



APSWDP VIRTUAL WOMEN CONCLAVE ON

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: CHANGING LIFESTYLE AND MODIFYING BEHAVIOR

10th July 2021 (Saturday) | 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm (IST)

GUEST



C.S. Rama Lakshmi
Chief Guest
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Andhra Pradesh Cadre



SPEAKERS



Dr. Ketna Atul Matkar
Keynote Speaker
Founder & Managing Director
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Jas. K. Shan
Guest Speaker
Dancer, Life Coach,
Movement & Energy
Therapist



Nita Ganguly
Guest Speaker
Climate Leader-Mentor
& National Coordinator
- Waste Management, TCRP-India



Dr. Vani Parwez
Co-Convenor & Moderator
Outreach Synergist
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BACKGROUND

From farming to technology, corporate to social sector, climate change and defence services, women are locally and globally working on sustainable development in outstanding capacities as role models and impacting all facets of life. The world is witnessing a significant transformation in realizing the role and influence of a woman in changing the lifestyle and modifying behavior for conservation of environment and sustainable solutions.

'Women & Environment share a deep connection'. Women as Nature/ Environment are called **'Creators of Life'**, associated with seasons & responsible for the continuity of lifecycle.

Life grows within the body of a woman for nine months. She continues to cultivate the life after parting from her for many years. Her involvement to keep the universe alive by giving birth is immense. Indian traditions and wisdom worships women as the Goddess of prosperity - Lakshmi, Goddess of Knowledge - Saraswati and Goddess of Shakti - Durga, who is a central force for driving the family and community at large. Women are standing with their space and voice in the VUCA world and she has realized that if she can give birth to a new life, nothing is impossible for her. She fosters the family and community with love, care and affection. Bestowed with great mental-resilience, there are stories of women role models, who are successful entrepreneurs and change makers in the society.

Nature is vital to our survival; survival of the entire humankind. Women and Nature/ Environment are bestowed with altruistic thinking. And thinking nature is not just an ocean or a forest it is the entirety that Almighty has put on this earth. Nature fulfills three basic and important needs of humans and animals- food, water and shelter. The food to eat, water to drink, trees and wood for building houses, all constitute to be a part of nature.

Both Women and Nature have been donors to society at large, irrespective of the way they are being treated by humankind. The greedy man is gradually disconnecting from the natural world, which facilitated him to stand on his feet and survive. The emerging rise of technology and industry has changed the mindset and distanced humans quickly from nature. Various destroying acts on climate like cutting trees is incidentally reducing the oxygen level from the atmosphere, Industries propelling off poisonous gases into the atmosphere is causing air pollution and raising greenhouse gases are now becoming the bigger concern of global warming. If climate change continues to go unrestricted, more severe moments may occur such as: Sea levels rise, will finally immerse seaside towns or even entire islands; In hot areas, new viruses are likely to spread; Environments will rehabilitate or stress causing some classes of floras and faunas to go inexistent; continuous temperature rise will eventually make some parts of the world neglected; Continuous rise of Carbon dioxide levels will affect natural systems and impairing things like coral ranges and oceanic life.

It is high time to think of sustainable solutions for tackling climate change. It is the "Women-nature association that encourages connectedness to nature". Women understand nature more closely as compared to men. Virtual Women Conclave on "**Climate Change Adaptation: Changing Lifestyle and Modifying Behavior**" focuses on Women as the Torchbearer for bringing in influencing the behavior and lifestyle of the individual, family and society at large, that promotes community cohesion for working in the areas of Climate Change. In addition, the conclave promotes dialogue among corporates, social enterprises, educationists, policy makers, relevant institutions and within communities for making a way forward to act on SDG 13 - Climate Action. It is a long process to make people aware of the importance of nature and if humankind will start working today, their future generations will reap the benefits of it.



VIRTUAL WOMEN CONCLAVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: CHANGING LIFESTYLE AND MODIFYING BEHAVIOR

The Virtual Center of Excellence for Social Welfare Administration, (VCoE-SWA), under the aegis of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) has conceived a *Virtual Women Conclave on “Climate Change Adaptation: Changing Lifestyle and Modifying Behavior”* in partnership with Women’s Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WICCI), Chandigarh; Chitkara University, Punjab and The Climate Reality Project India on **10th July, 2021 (Saturday) from 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm (IST)**, with an aim to develop understanding of Nature is our best friend and let us cherish this friendship through case studies of women role-models; raising awareness and edifying people about global warming, its devastating effects and share solutions to stop global warming; and exploring ways of synergizing with faith, connectedness and civic engagement in taking continuous action and progressive decisions on Climate Change Solutions and Sustainable Development Goals.



ABOUT ORGANISING BODY

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (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 domain 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 of de-addiction, and others have covered the whole gamut of 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 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 interventions, methods.





KEY OBJECTIVES

The **objective** and **outcomes** expected from the virtual women conclave are:

- Develop understanding of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with special focus on Environmental Goals;
- Confidence building and sensitizing youth, professionals, social workers, community about SDGs and climate change as the need of the hour. Taking them forward for getting their voices heard;
- Exposure to understand various issues and solutions for building a green future together;
- Sensitization and adopting the practice of Think Global and Act Local;
- Create awareness and build leadership in community through the workshops and sharing of success stories; and
- Promote Green Campus Practices to improve building efficiency, performance, health and well-being of the occupants.



MODE OF COMMUNICATION

The mode of communication for the virtual conclave is English. However, the participants from regional background are also encouraged to join the conversation in their respective vernacular. APSWDP does not discriminate on the grounds of language. We believe in participation from across the lines. Our volunteers will felicitate the participants in case if they are not comfortable with the language.



TARGET AUDIENCE

- Public Health Expert
- Social Activist
- Development Practitioner
- Business Consultant
- Legal Practitioner
- Researcher
- Academician
- Corporate Sector Professional
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Entrepreneur
- Government
- Student
- Others



REGISTER FOR PARTICIPATION

For participation, please register in advance on the web link: <https://bit.ly/36hxxys>



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