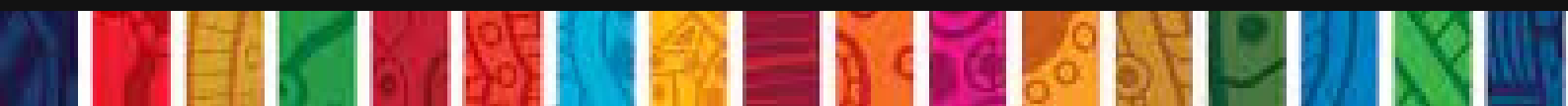
SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL INCLUSION OF TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY



VIRTUAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (VCOE-SWA)

UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND DEVELOPMENT
PRACTITIONERS (APSWDP)

IN SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL (UN ECOSOC) AND ASSOCIATED TO THE UNITED NATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATION (UN DGC)



BACKGROUND

Transgenders are among the most marginalized communities in India. They are subjected to a variety of social discrimination and exclusion from mainstream society. Although Article 14 of the Constitution of India guarantees equality before the law, the discrimination and atrocities against transgenders continue to take place on a day-to-day basis. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has held that the right to self-identification of gender is part of the right to dignity and autonomy under Article 21 of the Constitution. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its landmark judgment dated 15th April 2014 in the case of National Legal Services Authority vs Union of India directed the Central Government and State Governments to take steps for the welfare of the transgender community. Roughly, India has a population of 4.8 million transgender persons as per Census 2011.

Following this directive, several States have taken policy measures for the welfare of the transgender community. Kerala, for instance, has enacted State Policy for Transgenders in 2015, Odisha granted them the 'Below Poverty Line' status and Delhi Government ordered a separate category for transgenders in the birth and death registration/certificates. Similarly, Tamil Nadu is a trendsetter in this domain. The Government of Karnataka also formulated the Karnataka State Policy for Transgenders, 2017. All these initiatives are aimed at empowering the transgender community on socio-economic fronts.

The gender identity of transgenders and their right to have a sexual orientation befitting that identity is an essential component of the right to life but ironically, these rights are seriously undermined. Since Government has focused on the Transgender Community which is a recent development, but it has not been properly reflected in the 73rd & 74th Amendment Acts. It is possible to argue that the issues of the Transgenders should be included among the listed subject of 'Welfare of the Weaker Sections' under the Eleventh & Twelfth Schedule of the Constitution. Hence, there is an urgent need to sensitize 'Local Governments' so that they become empowered to take up the issues of the Transgender Community.

The 'leave no one behind' principle of the United Nations is especially relevant for the Transgenders, who have been or are at the verge of being left behind by the National and international development initiatives. The impacts of this are felt by the Transgender community in all parts of the World such as lower-income, worse health, less education, among others. As a result, poverty as a whole will never truly be eradicated until this problem is directly addressed.

ABOUT SOCIO-LEGAL CONSULTATION ON THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY IN INDIA

Aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the Virtual Center of Excellence for Social Welfare Administration (VCoE-SWA) under the aegis of the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) has conceived virtual Socio-Legal Consultation on the Transgender Community in India with an aim to provide a platform to the Transgenders by engaging them with the 'mainstream society' in the sphere of Local Governance.

ABOUT APSWDP

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is a registered not-for-profit professional membership-based organization of professional social workers and development practitioners working in various social welfare domains across the country. APSWDP has been conferred Special Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and affiliation with the Department of Global Communication (DGC) of United Nations since 2019. Social issues like poverty, livelihood, health, environment, education, water & sanitation, unemployment, disease control program, urbanization, youth issues, and others have covered the whole gamut of the 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, the requirement of trained social work professionals and practitioners is indeed a factual requirement. The association focuses on creating a countrywide and global network of dedicated social work professionals and development practitioners from remote geographical rural areas, to discuss, debate, and develop a key framework on evidence & practice-based intervention methods.

APSWDP aims at enabling social workers and development practitioners all around the globe to share their ideas and work on various development issues. Also, APSWDP offers a platform to youth leaders, scholars/researchers with striving passion to participate in bringing reformation through correctional measures in existing policies.

OBJECTIVES OF THE VIRTUAL CONSULTATION

The key objectives of the Virtual Socio-Legal Consultation on the Transgender Community In India are as under:-

- 1.Achieve Gender Equality;
- 2.Promote Social and Economic Inclusion of the Transgenders;
- 3.Ensuring Equal Opportunities and Ending Discrimination;
- 4.Promote participation of Transgenders in leadership and decision-making;
- 5.Enable Transgenders with Legal Aid through State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA);
- 6.Economic empowerment of the Transgenders by providing them with equal opportunities;
- 7.Role of Local Governments in facilitating the Transgenders.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- 1.Social Development Professionals;
- 2.Government Officials and Community Volunteers;
- 3.Academicians, Students, and Researchers;
- 4.Local CSO Representatives;
- 5.Transgender Activists, and Social Change Makers.

MODE OF LANGUAGE

The mode of communication for virtual Social-Legal Consultation on Transgender Community in India is English and Hindi. Participants are encouraged to put their questions in Chat Room, APSWDP will revert back for clarification by our volunteers.

GUEST AND SPEAKERS

Guests & Speakers



Amit Sharma
ADJ-cum-Secretary, High Court
Legal Service Committee,
Chandigarh
Chief Guest



Sandeep Mittal
Deputy Director,
Chandigarh State AIDS Control
Society (CSACS)
Guest of Honor



Bhupinder Singh
General Manager, (Legal)
Local Government Punjab
Punjab
Guest Speaker



Mohini Mahant
Transgender Activist and
Founder, Mansa Foundation
Punjab
Guest Speaker

Organizing Team



Dr. Sumit Arora
Principal Convener -
cum- Moderator



Gautam Bhardwaj
Convener



Rekha Trivedi
Co-convener
(Mobilization)



Akash Yadav
Co-convener
(Technical Support)



Jitender Kumar Lohia
Rapporteur

REGISTER FOR PARTICIPATION

For participation, please register in advance at the following web link:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlodOqprT4tEt0kVchGOUgoSvHEN6tqn3mz>

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