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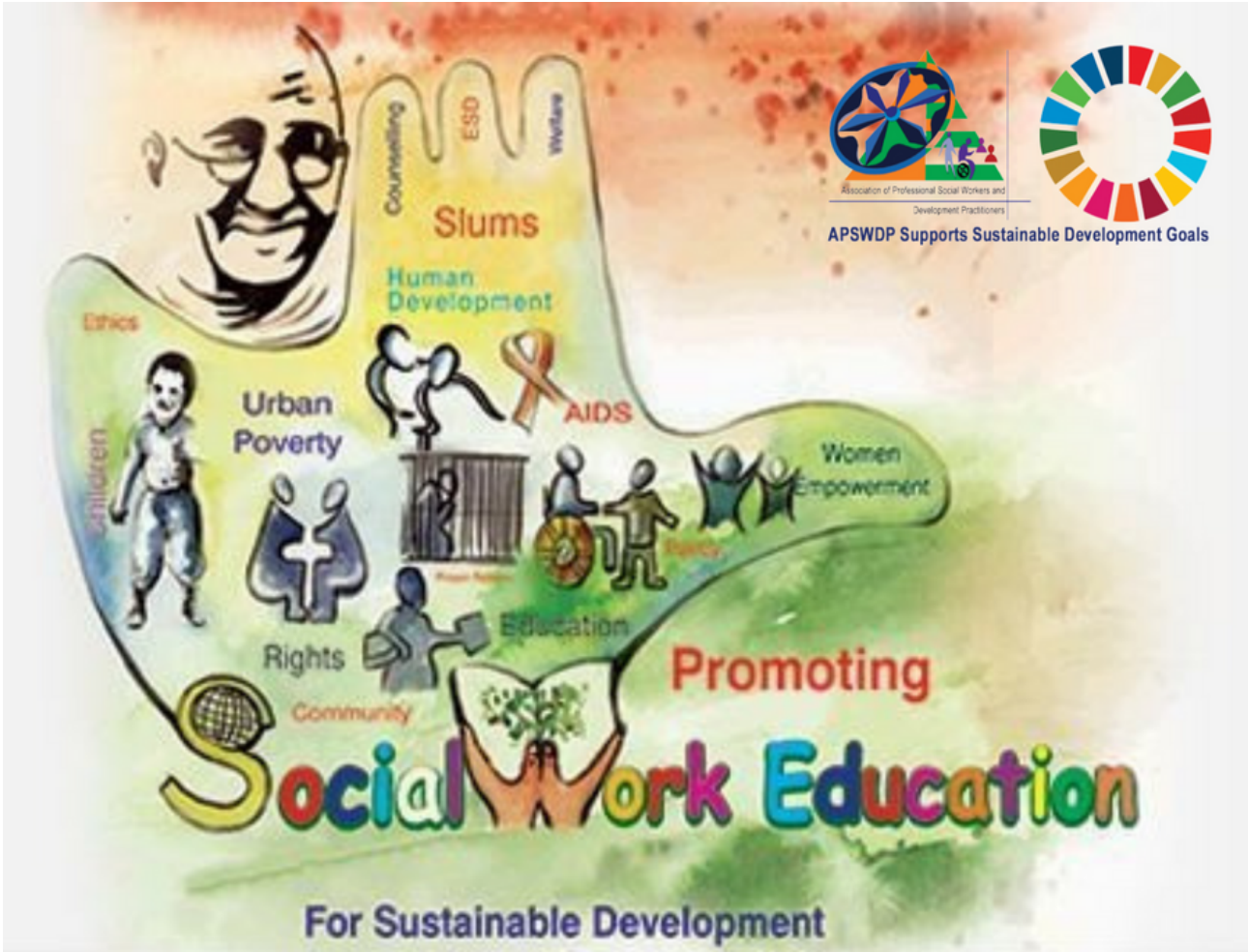
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**BACKGROUND  
AND  
APSWDP JOURNEY**



## **BACKGROUND**

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is a registered not for profit organization 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 programs, 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, the requirement of trained social work professionals and practitioners is indeed a factual requirement.

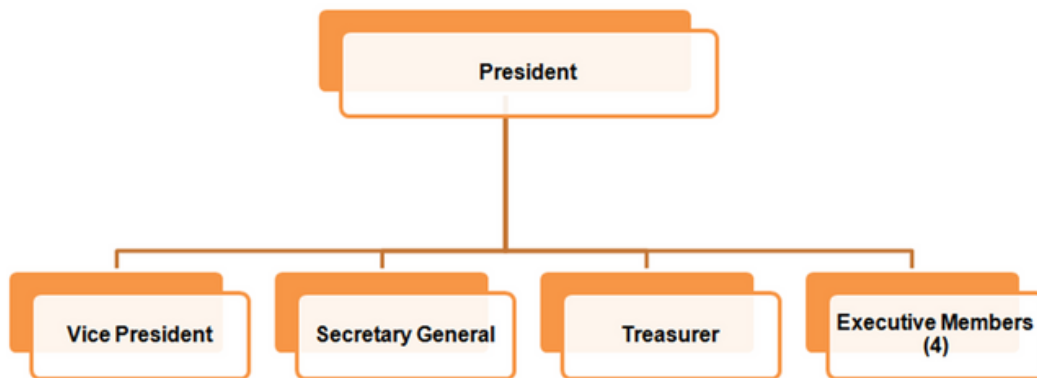
The association focuses on creating a country-wide and global network of dedicated social work professionals and development practitioners from remote geographical rural areas, to discuss, debate, and develop a key framework for evidence & practice-based interventions, and methods. The focus will be to enable social workers and development practitioners all around the globe to share their ideas and work on various development issues. APSWDP will also offer a platform to youth leaders, and scholars/researchers with a 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. 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 program-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 the regional center that the forum must be taken to a next higher level by attaining legal status.

On 1st December 2014, 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 current President, Vice-President, Secretary General, and Treasurer of the association are Dr. Sumit Arora, Mr. Sharad Singh, Mrs. Rekha Trivedi, and Mr. Amitoz Dogra respectively.

## FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE



## APSWDP PHILOSOPHY

### VISION

To be a state of art inclusive network of professional social workers and development practitioners, APSWDP will showcase a noteworthy role in the 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.

### VALUES

- Understanding differing ethnic and cultural patterns, as well as the capacity to engage in ethnic-gender and age-sensitive practice.
- Respecting and Welcoming.
- Committed to dispersing social work and developmental leadership at bottom of the pyramid.

### AIMS

The broader aims of the association shall be:

- To promote social work as a profession through national, regional, and International Cooperation and networks.
- To strengthen professional values, ethics, standards, and professional relationship with the employing organizations.
- To support social organizations, and community-based organizations for the promotion of professionally educated and trained social workers' participation in planning, formulation of policies, social work training, monitoring & evaluation.

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

## **KEY OBJECTIVES**

In order to achieve the Aims, the Association shall:

- Work for developing cooperation between Professional Social workers in the Country.
- Organizing workshops, conferences, social work forums, exposure visits, research, and field projects for the promotion and expansion of Professional Social Work.
- Work for building relationships between local Social Work organizations & their members to International organizations and bodies.
- Engaging with political leaders, researchers, corporate icons, and technologists in the country with the view to fostering cooperation among Professional Social workers & international issues, including UN organizations.
- Focus on strengthening relationships with professional Social Work organizations in SAARC countries with the view to providing impetus to regional development.
- Establish working relationships between social work scholars, statesman administrators, and corporate leaders in the country.
- Undertake focused area-based studies targeting international social issues with respect to the Indian context.
- Work for innovative development models through Public Private Partnership in the Social Work profession.
- Develop a think tank of Social work professionals so that this can provide solutions & action plans to complex social issues of national importance to national, state, and local government.
- Examine the social work curriculum taught by the universities from the perspective of a professional career with a view to improving the credibility of the Social Work Profession.
- Develop statistical tools and evidence-based indicators pertaining to human development.

## **KEY PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES**

The Association shall strive to achieve its aims and objectives by undertaking the following activities:

- Conduct Training Courses with an inter-stakeholder approach where Social Work professionals, policymakers, and Civil Society representatives are invited for cross-fertilization of ideas.
- Development of Case Studies and documentation of best practices from Social Workers working in various organizations.

- Conduct 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.
- Organization of Seminars, Workshops, and Symposia for an in-depth discussion on focused subjects: more and more about less and less!
- Publication of a periodical Technical Journal/ News bulletin on the 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.
- Special emphasis on Trainee Assignments in the form of Syndicate Reports, Individual Assignments, and other instrumentalities with a view to challenging the Trainee's capacity to think and imbibe critical knowledge and skills.
- Converting Research Studies into priced publications, monographs, and reports with a view to sharing project experiences and research outcomes.
- Participation in citizens' advocacy campaigns with a view to bringing about actual improvements on the ground.
- Starting of Research Portals for sharing research outcomes with other researchers and program implementing teams.
- 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.
- Initiate, hold, direct, manage, take part in and contribute to conferences, congresses, meetings, lectures, and demonstrations on any aspect of the Social Work Profession and social welfare for the purpose of advancing any of the objectives of the association.
- 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.
- The association can join/partner with any global forum and federation or allied Federations.
- The association can establish its own academy, university, or institute in the future.



**PRESENT (THIRD) GOVERNING BODY (13th December 2020 – 12th December 2023)**



**Dr. Sumit Arora  
President**



**Mr. Sharad Singh  
Vice President**



**Ms. Rekha Trivedi  
Secretary General**



**Mr. Amitoz Dogra  
Treasurer**

## Key Meetings, Milestones & Outcomes (2019-2022)

Year	Date	Decisions/Milestones
2022	31.07.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provisional Admittance given to APSWDP in UNFCCC.</li> <li>Approval to apply for empanelment of APSWDP in Punjab State AIDS Control Society.</li> <li>Approval to Composite Target Intervention Project for FY 2022-23 given by Chandigarh AIDS Control Society.</li> <li>Accreditation given to APSWDP in United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Observer Status in United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA).</li> <li>Follow up from RNI for Journal Title Approval.</li> <li>Approval of Amendments in Bye-laws of APSWDP.</li> </ul>
	10.04.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation of Mr. Rajeev Kumar as Editor-in-Chief of the newsletter The Voyage along with editorial team.</li> <li>Follow up from RNI and SDM Central office for Journal Title Approval.</li> <li>Submission of queries to UNFCCC and UNEP for accreditation.</li> <li>Signing of MoU's with Chitkara University, Chandigarh University, E[co]work Association, CBMA, WWSS, RICM, ACCEC, AVVCT.</li> </ul>
	26.02.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signing of MoU's with Alliance Franchise and further follow up with other institutions who have shown interests.</li> <li>Approval of association with UNESCO MIL Alliance.</li> </ul>
2021	28.11.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful organization of International Conference- ICCMA with global partners. New avenues for MOU signing with ACCEC, Jeju.</li> <li>Course design on NGO Management.</li> <li>Follow with institutions for MOUs.</li> <li>Follow up from RNI.</li> <li>Follow with UNEP/UNESCO for association.</li> <li>Opening of Samta Nyay Kendra for TGs with SLSA.</li> </ul>
	28.08.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful organization of various virtual dialogues, partnerships explored for ICCMA with ACCEC, Jeju.</li> <li>Virtual Internship with RGNIYD.</li> <li>MOU signing follow ups</li> <li>Follow up from RNI.</li> <li>Exploring association with other UN agencies.</li> <li>Submission of application for byelaws amendments.</li> </ul>
	26.06.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow up for byelaws amendments.</li> <li>Successful empanelment under CSACS.</li> <li>Follow up from RNI.</li> <li>Establishment of virtual center for excellence on SWA.</li> <li>Constitution of forum of global friends of APSWDP.</li> <li>Follow up on MOU signing.</li> </ul>
	06.03.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation of Strategic Plan and Road Map.</li> <li>Follow up on MOU signing.</li> <li>Amendments in the bye-laws.</li> <li>Commemoration of World Social Work Day 2021.</li> <li>Membership of IASSW.</li> <li>Exploring avenues in IR, UNDRRR, UNOSSC, Diplomacy.</li> </ul>
2020	20.12.2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closure of Saving Account and opening current account of APSWDP.</li> <li>Commemoration of World Social Work Day 2021.</li> <li>Joining Membership of IASSW.</li> </ul>

## Key Meetings, Milestones & Outcomes (2019-2022)

Year	Date of Meeting	Key Decisions
2019	3-Mar-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UN CSO NET/ UNDESA/ UNECOSOC follow-up.</li> <li>UN DPI and GCD affiliation.</li> <li>Participation of members of APSWDP in UNITAR/ Global Fellowship Programs.</li> <li>Celebrating global days of importance i.e. International days for persons with disabilities.</li> <li>Planning world social work day 2019.</li> <li>Exploring partnership with various research institutions.</li> </ul>
	2-Jun-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expression of Interest (EOI) for various government agencies like CSACS, PEDAs, NYKS, etc.</li> <li>Follow up with European commission project and consultative status with UN.</li> </ul>
	14-Jul-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintaining MIS of APSWDP members, volunteers.</li> <li>Introducing Internship/ Block field work and project opportunities for social work students.</li> <li>Proposal for appointing emeritus members.</li> <li>Enrollment of members under the category of Life Associate.</li> <li>Enhancing branding and fund raising tools and techniques.</li> <li>Planning IEC activities.</li> <li>Constituting executive committee and nomination of administration team on honorary basis.</li> <li>Constitution of high level committee (high level committee on diplomacy, international relations and the United Nations), standing committees (planning, budgeting, monitoring, procurement, internal discipline, ethics, harassment, journal and publications, program events, IEC and mass media development, celebrating and observing global days, planning mega events, group email IDs to all the functionaries), international committee, designing stationary of world class standards, maintaining website of APSWDP, launching of journal, reporting format, video clips of past events, empanelment with various agencies, social worked awards and balance sheet.</li> </ul>
	13-Oct-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nomination of 3 members to represent APSWDP in Asia Pacific Climate Week-2019 to be held at UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand.</li> <li>Meeting with Department of Local Administration/ Bangkok Metropolitan Administration.</li> <li>Submission of a brief report on APCW-2019, Street Vendors and Street Food Vendors.</li> </ul>



**PROGRAMS  
&  
EVENTS**



## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ORGANISED BY APSWDP FROM 2019- 2022: ALIGNED WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG's)



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were born at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro in 2012. The objective was to produce a set of universal goals that meet the urgent environmental, political, and economic challenges facing our world. The SDGs replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which started a global effort in 2000 to tackle the indignity of poverty. The MDGs established measurable, universally-agreed objectives for tackling extreme poverty and hunger, preventing deadly diseases, and expanding primary education to all children, among other development priorities.

The SDGs are a bold commitment to finish what we started and tackle some of the more pressing challenges facing the world today. All 17 Goals interconnect, meaning success in one affects success for others. Dealing with the threat of climate change impacts how we manage our fragile natural resources, achieving gender equality or better health helps eradicate poverty, and fostering peace and inclusive societies will reduce inequalities and help economies prosper.

The SDGs are unique in that they cover issues that affect us all. They reaffirm our international commitment to end poverty, permanently, everywhere. They are ambitious in making sure no one is left behind. More importantly, they involve us all to build a more sustainable, safer, more prosperous planet for all of humanity.

Source: [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)

## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ORGANISED BY APSWDP FROM 2019 to 2022: ALIGNED WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG's)

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) has organised various programs and events (including seminar, conferences, capacity building and training workshops, community awareness programs, virtual dialogues, and panel discussions), right from its inception in 2014, aligned to the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's):



## GLIMPSE OF KEY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Year	Date	Program/ Event	Organizers/ Co-organizers	Venue	No. of participants	Aligned to SDG
2019	March 29-31	Commemorating World Social Work Day 2019 and Workshop on NGO Management and Sustainable Development Goals	RGNIYD, Chandigarh, State Legal Service Authority, Chandigarh, TCP-India, PEDAPunjab, SPH, PGIMER, Punjab Tourism, CSW, Panjab University	Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sector-11, Chandigarh	55	SDG 17
	April 06	One Day Training Programme on United Nations SDGs: Climate Action SDG 13	Swaramani Youth Welfare Association	AKSHAR, Kaimbala School, Chandigarh	35	SDG 13
	April 19	One Day Training Programme on United Nations SDGs for Teachers and Students coinciding World Earth Day 2019	The Climate Reality Project (TCRP) India, 513-516, 5th Floor, Narain Manzil, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi	ADARSH Senior Secondary School, Tohana, Fatehabad	125	SDG 13
	May 14	Promoting Accessibility in General Elections -2019	Chief Electoral Office, Chandigarh, Wheelchair Cricket Federation of India	Cricket Stadium, Sector 16, Chandigarh	450	SDG 10
	October 05	One Day Consultation on Workshop Enhancing Human Security In The Chandigarh Region	State Legal Services Authority, (SLSA) Jan Marg, Near Chandigarh Police Headquarters, Sector 34, Sector 9, Chandigarh	Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Sector 43-D, Chandigarh	56	SDG 16



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2019	October 06	Youth Parliament on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	NSS Unit, PG College for Men, Sector 11, Chandigarh, Swaramani Youth Welfare Association	Auditorium, Post Graduate College for Men, Sector 11, Chandigarh	47	SDG 17
	October 12	Youth Parliament on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	NSS Unit, Chitkara University, Baddi, (HP) and Swaramani Youth Welfare Association	Auditorium, Chitkara University, Baddi, Himachal Pradesh (H.P)	43	SDG 17
	November 20	Awareness Programme on Climate Change Education and Climate Presentations on the occasion of 24 Hours of Reality	The Climate Reality Project (TCRP) India and AMITY Global Business School, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali)	AMITY Global Business School, Sebiz Square 5th Floor, I.T.Park, C-6, Sector-67, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali)	87	SDG 13
	November 21	Awareness Programme on Climate Change Education and Climate Presentations on the occasion of 24 Hours of Reality	The Climate Reality Project (TCRP) India and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Chandigarh	Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sector-11, Chandigarh	40	SDG 13
	November 21	Awareness Programme on Climate Change Education and Climate Presentations on the occasion of 24 Hours of Reality	The Climate Reality Project (TCRP) India and Dikshant International School, Panchkula-Zirakpur Highway, Panchkula, Haryana	Dikshant International, NH-22, Panchkula - Zirakpur Highway, Panchkula, Haryana 134113	119	SDG 13

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2019	November 21	Awareness Programme on Climate Change Education and Climate Presentations on the occasion of 24 Hours of Reality	The Climate Reality Project (TCRP) India and National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Sector-26, Chandigarh	National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Sector-26, Chandigarh	43	SDG 13
	November 21	Awareness Programme on Climate Change Education and Climate Presentations on the occasion of 24 Hours of Reality	The Climate Reality Project (TCRP), India and Signicent Information Solutions LLP, # 32-34, 3rd Floor, TDI Business Centre, Sector 118, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali)	Signicent Information Solutions LLP, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali)	66	SDG 13
	November 21	Awareness Programme on Climate Change Education and Climate Presentations on the occasion of 24 Hours of Reality	The Climate Reality Project (TCRP), India and Government Girls College, Madlauda, Panipat	Government Girls College, Madlauda, Panipat	48	SDG 13
	November 21	Awareness Programme on Climate Change Education and Climate Presentations on the occasion of 24 Hours of Reality during a training programme on CDD and SDGs	The Climate Reality Project (TCRP) India, 513-516, 5th Floor, Narain Manzil, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi	UNITAR Centre International de Formation des Autorites et Leaders (CIFAL), Jeju International Training Center, Jeju-do, South Korea	23	SDG 13



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2020	February 04	Awareness and Capacity Building Program on E-Waste and Circular Economy	National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh	Conference Hall, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh	66	SDG 11
	February 04	Awareness and Capacity Building Program on E-Waste and Circular Economy	Municipal Corporation Chandigarh	Municipal Corporation Chandigarh, Sector 17, Chandigarh	78	SDG 11
	March 05	Celebration of International Women's Day 2020	Reserve Bank of India, Chandigarh	Auditorium, Reserve Bank of India, Sector 17, Chandigarh	65	SDG 5
	March 16	Capacity Building and Training Programme on Professional Social Work, Methods and Social Work Ethics on the occasion of World Social Work Day 2020	All India Pingalwara Association, Chandigarh Branch, State Legal Services Authority, (SLSA) Chandigarh	Conference Hall, All India Pingalwara Association, Chandigarh Branch	30	SDG 4
	March 17	Awareness Programme on Social Work Profession among Youth and Commemorating World Social Work Day 2020	CDCL, Plot No. 5, Sector 28-B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh	Conference Hall, CDCL, Plot No. 5, Sector 28-B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh	44	SDG 4



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2020	March 17	Training Workshop on Community Driven Development and SDGs on the occasion of Commemorating World Social Work Day (WSWD) 2020	Urban Poverty Alleviation Cell, Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Municipal Corporation Chandigarh	Conference Hall, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh	99	SDG 17
	March 17	Theoretical Connotation of the Importance of Human Relationships in Managing Substance Abuse on the occasion of World Social Work Day (WSWD) 2020	School of Public Health, NCTOH-2020, IAMBSS, SIPHER	School of Public Health (SPH), Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh	63	SDG 17
	March 29 to June 30	COVID-19 Solidarity Response Relief Campaign	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh	Tri-City Chandigarh	10000	SDG 17
	April 22	World Earth Day	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh	Virtual	25	SDG 13
	August 08	APSWDP Virtual Dialogue: What Future We Want (Series I)	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh	Virtual	156	SDG 4

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Year	Date	Program/ Event	Organizers/ Co-organizers	Venue	No. of participants	Aligned to SDG
2020	August 29	Climate Crisis: Create Your Own Climate Story (Series II)	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh	Virtual	125	SDG 13
	September 19	Status-Quo of the Transgender Community: Issues, Challenges and Way Forward (Series III)	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh & State Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh	Virtual	106	SDG 5
	September 19	Impact of Digital Technologies under the ambit of SDGs (Series IV)	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh & Signicent Information Solutions LLP	Virtual	78	SDG 11
	September 27	Women and Girls - Closing the Gender Gap (Series V)	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh	Virtual	84	SDG 10
	October 03	Investing in Health for an Equitable Future (Series VI)	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh	Virtual	123	SDG 3



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Year	Date	Program/ Event	Organizers/ Co-organizers	Venue	No. of participants	Aligned to SDG
2020	October 04	Shifting Demographics (Series VII)	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh	Virtual	95	SDG 16
	October 04	An Era of Conflict and Violence (Series VIII)	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh	Virtual	89	SDG 16
	October 11	Virtual Chandigarh Climate Dialogue	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh and The Climate Reality Project (TCRP), India	Virtual	159	SDG 13
	November 29	Learning in COVID-19 Era: Issues and Challenges	Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh	Virtual	41	SDG 11
	December 03	Virtual National Dialogue On Disability Inclusion 2020 Celebrating International Day of Persons with Disabilities	APSWDP and State Legal Services Authority, (SLSA) Chandigarh	Virtual	67	SDG 10
	December 12	Commemorating APSWDP 6th Anniversary	Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners, Chandigarh	Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Chandigarh & Virtual	39	SDG 17

## GLIMPSE OF KEY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

### APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE SERIES II Climate Crisis: Create your own Climate Story

A virtual dialogue on the theme 'Climate Crisis: Create Your Own Success Story' in partnership with The Climate Reality Project-India was organized as a part of dialogue series initiated by APSWDP on 29th August, 2020 (Saturday). Shri Aditya Pundir, Country Head, TCRP India was the chief guest and inaugurated the dialogue, where as Ms. Geethanjali M. Jeyakumar, IFS and a Research Fellow at UOH, Helsinki, Finland gave her special address. Among the key panelists, Ms. Sheetal Antil, Program Manager, TCRP-India, Ms. Kamini Singh, Environmental Sustainability Professional, Ms. Neeta Lalla Program Manager, TCRP-India and Mr. Devender Sura, Tree Man and Environmental Activist from Haryana shared their case studies and social action based motivating stories. The key objective of the dialogue was to ignite vibrancy in thoughts and creating synergy among youth across country and beyond on environmental sustainability. The virtual dialogues was attended by 125 participants from various professional background including researchers, educators, post graduate students, environmental activists, Government and CSO representatives from development sector, etc.

### APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE SERIES III Status Quo of Transgender Community: Issues, Challenges and Way Forward

APSWDP had organized a virtual dialogue on the theme 'Status-Quo of Transgender Community: Issues, Challenges and the Way Forward' in partnership with State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) Chandigarh U.T. on 19th September 2020 (Saturday). Shri Mahavir Singh, Additional District Judge (ADJ) cum Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) was the chief guest and inaugurated the dialogue. The key panelists were Dr. Monica Munjal Singh, Chairperson of Centre of Social Work, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Ms. Kajal Mangalmukhi, (a transgender right activist), and Advocate Gautam Bhardwaj (empanelled lawyer with State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) and Consultant with Chandigarh Child Protection Right Commission. In the dialogue, the panelist discussed about the sufferings of the TG community; neglect & apathy from society as well as from the Government in addition to various legal reforms and legislation. The virtual dialogue was attended by 124 participants from various professional background including researchers, post graduate students, lawyers.



## GLIMPSE OF KEY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

### APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE SERIES IV Impact of Digital Technologies under the ambit of SDGs

A virtual dialogue on the theme 'Impact of Digital Technologies' under the ambit of SDGs in partnership with Signicent Technologies was organized as a part of dialogue series initiated by APSWDP on 19th September, 2020 (Saturday). Shri Baldeep Singh, Technical Director, Department of Local Government, Punjab was the chief guest and inaugurated the dialogue. The key panelists namely Mr. Joseph Jude Chief Technical Officer, Net Solutions, Mr. Harit Mohan Founder and Chief Executive Officer Signicent LLP and Mr. Vivek Trivedi Research Fellow, Centre for Social Work, Panjab University Chandigarh and Development Expert shared the role of prevailing technologies by citing case studies and best practices along with innovations. The key aim of the dialogue was to inspire the communities on harnessing digital technologies for a better future as it can support and accelerate in achieving each of the 17 UN SDGs. The virtual dialogues was attended by 78 participants from various professional background including researchers, educators, post graduate students, environmental activists, Government and CSO representatives from development sector, etc.

### APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE SERIES V Women and Girls-Closing the Gender Gap

A virtual dialogue on the theme 'Women and Girls-Closing the Gender Gap' was organized as a part of a dialogue series initiated by APSWDP on 27th September 2020 (Saturday). Dr. Monica Singh, Chairperson, Center for Social Work, Panjab University, Chandigarh was the chief guest and inaugurated the dialogue, whereas Ms. Manjula Thakur, Director Prasanchetas Foundation, Ms. Ritika Singh, CEO & Founder Kontent Factory, Prof. Priyadharsini R. SRCAS, Coimbatore and Ms. Priyanka Sud, Advocate, Hon. High Court Punjab and Haryana shared their deliberations, case studies and social action based motivating stories with respect to Women and Girls - Unbarring the Disparity Barriers, We are Women and not Superwomen- Maybe We Don't Want it All, Gender Equality in India- A Way Forward and Gender Equality- Most Neglected and Much Awaited. The key objective of the dialogue was to ignite vibrancy in thoughts and creating synergy among diverse audience across the country. The virtual dialogue was attended by 84 participants from various professional background including researchers, educators, post graduate students, environmental activists, government and CSO representatives from development sector, etc.



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### APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE SERIES VI Investing in Health for an Equitable Future

APSWDP had organized a virtual dialogue on the theme 'Investing in Health for an Equitable Future' on 3rd October 2020 (Saturday). Prof. Amarjeet Singh, Head Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, PGIMER was the chief guest and inaugurated the dialogue. The main objectives of the dialogue were to unveil the social impacts and role of community participation, ensure universal health coverage for the masses, discussing various disease pattern, evolving with ongoing change in the climate pattern, conflict, economic depression, digital technologies, demographic shift and rampant urbanization. The key panellists were Dr. Rakesh Gupta, President Rajasthan Cancer Foundation, Dr. Shet Masih, Consultant Genomics & Technical Lead, Dr. Sanjiv Kumar, Former Regional Advisor, UNICEF and Chair Indian Academy of Public Health, Dr. Kumar Pushkar (Lt. Col), Faculty AFMC Pune. In the dialogue, the panelist discussed the current situation of health infrastructure, private sector investment, universal coverage to all, affordability in diagnosis and treatment. The virtual dialogue was attended by 123 participants from various professional background including medical practitioners, researchers, post graduate students, lawyers, government employees in social sector, etc.

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**UN 75 2020 AND BEYOND SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER**  
 3 October 2020 (SATURDAY)  
 11.00 A.M. - 12.30 P.M. (IST)

**Series - VI: What Future We Want**  
 Theme  
**Investing in Health for an Equitable Future**

**Platform: Zoom**

**Chief Guest**  
  
**Prof. Amarjeet Singh**  
 Professor & Head, Department of Community Medicine & School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh

**Panelists**  
  
**Dr. Rakesh Gupta**  
 President, Rajasthan Cancer Foundation and Honorary consultant, Tobacco Cessation, SDMM, Jaipur, India

**Dr. Shet Masih**  
 Consultant -Genomics & Technical-Lead New Delhi, India

**Dr. Sanjiv Kumar**  
 Former Regional Advisor, UNICEF and Chair Indian Academy of Public Health, New Delhi, India

**Dr. Kumar Pushkar**  
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### APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE SERIES VII - Shifting Demographics & VIII - A New Era of Conflict and Violence

A virtual dialogue Series VII & VIII on the theme 'Shifting Demographics' and 'A New Era of Conflict and Violence' was organized as a part of a dialogue series initiated by APSWDP on 4th October 2020 (Sunday). Professor Ashwani Kumar Nanda, Head, Population Research Center (PRC), CRRID Chandigarh was the chief guest and inaugurated both the dialogues.

In the dialogue VII, Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Assistant Professor, International Institute of Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, Dr. Debdulal Saha, Assistant Professor and Chairperson, Center for Labour Studies and Social Protection, TISS Guwahati and Dr. Sumit Arora, Sociologist and Development Expert, Chandigarh shared their deliberation, case studies on population, migration patterns in India with respect to increasing labour demand, unemployment and impact of COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**UN 75 2020 AND BEYOND SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER**  
 4th October 2020 (SUNDAY)  
 11.00 A.M. - 12.00 P.M. (IST)

**Series - VII: What Future We Want**  
 Theme  
**Shifting Demographics**

**Platform: Zoom**

**Chief Guest**  
  
**Professor Ashwani Kumar Nanda**  
 Population Research Center (PRC) Center for Research in Rural & Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh

**Panelists**  
  
**Dr. Harihar Sahoo**  
 Assistant Professor, International Institute of Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai

**Dr. Debdulal Saha**  
 Assistant Professor & Chairperson Centre for Labour Studies & Social Protection Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Keesambi Campus

**Dr. Sumit Arora**  
 Sociologist and Development Expert APSWDP and Alumni UNITAR/CIFAL

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### APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE LEARNING IN THE COVID-19 ERA: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

A virtual dialogue on the theme “Learning in COVID-19 Era: Issues and Challenges” was organized as a part of a dialogue series initiated by APSWDP on 29th November 2020 (Sunday). The dialogue was based on the fact that COVID-19 pandemic has



challenged us with the true ambiguity of human existence and the true vulnerability of human life on one side and on the other side it has made us realize the value of independence – the independence to move, to be with those we adore, to live in self-respect and safety – for ourselves and for our loved ones. In pursuit of understanding the issues and challenges COVID-19 pandemic has given rise to in 2020, it is an opportunity to re-think and re-create the ways we live, we work, we celebrate and we learn, which will eventually help us in building the future we want. The dialogue was also conceived in alignment to the SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-Being and SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities.

The aim of the Virtual Dialogue was to discuss the issues of forced migration due to conflicts, manage change in volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity (VUCA) World and an access to humanity. The outcomes of the Dialogue enabled the participants and panelists to document their ideas and solutions for framing an inclusive global plan of the future that we want. The key objectives of the Dialogue were:

- Firstly to develop an understanding on the Role of Civil Society under the ambit of Sustainable Development Goals with special focus on Health and Well-being.
- Secondly to discuss various migration patterns evolving due to climate crisis, conflict, and pandemic.
- Thirdly to understand the change and prepare our-self for a better future.
- Fourthly to initiate a dialogue on building community networks for addressing the issues of marginalized communities, prevention & preparedness for future.
- And lastly to give exposure on various issues and solutions for building a sustainable future; sensitize and adopt the principles of 'Think Global and Act Local'.

The deliberations were made by eminent panelists Dr. Sumit Arora, Ms. Rivti Chand and Adv. Gautam Bhardwaj whereas the dialogue was moderated by Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati.

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### APSWDP VIRTUAL Introductory and Induction Meeting for members of executive body

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) organized a Virtual Introductory and Induction Meeting for members of the third newly nominated Governing and Executive Body constituted by the General Body on 26th January 2021.

In the meeting, outgoing Governing Body Members of the APSWDP welcomed and introduced Dr. Sumit Arora, President, and Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Hon. Director-General APSWDP to all the members present. Later, the outgoing members handed over the steering of the Introductory and Induction Meeting to the President and Hon. Director-General.

Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati introduced all the nominated members of the Executive Body including Hon. Directors, APSWDP Special Representatives to UN Offices and Chief Coordinators (Zones) in addition to self-introduction round. Dr. Sumit Arora, President APSWDP, explained the roles and responsibilities to newly inducted team members. He further explained in detail, how the members can plan, lead and contribute to developing their assigned verticals. He also felicitated a session on identifying key strengths and the expertise of team members in preparing a three-year Road Map of APSWDP.

### Commemorating World Social Work Day, Social Work Month and International Day of Happiness - 2021

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) Chandigarh in partnership with the State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), Chandigarh, Department of Social Work, CBLU, Haryana, and TCRP-India has conceived and organized World Social Work Day (WSWD) 2021, Social Work Month and International Day of Happiness (IDH) 2021 followed by various training workshops for diverse stakeholders on Community Driven Development through convergence under the ambit of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

APSWDP has pioneered in commemorating WSWD for the 6th consecutive year and introducing its first commemoration of IDH in the North region. The main aim was to promote the values of Theory to Practice and Volunteerism to Professionalism.

WSWD is celebrated on the 3rd Tuesday every year and has become a focal point in the social work calendar with social workers all over the world celebrating and promoting the contributions of the profession towards individuals, families, communities, and wider society. This year, the 2021 World Social Day highlights Ubuntu: I am Because We Are. This is the first theme of 2020 to 2030 Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development. Ubuntu: I am Because We are - Strengthening Social Solidarity and Global Connectedness.

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The IDH is a way to recognize the importance of happiness in the lives of people around the world. In 2015, the UN launched the 17 SDGs, which seek to end poverty, reduce inequality, and protect our planet – three key aspects that lead to well-being and happiness. The resolution was initiated by Bhutan, a country that recognized the value of national happiness over national income since the early 1970s and famously adopted the goal of Gross National Happiness over Gross National Product.

The Social Work Month has been kicked off at Chandigarh under the auspices of SLSA, U.T., Chandigarh, and TCRP-India on 13th March 2021 at Judicial Academy, Chandigarh.

During the inaugural, Shri Mahavir Singh, Member Secretary, SLSA, said that there is a great need to network and develop linkages with Stakeholders in order to ensure Community-Driven Development.

Shri Vikas Verma, Regional Head, SDGCC, UNDP in his address elucidated that universality of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through convergence is required at the community level so as to understand the theme 'Leave no one behind.

In the second event in the Social Work month, two days training workshop on “Community Driven Development through Effective Management of Area Level Federation (ALFs)/City Level Federation (CLF) and Sustainable Development Goals” was organized by the APSWDP in partnership with Development Cell of the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh on 16th-17th March 2021 at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sector 12-A, Chandigarh under the aegis of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

The two-day training workshop was inaugurated by Sh. Ravi Kant Sharma, Mayor, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh as Chief Guest and Sh. Rahul Priyadarshi, General Manager and Regional In-charge, SIDBI as Guest of Honour.

In the event, representatives of Area Level Federations (ALFs)/ City Level Federation (CLF), and staff of DAY NULM and Street Vendors Project have participated. The Two Day Training Workshop was comprised of the following sessions:

1. Community-Driven Development
2. Localization of Sustainable Development Goals
3. Role of Area Level Federation (ALF)/ City Level Federation (CLF)
4. Effective Management & Administration of Area Level Federation (ALF)/ City Level Federation (CLF)

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In the last event conceived in Social Work month, a one-day training workshop on Community Driven Development and SDGs was organized in institutional partnership with the Department of Social Work, Chaudhary Bansi Lal University (CBLU), Bhiwani, Haryana on 20th March 2021, which was inaugurated by Chief Guest Prof. R. K. Mittal Vice-Chancellor CBLU, Bhiwani and Guest of Honor Sh. Aditya Pundir, Head South Asia, The Climate Reality India in presence of Prof. Vikas Kumar Head Social Work Department.

The key objectives of these events was to strengthen cooperation and partnership with diverse organizations and stakeholders, to spread knowledge about social work, its values, principles and methods in practice and theory among organizations and departments, to highlight social work actions, policies and achievements in the pursuit of common goals and finally to disseminate the knowledge about SDGs, community workers and social work organizations, institutions, etc.

The futuristic goals are to converge and develop linkages with Social Work Professionals to work in coherence for resolving human conflicts in the communities, promoting Community Driven Development on the principles of participation, local empowerment, demand-responsiveness, greater accountability, and enhance local capacity through transparency, mainstreaming of various CSOs and NGOs to lead the local chapter in the region, and emphasizing on sustainable lifestyle for bringing happiness in the community.

### MOU SIGNING BETWEEN APSWDP AND CBLU, BHIWANI, HARYANA

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) Chandigarh, India, and Chaudhary Bansi Lal University, Bhiwani, Haryana on 20th March 2021 for the Promotion of Social Work Education for Sustainable Development and organizing various collaborative programs in Social Welfare, Management, and Social Work domain. The MOU was signed by Dr. Sumit Arora, President, APSWDP, Sh. Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Hon. Director-General, APSWDP, and Prof. Jitender Kumar Bhardwaj, Registrar CBLU, Bhiwani and Prof. Vikas Kumar, Head Department of Social Work, CBLU, Bhiwani under the guidance, patronage, and visionary leadership of Prof. R. K. Mittal Vice-Chancellor, CBLU, Bhiwani, Haryana and Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder, APSWDP. The signing of the MOU was put forward by Dr. Mool Raj Verma, Dr. Geetika Malhotra, and Sh. Jitender Kumar Lohia immediately after successful completion of Virtual Internship program and participation of founder APSWDP in various programs of CBLU organized by Department of Social Work during COVID-19 Pandemic.

The signing of MOU was felicitated by Prof. Vikas Kumar, Head, Department of Social Work, CBLU, Bhiwani on behalf of Registrar, CBLU, Bhiwani in a meeting held with Sh. R. K. Mittal, Hon. Vice-Chancellor on the occasion of commemorating World Social Work Day 2021 on 20th March, 2021.



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### **Virtual Teachers Training and Green Campus Programme in the background of World Earth Day- 2021 on 12 and 17 April 2021**

A Virtual Teachers Training and Green Campus Programme was organized by the APSWDP in partnership with Chitkara University, Punjab Campus under the aegis of 'The Climate Reality Project-India' on 12th and 17th April 2021 to commemorate 'World Earth Day 2021'. The training program was inaugurated by Shri Aditya Pundir, Head-India, and the South Asia, The Climate Reality Project. The training was attended by 100 participants including aspiring teachers, academicians, and researchers from the university.

### **Launch of Virtual Center of Excellence for Social Welfare Administration on 30 April 2021**

APSWDP while following its Vision & Objectives as well as the learnings from COVID-19 Pandemic established a Virtual Center of Excellence for Social Welfare Administration (VCoE-SWA) with the following three key objectives:

1. to meet an enormous unmet need of social welfare, social development, NGO/CSO/CBO/NPO sector, and the society at large that can be met through capacity building, training, and capability development of human resources engaged in the Social Sector;
2. to nurture the experts who are skilled and trained on various aspects of Social Development, Welfare and Professional Social Work, and others;
3. have a long-term focus on building competitiveness in the center and in their stakeholders.

### **APSWDP Virtual Block Field Work Programme Structure for PG MSW Students RGNIYD, Chennai (May-July 2021)**

VCoE-SWA on the request of the Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Chennai has launched a three months duration Virtual Block Field Work Programme for 11 MSW students.

### **Virtual National Dialogue on Role of Youth in Tobacco Control on 30 May 2021**

APSWDP organized Virtual Dialogue on Role of Youth in Tobacco Control on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day 2021 on 30 May 2021. The dialogue was presided by Vivek Trivedi, Founder of APSWDP, and sessions from youth experts were taken by Dr. S. Rama Gokula, Mr. Karan Kaila, Anil Kumar, and Rajeev Kumar.

### **South Asian Youth Sustainable Development Virtual Dialogue (SAYSDVD) 2021 on the occasion of World Environment Day 2021**

VCoE-SWA under the aegis of APSWDP has organized SAYSDVD 2021 in partnership with PEDDA, Government of Punjab, econScious Society, Thimpu, Bhutan, and The Climate Reality Project-India on 5 June 2021.

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The dialogue witnessed deliberations from key guest speakers including Aditya Pundir (TCP-India), Geethanjali M (IFS), Dea Andrea Wehrli, (Switzerland) Dr. Thu Ba Huynh (Australia), and Dr. T. Kemala Intan (Indonesia). The program was participated by more than 540 participants across the globe.

### APSWDP Socio-Legal Virtual Consultation on Transgender Communities in India

VCoE-SWA under the aegis of APSWDP has organized virtual consultation on Transgender issues on 19 June 2021. The consultation was presided by Amit Sharma, OSD Hon. Punjab Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and was participated by more than 200 participants.

### APSWDP Virtual Dialogue on Women Empowerment and Social Cohesion

The Role, Influence & Impact on Community Driven Development (CDD)- A virtual dialogue was organized on Women Empowerment and Social Cohesion in partnership with the Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (WICCI), Chandigarh and Signicent Information Solutions LLP on 20th June 2021. The program was participated by more than 200 participants.

### Virtual Dialogue on Harnessing Technology Innovations For Sustainable Development - Aligned with SDG 9 - Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure; SDG 11

Sustainable Cities and Communities; and SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals, a Virtual Dialogue on Harnessing Technology Innovations For Sustainable Development was organized by the APSWDP in partnership with Signicent Technologies on 3rd July 2021. The dialogue was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mr. J. K. Sharma, Chief Project Officer-Technology Business, IIT, Ropar and Co-chaired by Guest of Honor Dr. P. K. Singla, Associate Professor, NITTTR, Chandigarh.

The dialogue was moderated by Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Hon. Director-General, APSWDP, and expert sessions were taken by Mr. Ravish Kumar, Manager, IBD, and Ms. Deepshi Madaan, Team Lead, Life Science, Signicent. The key objective of the virtual dialogue was to develop continuous support for leading a discussion, identifying alternatives, and implementing the technology solutions by involving unheard voices of youth in creating a sustainable and peaceful world. The dialogue was attended by 86 participants, including aspiring teachers, academicians, and researchers from the university.

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### Virtual Women Conclave on "Climate Change Adaptation: Changing Lifestyle and Modifying Behavior"

From farming to technology, corporate to the social sector, climate change and defense 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 the 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, with this background, APSWDP conceived a Virtual Conclave on Climate Change Adaptation: Changing Lifestyle and Modifying Behavior and was organized by the association 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).

The conclave was inaugurated by Ms. C.S. Rama Lakshmi, First Women Officer Indian Forest Service (IFS), Andhra Cadre, and was moderated by Dr. Vani Parwez, Co-Convener Outreach Synergist, Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University.

The conclave was conceived with an aim to develop an understanding that 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. In the conclave, expert talks were delivered by Dr. Ketna Atul Matkar, Founder & Managing Director Cipher Environmental Solutions LLP, Ms. Jas. K. Shan, Dancer, Life Coach, Movement & Energy Therapist, and Ms. Nita Ganguly, Climate Leader-Mentor & National Coordinator - Waste Management, TCRP-India.

The focus of the women conclave was 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. The conclave was attended by 200 participants including aspiring women leaders, academicians, climate presenters, environmental activists, researchers, corporates, and government officers.



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### International Conclave On Climate Change Mitigation And Adaptation (ICCCMA 2021)

Aligned with SDG 13 - Climate Action and UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021 – 2030, Virtual Center of Excellence for Social Welfare Administration, (VCoE-SWA) conceived a virtual International Conclave on Climate Change Mitigation And Adaptation (ICCCMA 2021) under the patronage of Mr. N.P.S. Randhawa, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, PEDDA in partnership with Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDDA), The Climate Reality Project-India, Asia Climate Change Education Center (ACCEC), Jeju, South Korea, and Chandigarh University, Punjab, India on 4th September 2021 under the aegis of APSWDP.

ICCCMA -2021 was aimed at initiating a global conversation for addressing the issues, challenges, and local solutions for Climate Change, Mitigation, and Adaptation under the ambit of SDG -13. The conclave was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Memon, Regional Coordinator for Resource Efficiency, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Asia Pacific Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand and Co-chaired by Guest of Honor Dr. Dai-Yeun Jeong Director, Asia Climate Change Education Center (ACCEC), Jeju South Korea.

The International Conclave was comprised of various sessions including Panel Discussions on Issues, Challenges, and Solutions on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation and Technical workshops on The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Responding to Climate Change.

The key global speakers who shared their key sessions and deliberations in the ICCCMA-2021 were Mr. Aditya Pundir Country Head, India, and South Asia The Climate Reality Project-India, Mr. Michael Gasser, Co-Founder and Secretary Social Impact Startup E[Co]work, Switzerland & India, Dr. Anshu Kumar Cold Chain Specialist UNICEF, Bhutan Ex-Technical Advisor, Montreal Protocol Unit, Er. M. P. Singh Director, PEDDA, Government of Punjab, India, Mr. Xabier Arruza Manager Bilbao Urban & Cities, Founder of Basqvium, Bilbao, Spain, Dr. Muthusami Kumaran, Associate Professor University of Florida, USA, and Dr. António Domingos Abreu, Manager, UNESCO Chair BSSD, University of Coimbra, Portugal. The conclave was attended by more than 408 participants from all across the globe.

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### **Launch of "SAMTA NAYAY KENDRA" First Legal Aid Clinic for Transgender**

State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) opened first "SAMTA NAYAY KENDRA" of north India at APSWDP Community Targeted Intervention Project Office, Chandigarh - Justice Jaswant Singh, Punjab and Haryana High Court-cum-Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority, UT, Chandigarh inaugurated SAMTA NAYAY KENDRA, First Exclusive Legal Aid Clinic for Transgenders in North India under the aegis of District Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh (DLSA), Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society (CSACS) at APSWDP Office in the presence of Mr. Gurbir Singh, District and Session Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Mr. Puneesh Jindia, Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), Chandigarh, Mr. Ashok Kumar Mann, Learned CJM-cumSecretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Mr. Sandeep Mittal, Deputy Director-TI, CSACS and Ms. Rekha Trivedi Secretary-General, APSWDP cum Project Director CTI HRG Project on 19th Sept 2021.

Justice Jaswant Singh said that after the landmark decision by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of National Legal Services Authority v. Union of India AIR 2014 SC 1863, whereby the Apex court declared transgender people the 'third gender. He further stressed on sensitization of all stakeholders including the judiciary about the specific needs of this community. He further informed that through the clinic persons from the Transgender Community will be provided Legal Aid Services, Legal Awareness Training, Linkages, and capacity-building services.

### **CSR Support to APSWDP Run DIC TGs by PNB**

Punjab National Bank (PNB), Circle Office, Chandigarh extended their support under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for upgrading Drop-In Centre (DIC) for High-Risk Groups (HRGs) including Transgenders established under Community Target Intervention HIV/AIDS Project funded by Chandigarh AIDS Control Society (CSACS) by providing Water Dispenser, LED Screen and Water Purifier on the occasion of the launch of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav planned by PNB on 20th July, 2021 by Mr. CH. S. S. Mallikaarjua Rao, Chief Managing Director and Executive Director, PNB at NITTTR, Chandigarh.

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### **Virtual Dialogue on “24 Hours of Reality: Let’s Get Real”**

Aligned to the initiatives of The Climate Reality Project India, to demand real climate action, the Virtual Center of Excellence for Social Welfare Administration (VCoE-SWA), under the aegis of the Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) has conceived a Virtual Program/ Dialogue on “24 Hours of Reality: Let’s Get Real”; in partnership with: Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University (Punjab); Signicent LLP, University Business School, Panjab University, Chandigarh; and The Climate Reality Project India (TCPI) on 29th and 30th October 2021, with an aim to work together with academic institutions and organizations, government and communities, the private sector and all relevant stakeholders, for creating sustainable, carbon-neutral, inclusive cities and towns.

### **Virtual Conference on “Accelerating urban action for a carbon-free world”**

Aligned to the initiatives of urban sustainability, 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) organized a Virtual Conference on \**“Accelerating urban action for a carbon-free world”*\*, in line with the theme of the United Nations on "World Habitat Day 2021"; in partnership with Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University and The Climate Reality Project India (TCPI), with an aim to work together with local governments and organizations, communities, academic institutions, the private sector, and all relevant stakeholders, for creating sustainable, carbon-neutral, inclusive cities and towns.

### **APSWDP is being felicitated by Women’s Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WICCI) at CII, Chandigarh**

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) was felicitated by the Women’s Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry: WICCI UT Chandigarh at CII, Chandigarh on 26th November 2021. Ms. Deepika Bahri, U.T. President for WICCI, at the Annual Conclave of WICCI, Chandigarh honored the APSWDP for their exemplary work in the area of Women Empowerment represented by Ms. Rekha Trivedi, Secretary-General and Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Hon. Director-General in the auspicious presence of Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Mentor, and Hon Principal Adviser to APSWDP.

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### **Capacity Building & Empowerment of High-Risk Groups (HRGs)**

Aligned with the objectives of celebrating World AIDS Day and Human Rights Day 2021, the Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) organized a Community Event-cum-Advocacy Meeting with the Stakeholders on 04th December 2021 at RGNIYD, Chandigarh, followed by a workshop on "Capacity Building & Empowerment of High-Risk Groups (HRGs)" also categorized as a vulnerable and marginalized minority community, under Composite Targeted Intervention (CTI) HIV/ AIDS Project.

HRGs shared the hurdles and never-ending challenges faced by them in society, and the house witnessed thought-provoking discussions on HRGs through their 'my story' sessions. The way forward plan was discussed by involving policy changes and mass sensitization programs in various parts of the city and state.

### **Virtual Dialogue on “National Energy Conservation Day 2021**

Aligned to the objective of the National Energy Conservation Day 2021 to spread mass awareness among people about the importance and necessity of energy efficiency and conservation, 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) conceived a Virtual Program/ Dialogue on “National Energy Conservation Day 2021”; in partnership with Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University and The Climate Reality Project India (TCPI), with an aim to work together with academic institutions and organizations, government and communities.

### **APSWDP Capacity building program for marginalized sex workers**

A one-day training program for Peer Educators was organized by APSWDP-CTIP at the project office on 15th December 2021. Twelve Peer Educators from all three HRGs communities and CTI Project Staff participated in the training program. Smt. Rekha Trivedi, Secretary-General cum Project Director was also present during the training to boost the morale of all the peer educators and to discuss their crucial role in the project.

During the training, issues such as need, role and importance of peer educators were discussed. In addition, how they can act as a catalyst for the project by generating awareness and bringing reforms within their community. Similarly, they were also told about the peer educator diary which they have to fill on a daily basis after meeting with their community members thereby providing them with the project services.

Outreach tools such as weekly micro plan, hotspot maps, quarterly risk assessment, etc. were also taken into consideration during the training programme. Besides, referral and linkages were also discussed keeping in view their importance in the project. For instance, ICTCs, Suraksha clinics, DOTS clinics, ART centres, etc. were deeply discussed.

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Mr Jeevan Deep Singh, Programme Officer-TI, TSU also briefed regarding the Revamp Strategies for improving the project services. He emphasized PMPSE, Strengthening Outreach Activities (SOA), Community Based Screening (CBS), etc. and how it can strengthen the TI project.

### APSWDP's advocacy Meeting with stakeholders

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) Chandigarh conducted five Advocacy Meetings with Bebo Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Chandigarh, General Manager, SIDBI, Regional Office, Chandigarh, Head Transgender Community North Punjab, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) and State Legal Service Authority (SLSA), Chandigarh with an aim to seek corporate support for funding Social Work Education and also support Marginal Rights campaigns and community level projects.

### Virtual Dialogue on “Wetlands Action For People and Nature” on the occasion of World Wetlands Day.

Aligned to the UN SDGs and initiatives of The Climate Reality Project India, to demand real climate action, the Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in partnership with Chitkara University, Punjab, has conceived a Virtual Program/ Dialogue on “Wetlands Action For People and Nature” on the occasion of World Wetlands Day on 2nd February 2022 with an aim to create vibrancy among young students and work together with academic institutions and organizations, government and communities, the private sector and all relevant stakeholders, for restoring and retaining water bodies and wetlands. The conference was chaired by Ms. Geethanjali M Jeykumar, Indian Forest Service (IFS), Research Fellow, Helsinki University, Finland, and the session was taken by Guest Speaker Elsie Gabriel, Climate Reality Leader. The Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker - Ms. Geethanjali M. Jeyakumar inspired to work on the assessment of ecosystem values and safeguard the coastal wetlands (near sea), inland wetlands (near rivers, lakes, dams) and natural/ man-made wetlands. The special sharing by Guest Speaker, Ms. Elsie Gabriel with her vast experience in ocean climate change and solutions sensitized the participants on the current position of India losing nearly one-third of its natural wetlands to urbanization and over exploitation, agriculture expansion and pollution. She emphasized us to collaborate and network to work together on climate change and building resilience, with a pledge to protect and restore the Wetlands.

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**Ms. Rekha Trivedi, Secretary-General, APSWDP was felicitated by Regional Outreach Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on International Women's Day.**

Ms. Rekha Trivedi, Secretary-General, Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) was felicitated by the Regional Outreach Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Chandigarh on the occasion of International Women's Day at Chandigarh on 7th March 2022 by Ms. Anindita Mitra, IAS, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh for her accomplishment in social welfare, disability and being a role model for women.

**Virtual Conference on “Breaking the Bias” on the occasion of International Women's Day.**

Aligned to the United Nations Women theme for International Women’s Day (IWD-2022) - “Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow”, Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) organized a Virtual Conference on \*Breaking the Bias” in partnership with Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University, Punjab on 8th March 2022, with an aim to initiate a dialogue among stakeholders. The key speaker of the session was Ms. Jas K Shan, Life Coach, and Wellness Expert. Ms. Jas K Shan shared that Bias here starts from inflexibility of mind-sets and societal norms. She encouraged the participants to inculcate the habits of Co-Existence & Co-Create to remove the bias; take time for self-introspection, think in terms of both Shiv - Muscular and Shakti - Feminine; Work on Four A's - Awareness; Accommodating your life with other gender without losing yourself; Analyse your life, dream, purpose; Attitude towards it; and remove the bias by using gender-neutral language. Adopting more thoughtful, impartial, and inclusive language in life and businesses to foster atmospheres of openness and trust, which in turn will empower both men and women.

**APSWDP was felicitated by Chandigarh AIDS Control Society (CSACS) at AIDSCON-11 at Chandigarh and Brahma Kumari Iswariya Vishwavidyala, Chandigarh.**

Dr. Sumit Arora, President, Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) received the honour on behalf of APSWDP from Director Health Services, Chandigarh and Project Director, Chandigarh AIDS Control Society (CSACS) at AIDSCON-11 on 12th March 2022 at Park View, Chandigarh, for introducing innovative initiatives in Composite Targeted Intervention Project. Also, he was felicitated by Brahma Kumari Iswariya Vishwavidyala, Chandigarh for his contribution during COVID-19 Pandemic for social support to minority group.



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### Virtual Dialogue on “Groundwater: Making the invisible visible” on the occasion of World Water Day.

Aligned to the UN SDGs and initiatives of The Climate Reality Project India, to demand real climate action, the Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in partnership with Chitkara University, Punjab, has conceived a Virtual Program/ Dialogue on “Groundwater: Making the invisible visible” on the occasion of World Water Day on 24 March 2022. The focus for this year is groundwater, which is a dwindling resource overused by many countries. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis. A core focus of World Water Day is to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030. Ms. Elsie Gabriel resource person made the participants re-think on human activities (including population- and economic growth) and climate variability, which are rapidly increasing the pressure on groundwater resources: serious depletion and pollution problems reported for many parts of the world. She emphasised to put a spotlight on this invisible resource, enhance knowledge exchange and collaboration, and thereby increase the awareness of the importance of taking care of our groundwater. The Special Guest of the Day Dr. Charu Khosla, Dean Internatioal Affairs, Chitkara University made the audience aware of the depletion of groundwater resources due to excessive usage of resources and how Chitkara University is working on rain harvesting to recycle the ground water, recharging the groundwater tables through interlocking tiles, and sensitized the participants to work ethically on the four important pillars - Science, Economics, Governance and Spiritual Connection.

### APSWDP Capacity building programme for marginalized AND High Risk Groups Commemoration of Republic Day 2022 coinciding Capacity Building & Empowerment of Stakeholders.

The Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) had conceived to organize a Community Event-cum-Capacity Building for the High-Risk Groups (HRGs), also categorized as vulnerable and marginalized minority community on the eve of the Republic Day on 26th January 2022 at New Indira Colony, Manimajra, Sector-13, Chandigarh under Composite Targeted Intervention Project (CTIP) on HIV/ AIDS. Sh. Sandeep Mittal, Deputy Director Targeted Intervention, Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society (CSACS) was the Chief Guest during the event.

Sh. Sandeep Mittal, the Chief Guest during the event while addressing the audience, mentioned regarding the Composite Targeted Intervention Project which is aimed at benefitting the High-Risk Groups (HRGs) and also for creating a welfare state for all those who are in dire need. Sh. Mittal also talked about various services that are provided under the umbrella of APSWDP and motivated HRGs present to avail such services which are provided free of cost. In addition, he also congratulated APSWDP for the meticulous planning in organizing the community and also for engaging them in various skill development courses which are free for them.

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Sh. Mittal also appreciated the efforts of TI staff under the dynamic leadership of Smt. Rekha Trivedi, Secretary General-cum-Project Director in preparing an atlas of all the hotspots of the project. Blankets were distributed to the Transgender and other HRGs being provided by Shri Rupinder Singh, Bebos Technologies under CSR support after the lunch break in the Drop-In-Centre (DIC) at its project office.

### **APSWDP Joined Hands with Alliance Francaise, Chandigarh in Bonjour India 2022.**

The City Beautiful Chandigarh witnessed an event named Bonjour India 2022 with a theme 'City for All - Public art festival questioning the role of gender in our cities' which was conceptualized by Alliance Francaise, Chandigarh and Social Design Collaborative. Among various local partners, Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) supported the event by facilitating the stakeholders and TG and other marginalized community engagement at Bapudham, Manimajra and in Sector 17 concluding event on 10th April, 2022.

### **Virtual Conclave on the Transgender Community in India**

A Virtual Conclave on the Transgender Community in India was organized on 28th May 2022 by Virtual Center for Excellence for Social Welfare Administration (VCOE-SWA) under the aegis of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) with focus on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 3, 5, 10, 16 and 17. It was deliberated during the conclave that the Transgender community in India are among the most marginalized and vulnerable. They are subjected to a variety of social discrimination and exclusion from mainstream society. In its landmark judgment dated 15th April 2014 in the case of National Legal Services Authority vs Union of India, the Hon'ble Supreme Court 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. The conclave witnessed eminent speakers from Hum Safar Trust, IAMBSS, Lovely Professional University, DLSA Chandigarh.



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### International Youth Sustainable Development Virtual Dialogue (IYSDVD-2022)

APSWDP celebrated the World Environment Day (WED) 2022 with a theme #OnlyOneEarth that calls for transformative changes to policies and choices to enable cleaner, greener, and sustainable living in harmony with nature. It WED-2022 focused on the need to live sustainably in harmony with nature, and our possibilities for shifting to a greener lifestyle through both policies and individual choices. “Only One Earth” was the motto for the 1972 Stockholm Conference. Even after 50 years on, the motto is as pertinent as ever – this planet is our only home, and humanity must safeguard its finite resources. The year 2022 is a historic milestone for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the global environmental community. It marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of UNEP as an outcome of the Stockholm Conference. It also coincides with the high-level Stockholm+50 international meeting. These emblematic events serve as an opportunity for the international community to strengthen cooperation and show leadership in the transformation towards a more sustainable society.

Since 2015, APSWDP has been commemorating this day as a commitment toward protecting the Environment by collaborating with 'The Climate Reality Project India' at Chandigarh by way of organizing various advocacy events, campaigns, capacity building programs, and virtual dialogues, etc. Aligned to the United Nations theme of the year on World Environment Day and UN SDGs, the Virtual Centre of Excellence for Social Welfare Administration (VCoE-SWA) under the aegis of APSWDP has organized an International Youth Sustainable Development Virtual Dialogue -2022 in partnership with The Climate Reality Project-India and South Asia, Asia Climate Change Education Center (ACCEC), Jeju, South Korea, Chitkara University, Punjab, Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM), Chandigarh Integrated Association of Medical, Basic, and Social Scientists (IAMBSS), Graha Kirana Foundation, Indonesia and Sanrakshad (The Conservation), India with an aim to address the issues of Conserving Biodiversity, Restoring Ecosystems and Communicating Climate Change on 5th June 2022 (Sunday). In addition, this dialogue was intended to develop understanding & exploring indigenous knowledge on Bio-diversity conservation and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. The dialogue was inaugurated by Senator Dr. PKC Bose, Chief Guest with his inaugural address and Key Note Address and Special Address by Dr Die- Yeun Jeong, Guest of Honor and Ms. Geethanjali M. I.F.S. Special Guest in the inaugural session.

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### **Capacity Building Programme and Community Event for Marginalized Communities under Composite Targeted Intervention Project.**

In order to celebrate 75 years of Independence with the theme 'Ek Bharat, Shresht Bharat', APSWDP under the ambit of Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society (CSACS) organized a Capacity Building Programme and Community Event for the vulnerable and marginalized groups of sexual minorities who are at the brink of confronting several health related challenges including HIV/AIDS, STIs/STDs/ Venereal Diseases, and other socio-legal challenges.

APSWDP in order to provide them with dignified life have introduced the concept of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) among the registered HRGs with the Composite Targeted Intervention Project. SHGs are informal groups of people who come together to address their common problems. While SHGs might imply a focus on the individual, one important characteristic of SHGs is the idea of mutual support and having people help each other. These groups can serve many different purposes depending on the situation and the need. For instance, within the development sector, SHGs have been used as an effective strategy for poverty alleviation, human development, and social empowerment and are often focused on microcredit programs and income-generating activities.

During the Community Event, APSWDP also launched its first SHG with the name 'Saanjh' which connotes togetherness amongst the HRG community and shall motivate them to work more for achieving triumph.

### **APSWDP Jointly Organized a Dialogue on Mainstreaming of Transgender Communities.**

APSWDP jointly Organized an awareness programme on the theme entitled "Mainstreaming of Transgender Community: A Dialogue", in association with T.S Central State Library, Sector-17, Chandigarh and State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) at State Library on 27 August 2022 (Saturday). The main objective of this meeting was to discuss the issues of Transgender and different ways to mainstream them with society. During the dialogue, 05-panel speakers including renowned Transgender and Activists namely Mx. Dhananjay Chouhan and Mx. Kajal Mangalmukhi, were invited.

Mx. Kajal Mangalmukhi who shared her childhood experience and her entire journey of being a Hijra/ Eunuch, her survival story. Sh. Gautam Bhardwaj, Advocate, SLSA Chandigarh wherein he shared about various government schemes for the Transgender Community. Also, he shared about the Samta Nyay Kendra, the Legal-Aid Clinic for the Transgender Community which has been accorded to APSWDP.

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### **Commemoration of International Literacy Day on 8th September 2022 under the Global Theme: Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces.**

For commemorating International Literacy Day 2022, the Virtual Centre of Excellence for Social Welfare Administration (VCoE-SWA), under the aegis of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) organized a virtual dialogue/ program on 08th September, 2022 (Thursday) from 02:30 pm to 04:00 pm (IST) in partnership with Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University, aligned with the worldwide theme, "Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces", an opportunity to rethink the fundamental importance of literacy learning spaces to build resilience and ensure quality, equitable, and inclusive education for all, with an aim to work together with academic institutions and organizations, government and communities.

Guest Speakers - Ms. Harpreet Kaur and Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati; shared their knowledge and wisdom in the Virtual Program/ Dialogue on "Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces", where Ms. Harpreet shared her thoughts on "Literacy Learning Spaces and Inclusive Education and Mr. Hitesh Gulati talked on the theme "Literacy Learning Spaces to build Resilience Among Educators".

### **Commemoration of WORLD OZONE DAY on 16th September 2022 under the Global Theme: Global Cooperation Protecting life on Earth.**

For commemorating World Ozone Day 2022, the Virtual Centre of Excellence for Social Welfare Administration (VCoE-SWA), under the aegis of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) organized a virtual dialogue/ program in partnership with Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University, Signicent LLP, and The Climate Reality Project India (TCPI).

World Ozone Day 2022 to be marked on 16 September, is observed under Montreal Protocol@35 with the theme "Global Cooperation Protecting Life on Earth". The theme recognises the wider impact the Montreal Protocol has on climate change and the need to act in collaboration, forge partnerships and develop global cooperation to address climate challenges and protect life on earth for future generations. Guest Speaker, Ms. Supriya Salaria provided insights on "Ozone Layer Protection and Sustainable Development", and Guest Speaker, Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati engaged the audience in a "QUIZ on World Ozone Day 2022". It is indeed a pleasure to witness active participation from varied occupations including Academicians, Business Consultant, Corporate Sector Professional, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Professional, Development Practitioner, Entrepreneur, Government Officers, Public Health Expert, Legal Practitioner, Researcher, Social Activist, Students and others.

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### Virtual Dialogue/ Session aligned to the United Nations Human Rights Day theme on "Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All-2022

Aligned with UHDR objectives and for commemorating World Human Rights Day 2022, the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) has organized a virtual dialogue/ program on 09th December 2022 (Friday) in partnership with Chitkara College of Education, Consortium of Business Mentors and Advisors (CBMA) and Chitkara School of Psychology and Counseling, Chitkara University, with the UN Human Rights Day 2022 theme on "Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All", by giving an opportunity to rethink as an economy to invest in human rights, renew the social contract between Governments, their people and within societies, so as to rebuild trust and embrace a shared and comprehensive vision of human rights on the road to a just and sustainable development.



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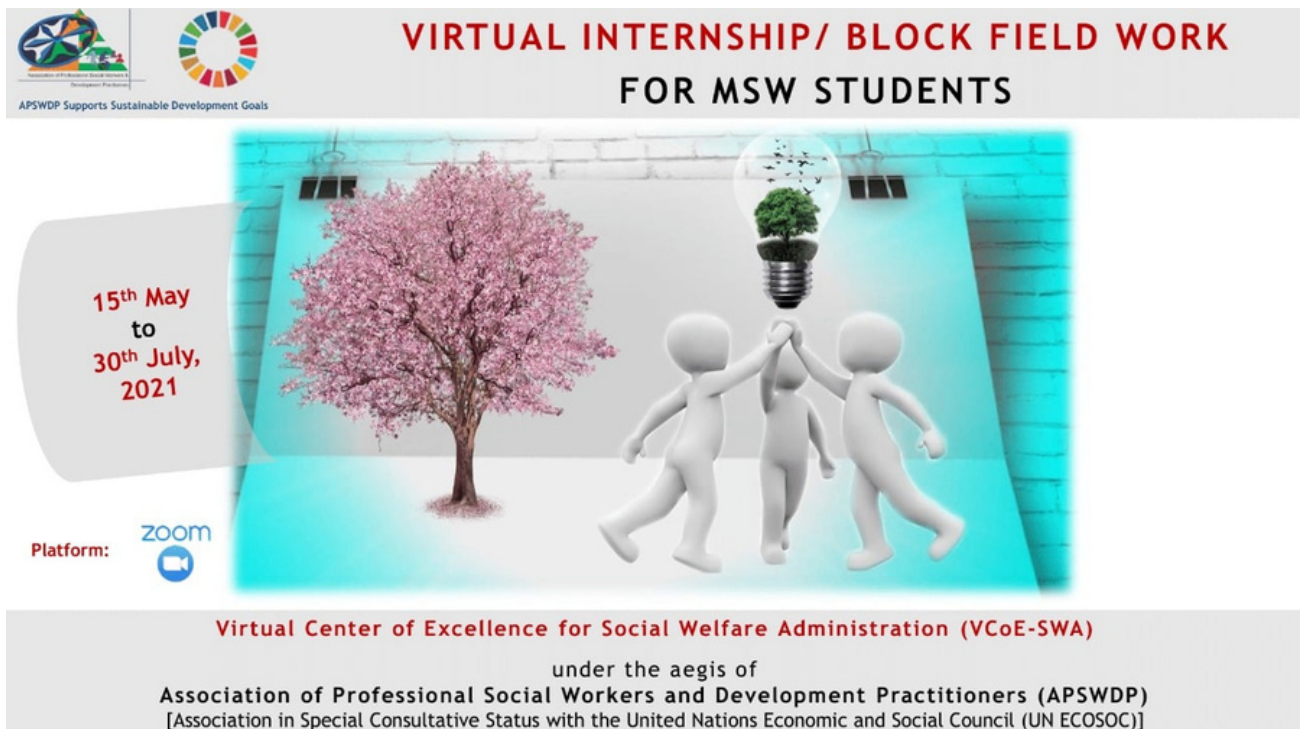
**The Climate Reality Project INDIA**

**CAPACITY BUILDING & TRAINING WORKSHOP  
TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME**

**Speakers**

- Rekha Lalla
- Bhavesh Swami
- Aditya Pundir
- Sheetal Antil
- Hitesh Kumar Gulati
- Vivek Trivedi
- Sumit Arora

**10<sup>th</sup> April 2021**  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm



**VIRTUAL INTERNSHIP/ BLOCK FIELD WORK  
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APSWDP Supports Sustainable Development Goals

15<sup>th</sup> May  
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30<sup>th</sup> July,  
2021

Platform: **zoom**

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**SOUTH-ASIAN YOUTH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT VIRTUAL DIALOGUE -2021**  
**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2021**  
 5TH JUNE 2021, (SATURDAY) | 11.30 AM - 02.00 PM (IST)  
**"UN DECADE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION 2021 – 2030"**  
 Understanding & Exploring Indigenous Knowledge on Bio-diversity Conservation and Climate Change  
*A Dialogue that aims to address the issues of Conserving Biodiversity, Restoring Ecosystems and Climate Change*

**Guests Speakers**

- Aditya Pundir, Co-ordinator India and South Asia, The Climate Reality Project India
- Geethanjali M., Indian Forest Service (IFS) Research Fellow, Finland
- Dea Andrea Wehrli, Co-Founder, eNaturaSwiss, Switzerland
- Dr. Thu-Sa Huynh, Senior Advisor, Environment and Climate, Garuda Wisnu Foundation, Indonesia
- Dr. T. Kemala Intan, Indonesia

**Youth Speakers**

- Elise Gabriel, Founder, Youth Environmentalists Programme Trust, India
- Bich Pham, Project Coordinator, Vietnam Municipal SWM Project
- Kintley Dorji, Programme Leader, Env. Mgmt., Royal Thimpu College, Bhutan
- Sanjaya Devkota, PGO, Nepal
- R. Claris Dimasetya Jaya, Project Leader - Urban and Regional Planning Division, Indonesia

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- Rajeev Choudhary, Convener, Member, APSWDP
- Deepak Yadav, Co-convener, Member, APSWDP
- Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Moderator, (Hon.) Director General, APSWDP
- Bhavesh Swami, Rapporteur, TCP-India

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 #SustainableDevelopment #GlobalAgenda2030 #BiodiversityRestoration #ClimateChange

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**APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE ON**  
**WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND SOCIAL COHESION**  
 The Role, Influence & Impact on Community Driven Development (CDD)

20th June 2021 (Sunday) | 03:00 pm to 05:00 pm (IST)

**GUESTS**

- Dr. S. Lalitha, Chief Guest, HOD - Department of Social Work, RGNEDU, Chennai
- Deepika Bahri, Guest of Honor, President WICC, VT Chandigarh and CEO, Astraajal

**PANELISTS**

- Komal Chawla, Sr. Learning Experience Designer, College of Business and Law, RMIT University, Melbourne
- Dr. Nayanka Singh, Assistant Professor - Psychology, MGSPA, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh
- Dr. Pooja Chopra, Co-Convener & Founder Director, Orissa Ventures Pvt. Ltd., Chandigarh
- Supriya Salaria, Manager - Life Sciences, Signicent LLP, Mumbai

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- Rajeev Choudhary, Co-Convener & Rapporteur, Member, APSWDP

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**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, First Women Officer, Indian Forest Service (IFS Retd.), Andhra Pradesh Cadre

**SPEAKERS**

- Dr. Ketna Atal Matkar, Keynote Speaker, Founder & Managing Director, Cipher Environmental Solutions LLP
- Jas. K. Shan, Guest Speaker, Dancer, Life Coach, Movement & Energy Therapist
- Nita Genguly, Guest Speaker, Climate Leader-Mentor & National Coordinator - Waste Management, TCP-India
- Dr. Vani Parwez, Co-Convener & Moderator, Outreach Synergist, Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University

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**HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

July 3, 2021  
 11.00 AM to 12:30 PM (IST)

**CHIEF GUEST**

- J.K. Sharma, Chief Project Officer, Technology Business Incubator (TBI), IIT Ropar

**GUEST OF HONOR**

- P.K. Singla, Faculty In-charge, Admin. & Associate Professor, Dpt. of Education & Educational Management, NITTR

**OUR SPECIAL SPEAKERS**

- Ravish Kumar, Manager IBD, Signicent
- Deepshi Madaan, Team Lead, Life Sc., Signicent
- Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Principal Convener & Moderator, APSWDP

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LET'S GET REAL

**24 HOURS OF REALITY: LET'S GET REAL**

REAL CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW

29th October 2021 | 09:00 am to 10:30 am (IST) | ZOOM

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Ms. Rivti Chand**  
Climate Reality Leader, 2021

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Hon. Director General, APSWDP

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Co-Chairman  
Professor UBS,  
Panjab University, Chandigarh

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REAL CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW

29th October 2021 | 05:30 pm to 07:00 pm (IST) | Signicent LLP, #32-34, 3rd Floor, TDJ Business Centre, Sector 118, Mohali

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

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**CHIEF GUEST**  
**Geethanjali M. Jeyakumar**  
Indian Forest Service (IFS),  
Punjab Cadre Senior Officer

**GUEST SPEAKER**

DR. POOJA CHOPRA  
Founder Director,  
Orina Ventures Pvt. Ltd,  
Chandigarh

HITESH KUMAR GULATI  
Hon. Director General,  
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National Manager - Clean Energy,  
The Climate Reality Project India

Date: 4th October, 2021  
Time: 03:00PM - 04:30PM IST  
Platform: ZOOM

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WORLD HABITAT DAY

**24 Hours of Reality**  
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**24 HOURS OF REALITY: LET'S GET REAL**

REAL CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW

30th October 2021 | 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (IST) | Chitkara University, Chandigarh-Patiala National Highway, Rajpura (Punjab)

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Dr. Sumit Arora**  
Climate Reality Leader, 2015

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Rekha Trivedi  
Principal, Co-Chairman  
Secretary General, APSWDP

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CHANDIGARH CLIMATE REALITY LEADERS (CRL's)

2021 Virtual



Rivti Chand



Rajeev Choudhary



Ishita Wadhawan



Hitesh Kumar Gulati



Dr. Deepikaa Gupta

2020 Virtual



Navneet Trivedi



Dr. Sumit Arora



Youdhvir Singh



Karamveer Singh

2015 New Delhi

2009 Melbourne



Dr. Vivek Trivedi

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**5th NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TOBACCO OR HEALTH**  
 Engaging Stakeholders for Commitment towards Tobacco Free India  
 PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP (PCW-9) | SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 (SATURDAY) | 12:00PM - 2:00PM

**CHAIRMAN**  
 Ms. Ishring Ibtisam  
 Vice President - Preventive Health & Nutrition, Subansri Bombaray Foundation

**SPEAKERS**

<b>Dr. Ravindar Singh</b> President, Indian Dental Association	<b>Dr. RP Gupta</b> President, International College of Dental	<b>Dr. Suneeta Garg</b> President IAPM & Director Professor, IMAK, New Delhi	<b>Dr. A M Kadri</b> Secretary General, APFS
<b>Dr. Suneel Vatsyayan</b> Chairperson, NADA India Foundation	<b>Dr. Rishabh Agrawal</b> Director, Innovative Cancer Care and Rehabilitation Pvt Ltd	<b>Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati</b> Director General, APSWDP	<b>Susan Samson</b> Director, Faith Foundation
<b>Mr. Sanjay Seth</b> Institute & Chief of Operations, Chandigarh Health & Education, Chandigarh	<b>Dr. Dilip Kumar Acharya</b> National Chairman, IMA-Cancer & Tobacco Control Committee, Hdn. Secy, Cancer Society of IMA, Chandigarh	<b>Dr. Sushama Saini</b> Secretary, Society of Public Health Education Research & Empowerment (SPHERE)	<b>Dr. Vijay K Mathur</b> President Indian Society for Dental Research
		<b>Dr. Raj Mehrotra</b> Honorary Consultant, CHMP Foundation, Noida	<b>Dr. Rakesh Gupta</b> Director, President, Public Health, SPHER, Chd

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**5th NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TOBACCO OR HEALTH (VIRTUAL)**  
 Multisectoral Convergence for Tobacco-Free India by 2030: Leading the Way Towards SDGs  
 Department of Community Medicine, School of Public Health, PGMER, Chandigarh  
 September 25-26, 2021 | PGMER, Chandigarh

**ROADMAP & APSWDP COMMITMENT FOR TOBACCO FREE INDIA**

Sensitization on Tobacco-free life through mass awareness program on:

**Solutions**

- Influence the socio-cultural norms concerning tobacco;
- Consultation workshops on legislative and regulatory measures to protect population and to limit tobacco industry marketing tactics, now encapsulated in the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;
- Sensitization programs on the chance of not starting and successfully stopping tobacco use;
- Close working with volunteers in the field for tobacco control at both individual levels, in partnerships with central and state government bodies.

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celebrates  
**International Women's Day 2022**  
**"Breaking the Bias"**  
Gender Equality Today For A Sustainable Tomorrow

Resource Person ▶  
**Jas K Shan**  
Speaker, Life Coach  
Explorer, Dance & Wellness Expert

Date : 8th March, 2022  
Time : 02:00 pm - 03:00 pm IST  
Platform : Zoom

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**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT VIRTUAL DIALOGUE (IYSDVD) -2022**  
**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2022**  
5TH JUNE 2022 (SUNDAY) | 11.30 AM - 02.00 PM (IST)

**"UN DECADA ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION 2021 - 2030"**  
Understanding, Exploring and Enhancing Knowledge on Environment, Bio-diversity Conservation and Climate Change  
*A Dialogue that aims to address the issues of Conserving Environment, Biodiversity, Restoring Ecosystems, and Communicating Climate Change*

Chief-Guests & Session Chairs  
Panel Speakers  
Organizing Team

Senarath Dr. PKC Bose  
Prof. Dal-Yeun Jeong  
Ms. Geethanjali M.  
Mr. Aditya Pundir  
Dr. R. K. Sharma

Dr. Lakender Thakkar  
Dr. Prafulla Dhal  
Dr. Salmon Jacob  
Ms. Preena Sah  
Prof. Byungseol BYUN

Prof. Young-Pyo SEO  
Dr. Vir Singh  
Mr. Ashesh Mangani  
Mr. Rakesh Kamal  
Ms. Mangrit Sardana

Dr. Vivek Trivedi  
Mr. Bhavesh Saxani  
Mr. Prateek Shukla  
Dr. Vani Parvati  
Dr. Sumit Arora  
Mr. Rajeev Chaudhary

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The Climate Reality Project-India and South Asia, Asia Climate Change Education Center (ACCCE), JNU, South Korea, Chitkara University, Punjab, Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM), Chandigarh, Integrated Association of Medical, Basic, and Social Scientists (IAMBSS) and Sanrakshad (The Conservation), India

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#SustainableDevelopment #GlobalAgenda2030 #BiodiversityRestoration #ClimateChange

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The Climate Reality Project  
INDIA

celebrates  
**WORLD WETLANDS DAY**  
under the theme for 2022

**WETLANDS ACTION FOR PEOPLE AND NATURE**

RESOURCE PERSONS

Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker  
**Geethanjali M. Jeyakumar**  
Indian Forest Service (IFS), Punjab Cadre cum Research Fellow, Finland

Guest Speaker  
**Elise Gabriel**  
Founder - Young Environmentalists Programme Trust, Res. National Coordinator Overseas, TSP India

Principal Convener  
**Dr. Sangeta Pant**  
Dean, Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University

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Hon. Director General, APSWDP

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Co-Convener  
**Bhikha Trivedi**  
Secretary General, APSWDP

Supporter  
**Dr. Anu Verma**  
Assistant Professor, Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University

Wednesday, 2nd Feb 2022  
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM  
Platform: Zoom

**VIRTUAL CONCLAVE ON THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY IN INDIA**  
UNDER THE AMBIT OF UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

28TH MAY 2022  
11:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Chief Guest  
**Dr. Roshan Lal**  
Associate Professor and Head, Department of Psychology, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Guest of Honor  
**Dr. R.K. Sharma**  
Director, Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM), Chandigarh

PANEL SPEAKERS

Mr. Neil Roberts  
Chief Coordinator, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Chandigarh

Mohd. Rehan  
National Coordinator, NACCO, Moharwi, Gol and TISS, Mumbai

Dr. Jitender Gairola  
Senior Resident, AIMS, Rohikesh and Founder & Secretary General, IAMBSS

Dr. Shikha Garg  
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, GHSC, Chandigarh

Mx. Sowmya Gupta  
Humsafar Trust, Mumbai

Mr. Deepak Kumar Joshi  
Advocate, Hon. Delhi High Court and LGBT Activist, Ph. D. Scholar Chandigarh University

Ms. Damini Billoria  
Sociologist, Ph.D. Scholar, Lovely Professional University

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APSWDP Composite Targeted Intervention Project (HIV/AIDS) under Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society (CSACS); Department of Psychology, Panjab University, Chandigarh; Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM), Chandigarh; Humsafar Trust, Mumbai; Chandigarh University, Punjab; and Integrated Association of Medical, Basic and Social Scientists (IAMBSS), India.

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### National Energy Conservation Week

# Entrepreneurship Opportunities in the Energy Sector

**Resource Person**  
**BHAVESH SWAMI**  
National Manager - Clean Energy,  
The Climate Reality Project, India

20th Dec 2021 | 2 PM to 3 PM | Platform **zoom**

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

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## INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR MANGROVE CONSERVATION 2022

**SPEAKERS**

- MR. ADITYA PUNDIR**  
Director - India & South Asia  
The Climate Project Foundation
- MS. SUMAIYAH MAMUN**  
Country Representative, Bangladesh  
The Climate Project Foundation
- MR. SHARIF JAMIL**  
General Secretary, Bangladesh  
Council Member, Waterkeeper Alliance
- Mr. Shamim Arfeen**  
Executive Director  
APSWDP, Bangladesh
- Ms. Elsie Gabriel**  
National Coordinator - Ocean Conservation  
The Climate Reality Project India
- Mr. Jayantha Wijesingha**  
Earthwatch Climate Champions  
Funding Member & Co-convener, Earthwatch Practitioners of Sri Lanka

**JULY 26, 2022** | **zoom** | **6:30 PM IST**

**NOTE: CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL THE ZOOM ATTENDEES**

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**INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY**  
*Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces*

**Hitesh Kumar Gulati**  
Guest Speaker  
Hon. Director General  
APSWDP

**Harpreet Kaur**  
Guest Speaker  
Principal  
St. Mary's International Model School  
Research Scholar, IJER

**Rekha Trivedi**  
Guest Speaker  
Dr. Catherine  
Jeyaraj & General  
APSWDP

**Dr. Sangeeta Pant**  
Principal, Chitkara  
Chitkara College of Education

**Dr. Vani Parwez**  
Chairman & Moderator  
Associate Professor  
Chitkara College of Education

**Dr. Pooja Singh**  
Assistant Professor  
Chitkara College of Education

**Date** : 8th September, 2022  
**Time** : 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
**Platform** : Zoom

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Commemorates  
**World Ozone Day' 2022**  
**GLOBAL COOPERATION  
PROTECTING LIFE ON EARTH**

**Resource Persons**

**SUPRIYA SALARIA**  
Senior Manager  
Signicent Information Solutions LLP

**HITESH KUMAR GULATI**  
Hon. Director General  
APSWDP

**Date** : 16th September, 2022  
**Time** : 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM IST  
**Platform** : **zoom**

**Organising Team**

**Dr. Sangeeta Pant**  
Principal Convener and Dean  
Chitkara College of Education

**Dr. Vani Parwez**  
Convener and Moderator  
Assistant Professor  
Chitkara College of Education

**Rekha Trivedi**  
Co-Convener  
Secretary General, APSWDP

**Rajeev Kumar**  
Rapporteur, Member  
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**CBMA**  
Consortium of Business Members and Advisors

commemorates  
**WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2022**  
aligned to the United Nations Human Rights Day theme

**DIGNITY, FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL**

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**ADV. PRIYANKA SUD**  
Founder, Priyanka Sud & Associates

**zoom**

**09<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Friday)**  
**02:00 pm onwards (IST)**

**Dr. Sangeeta Pant**  
Principal Convener  
Dean, Chitkara College  
of Education, Chitkara  
University

**Dr. Vani Parwez**  
Convener  
Assistant Professor, Chitkara  
College of Education,  
Chitkara University

**Adv. Ekant Agarwal**  
Convener  
Founder & CEO,  
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**Dr. Pooja Singh**  
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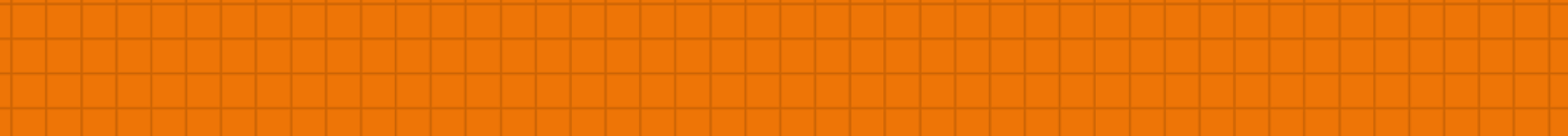
## **GLIMPSE OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Ms Rekha Trivedi, APSWDP represented in 'Advancing Equitable Livelihoods in Food Systems: A UN DESA Global Policy Dialogue" on 16th Decemebr, 2020.
- Dr. Sumit Arora represented APSWDP in a virtual workshop on 'Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth for Shared Prosperity' organized by UNITAR CIFAL Jeju, South Korea on 16th December 2020.
- Dr. Sumit Arora President, and Mr. Rajeev Choudhary Hon. Director Capacity Building Training and Publications APSWDP represented in The Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS) 2021 from 25-26 January, 2021.
- “A Virtual Dialogue in Support of amendments in COTPA Act 2003: Need of the hour” organized by Resource Center for Tobacco Control, PGIMER Chandigarh, Strategic Institute of Public Health Education and Research, Chandigarh (SIPHER), Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in collaboration with The Union, scheduled to be held on 29th January, 2021
- Ms. Rekha Trivedi , APSWDP participated in The Civil Society Forum 2021 from 10-12 Feb, 2021 organized by the United Nations Department of Global Communication (UN DGC).
- Dr. Sumit Arora President and Mr. Youdhvir Singh Member APSWDP represented the association and participated in SDG Localization: Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI)-based ways forward from 19-24 Feb, 2021 organized by UNITAR/CIFAL JEJU.
- Ms. Rekha Trivedi represented APSWDP in a webinar on Disaster Risk Reduction and Health in COVID-19 Pandemic on 24 Feb, 2021 organized by UNDRR Asia Pacific.
- Ms. Rekha Trivedi, Secretary General APSWDP, participated in the Virtual Townhall Meeting of Civil Society and United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on the occasion of the sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women on 16th March, 2021.



## **GLIMPSE OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- UNITAR CIFAL Training Workshop on Social Protection Series II: Spotlight on Vulnerable Groups to Climate Risks on 18-20 May 2021 - participated by Ishita Whadhawan, and Anupriya Singh.
- UNITAR CIFAL Training Workshop on Accelerating Digital Transformation, Shaping Policies, and Boosting Shared Prosperity on 26-28 May 2021 - participated by Dr. Mool Raj Verma, and Dr. Britto.
- UNDRR-UNOSSC-WHO Build back better: Harnessing South-South cooperation and risk reduction planning for resilient and healthy cities in the post-COVID-19 era (8,15,22,29 June 2021)- participated by Rekha Trivedi.
- National Colloquium on National Council on Social Work Council (Education and Practice) Bill, 2021 on 12 June 2021 organized by CBLU, Bhiwani, and APSWDP- participated by Dr. Mool Raj Varma, Dr. Sumit Arora.
- UNDGC Communication Workshop on 17 June 2021 -participated by Dr. Sumit Arora.
- International Youth Conference 4 Synergy Act and Impact on 25-27 June 2021- participated
- Restarting Tourism in Asia and the Pacific: The Road to Recovery and Beyond on 30 June 2021- participated by Dr. Mool Raj Varma.
- 5th Virtual National Conference on Tobacco Or Health (NCTOH) -APSWDP was invited to participate in the conference for sharing the association's vision on Tobacco Control on 25th September 2021. Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Hon. Director-General, APSWDP shared the vision, activities and future plan during the conference.
- MSMEs Enhancing Innovation and Resilience for an Inclusive and Sustainable Recovery - December 1 to 3 2021 - Dr. Sumit Arora and Mr. Rajeev Kumar, Members of APSWDP were selected by UNITAR/CIFAL Jeju Training Workshop on MSMEs Enhancing Innovation and Resilience for an Inclusive and Sustainable Recovery from December 1 to 3 2021. The workshop explored how MSMEs can be equipped to ensure a resilient and sustainable recovery in the post-COVID-19 era.



# **MESSAGES FROM EXPERTS**





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Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University takes pride and an immense pleasure to be associated with APSWDP. We feel fortunate to have associated with absolute professionals. We together aim to work for the betterment and upliftment of the society keeping in mind the National Education Policy 2020 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to sensitize through Community Driven Development programs. All the events conducted collaboratively have been of world-class, high quality, highly enriching and enlightening.

**Dr. Sangeeta Pant, Dean Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University, Punjab**

Great Associations bring fortune! The signatory MOU between Signicent Information Solutions LLP and Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) has been highly fruitful. It's been a great journey so far. I would sincerely like to extend my gratitude for having great sensitizing sessions together. We look forward to more such enlightening events to create an impact. Let us keep working together to bring the change. At end, I am thankful to all the esteemed members for sharing their thoughts and valuable time.

**Mr. Harit Mohan, Founder & CEO, Signicent LLP (India and USA)**

I would like to convey my sincere gratitude and thanks to the APSWDP team for providing me with an extremely useful and enlightening opportunity to be a panelist for Virtual Dialogue on "Women Empowerment and Social Cohesion "and also feel privileged to meet and share with so many distinguished scholars. I enjoyed, learnt, and liked every session and the whole gamut of the Virtual Dialogue. It was indeed a successful conference of such an international standard! I'm looking forward to collaborating again soon.

**Ms. Komal Chawla, Sr. Learning Experience Designer, College of Business and Law, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia.**

I feel elated in sharing that partnership with APSWDP in organizing webinars and conclaves on diversity of subjects linked to cooperatives is significant and commendable. To my surprise, how beautifully the association is managing its social development affairs in voluntary capacity and have grown into a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary global network of professionals engaged in social development. I am sure, the spirit of APSWDP team will go a long way in building the capacity of trainers, youth, and other stakeholders in achieving 2030 sustainable agenda.

**Dr. R. K. Sharma, Director, Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM), Chandigarh.**

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I am personally very satisfied and delighted to be a part of the International Virtual Conference organized by APSWDP on the occasion of World Environment Day (WED) 2022, to which I have participated for the first time. The theme of WED-2022, 'Only One Earth', has drawn our attention towards playing our role effectively while living in perfect harmony with nature without proving a burden on it. The event was a thoughtful decision by the organizing team of APSWDP which was well planned and executed. 'The Voyage' being a widely circulated newsletter should focus more on case studies on Climate Change and associated issues and challenges for connecting youth to foster knowledge, skills, and practice to combat climate change.

**Dr. Prafulla Dhal, National Coordinator, TCRP India, and GM-cum-State Head, JK Paper Mills Ltd. Odisha.**

APSWDP intends to catalyze vibrancy in thoughts and actions in Promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development through building capacities of educators and trainers, empowering and mobilizing youth, and accelerating sustainable solutions at the local level. I am happy to see the perpetual momentum propagated by APSWDP among young educators and practitioners in the country, which is gradually becoming global and being recognized at various levels including the United Nations.

**Dr. Rajan M. Welukar, Gandhian Philosopher and Former Vice-Chancellor, Mumbai University.**

I am delighted to see the way APSWDP has evolved and grew during the last six years in the country which is fairly a short span to achieve the pinnacle. The rigorous involvement of APSWDP in addressing the diverse social issues has not only provided sustainable solutions through social dialogues but has also developed a platform for development practitioners. The establishment of the Virtual Center of Excellence for Social Welfare Administration is a promising step in this direction. I am hopeful that APSWDP shall continue its journey to disseminate knowledge and to generate awareness on the diversity of issues which is the need of the hour. Undoubtedly, APSWDP has become a leading think-tank amongst civil societies with global recognition in the country.

**Mr. N. P. S. Randhawa, IAS Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA), Government of Punjab.**

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APSWDP has created a mark as a team of experts, working professionally with a system-driven approach. Their inclusive and positive attitude, collaborative working, vision, and flawless execution is the hallmark of their work quality and work ethic. The selection of topics showcases its approach towards the incorporation of SDGs as a mission. This forward-looking approach makes them a trailblazer organization, that stands out from others working in the field. Wishing good luck and success in the future endeavours.

**Dr. Ketna Atul Matkar, Founder, Cipher Environmental Solutions LLP, Thane, Mumbai.**

I record my sincere appreciation to the team APSWDP for conducting several virtual conclaves on various meaningful and strong social issues that I have enjoyed participating in, both as an attendee as well as a guest speaker. I have personally experienced advance planning done by the team, lining up all the pieces, looking into every minor detail, and putting a lot of effort into “curating” the experience in a way that helps bring out the value of the content. Team APSWDP, you truly live up to the acronym, as you are a committed Association of Professional Social Workers & motivated Development Practitioners.

**Mrs. Nita Ganguly, Educator, Author, Climate Reality Leader & Mentor, The Climate Reality Project, India.**

Working as a group can accomplish more, and more productively, than one person can on their own. Sharing talks with initiatives of APSWDP has proven to one of such experiences. The commonness of thoughts and ideas have been the highlight of the association. Wish the best in years to come.

**Ms. Jas K Shan, Speaker, Life Coach, Explorer & Wellness Expert, Chandigarh.**



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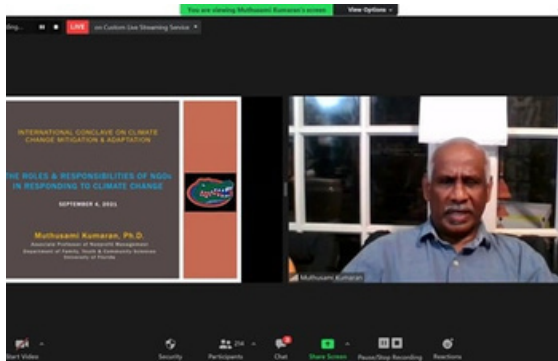
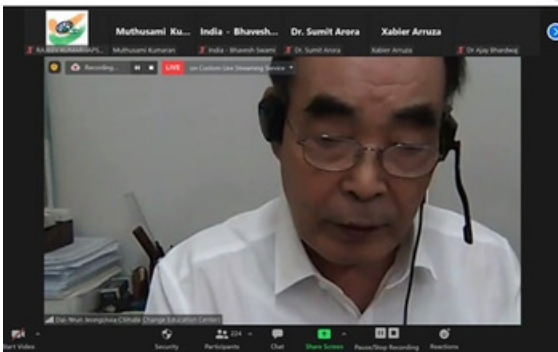
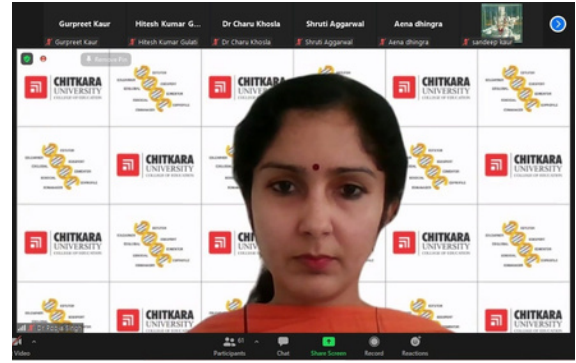
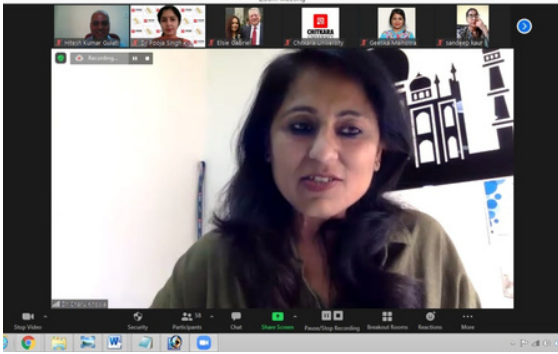




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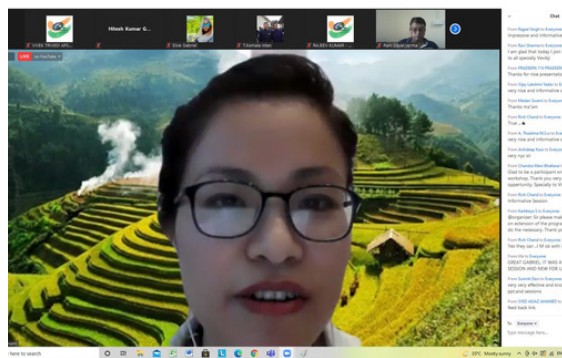
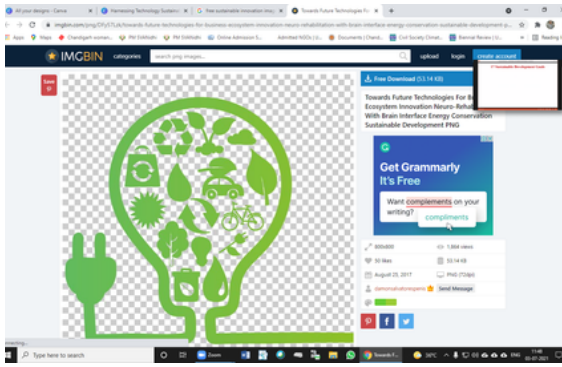


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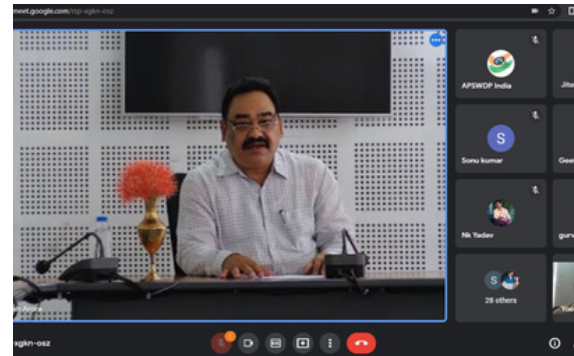
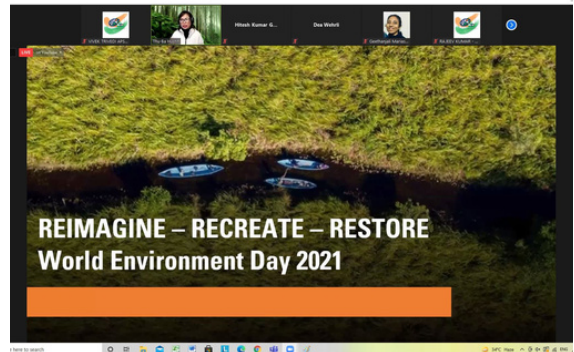
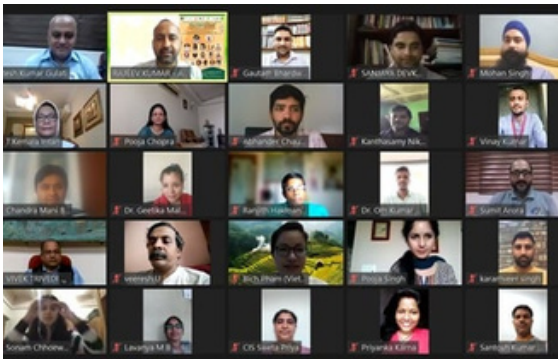
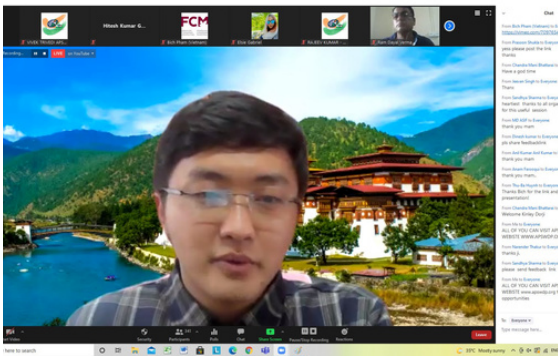
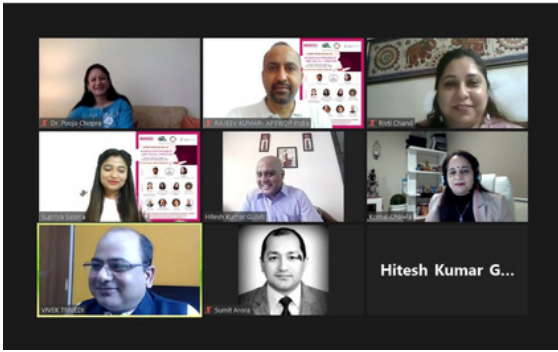


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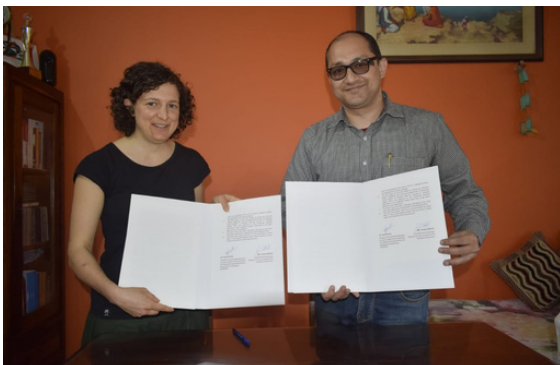




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# **ACCREDITATIONS & AFFILIATIONS**





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### 1. United Nations Special Consultative Status under Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) was established by the United Nations Charter as the principal organ, under the authority of the General Assembly, to promote:

- a. higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development;
- b. solutions of international economic, social, health, and related problems; and international cultural and educational cooperation; and
- c. universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.

Under the Charter, the Economic and Social Council may consult with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) concerned with matters within the Council's competence. The Council recognized that these organizations should have the opportunity to express their views and that they possess special experience or technical knowledge of value to the Council's work. Under ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, NGOs that wish to consult with ECOSOC on certain matters may seek and be granted consultative status to facilitate this work.

#### Consultative Status

The basis for the consultative relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations was set forth in the mid-nineties following an extensive intergovernmental review that culminated in ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31. This relationship is the principal means through which ECOSOC receives input from NGOs into its deliberations at public meetings and in its subsidiary bodies as well as in UN international conferences and their preparatory bodies. Each year the approximately 3500 NGOs now holding consultative status receive the provisional agenda of ECOSOC. They have certain privileges to place items on the agenda of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies; they may attend meetings, where they may submit written statements and make oral presentations to governments.

The UN Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations is a standing committee of the ECOSOC. Its mandate is set out in ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31.

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The main tasks of the committee are:

- a.the consideration of applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification submitted by NGOs.
- b.the consideration of quadrennial reports submitted by NGOs in General and Special categories.
- c.the implementation of the provisions of Council Resolution 1996/31 and the monitoring of the consultative relationship.
- d.any other issues which the ECOSOC may request the Committee to consider.

### **2. Affiliated with the Department of Global Communications (DGC) of the United Nations.**

The Department of Global Communications, previously known as the Department of Public Information (DPI), was established in 1946, by General Assembly resolution 13 (I), to promote global awareness and understanding of the work of the United Nations.

### **3. Registered with European Commission (E.U.) as an Expert under Research and Innovation Programs.**

The European Commission is the EU's executive arm. It takes decisions on the Union's political and strategic direction. The Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is registered as an expert under research and innovation programs.

### **4. Registered under the National Institution of Transforming India (NitiAayog- former Planning Commission of India).**

The National Institution for Transforming India, also called NITI Aayog, was formed via a resolution of the Union Cabinet on January 1, 2015. NITI Aayog is the premier policy Think Tank of the Government of India, providing both directional and policy inputs. While designing strategic and long-term policies and programs for the Government of India, NITI Aayog also provides relevant technical advice to the Centre and States.

The Government of India, in keeping with its reform agenda, constituted the NITI Aayog to replace the Planning Commission instituted in 1950. This was done in order to better serve the needs and aspirations of the people of India. An important evolutionary change from the past, NITI Aayog acts as the quintessential platform of the Government of India to bring States to act together in the national interest, and thereby foster Cooperative Federalism.

At the core of NITI Aayog creation are two hubs. Team India Hub and the Knowledge and Innovation Hub. The Team India Hub leads the engagement of states with the Central government, while the Knowledge and Innovation Hub builds NITI's think-tank capabilities. These hubs reflect the two key tasks of the Aayog.



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NITI Aayog is also developing itself as a State of Art Resource Centre, with the necessary resources, knowledge, and skills, that will enable it to act with speed, promote research and innovation, provide strategic policy vision for the government, and deal with contingent issues.

### **5. Accredited with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).**

Since its inception in 1972, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has been the global authority that sets the environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.

UNEP's mission is to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

UNEP works on delivering transformational change for people and nature by drilling down on the root causes of the three planetary crises of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution and waste. UNEP employs seven interlinked subprogrammes for action: Climate Action, Chemicals and Pollutions Action, Nature Action, Science Policy, Environmental Governance, Finance and Economic Transformations and Digital Transformations. Through its campaigns, particularly World Environment Day, UNEP raises awareness and advocates for effective environmental action.

Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, UNEP works through its divisions as well as regional, liaison and out-posted offices and a growing network of collaborating centres of excellence.

UNEP works closely with its 193 Member States and representatives from civil society, businesses, and other major groups and stakeholders to address environmental challenges through the UN Environment Assembly, the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment.

### **6. Observer Status with United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA).**

The United Nations Environment Assembly is the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment. It addresses the critical environmental challenges facing the world today. Understanding these challenges and preserving and rehabilitating our environment is at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Environment Assembly meets biennially to set priorities for global environmental policies and develop international environmental law. Through its resolutions and calls to action, the Assembly provides leadership and catalyses intergovernmental action on the environment. Decision-making requires broad participation, which is why the Assembly provides an opportunity for all peoples to help design solutions for our planet's health.

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### 7. UNESCO MIL ALLIANCE

The UNESCO MIL Alliance, formerly known as Global Alliance for Partnerships on Media and Information Literacy (GAPMIL), is a groundbreaking effort to promote international cooperation to ensure that all citizens have access to media and information competencies. Yet, organizations and individuals from over a hundred countries have agreed to join forces and stand together for change. This pioneering initiative was launched during the Global Forum for Partnerships on Media and Information Literacy which took place from 26 to 28 June 2013, in Abuja, Nigeria, aiming at:

- articulating concrete partnerships to drive MIL development and impact globally;
- enabling the MIL community to speak as one voice on certain critical matters, particularly as it relates to policies;
- further deepening the strategy for MIL to be treated as a composite concept by providing a common platform for MIL-related networks and associations globally.

### 8. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) established an international environmental treaty to combat "dangerous human interference with the climate system", in part by stabilizing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere. It was signed by 154 states at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), informally known as the Earth Summit, held in Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992. It established a Secretariat headquartered in Bonn, Germany, and entered into force on 21 March 1994. The treaty called for ongoing scientific research and regular meetings, negotiations, and future policy agreements designed to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, ensure that food production is not threatened, and enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner.



# **KEY PARTNERSHIPS & MOU'S**





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The following organizations have signed MoU with the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) for building partnerships toward promoting Social Work Education for Sustainable Development:-

- **Chitkara University, Punjab** is one of the pioneer universities of Northern India, running various Schools of Studies on its campus. Chitkara College of Education is one such school being run by the university and the college has been working for many years towards teacher training, skill development, and capacity-building teachers, using a variety of techniques and methods such as workshops, seminars, and field exposure as part of the curriculum to polish and groom its teachers to take the challenge of the future.
- **Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WICCI) Chandigarh** is Union Territory (UT) level council and a premier National Business Chamber for women envisioning Global Impact for Women Entrepreneurs, Business Women & Professionals from all walks of life. Supported by the massive global & influential women's network, viz. G100, All Ladies League (ALL), Women Economic Forum (WEF) & SH Economy, with 250,000 members & industry leaders worldwide, WICCI drives fundamental changes in governmental policies, laws, incentives & entrepreneurial ecosystems, with a view to robustly encourage & empower women in business, industry, and commerce across all sectors and field.
- **Signigent Information Solutions LLP (India & USA)** is a well-established firm with 80+ experts that assist businesses globally in their technology innovation, patents, trademarks, valuation, licensing, tech transfer & market research needs. The company has divisions, namely Technology Research, Patent & TM Research, Pat View BI Dashboard, and Market Research to provide seamless solutions.
- **Anant Enterprises, Chandigarh** is established in the year 2000 working with the SWISS Government (INFRAS) to save the ozone layer through capacity-building training programs of multi stakeholders including RAC Technicians, trainers, and government officials, etc. Anant Enterprises has worked with China, Bangladesh, Iran, Maldives, Afghanistan, Thailand, Myanmar, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, Laos, Cambodia, DPR of Korea, etc. apart from European Countries.
- **Molecular Diagnostic & Research Laboratories (MDRL)** is a registered research-based organization that endeavours to work on various health issues related to research in the country by developing affordable new test kits for serious illnesses. In addition, MDRL also focuses on initiating research projects on the related health issues with various universities, and research institutions in the country as well as abroad.

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- **Wheelchair Cricket Association of India (WCFI)** is a registered not-for-profit federation of state-level wheelchair cricket associations for inclusive development and empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
- **Alliance Française Chandigarh** is recognized by the French Embassy in India, Alliance Française de Chandigarh has played a pioneering role in promoting French culture in the City Beautiful ever since its inception in 1983. As a part of the Alliance Française network, consisting of fourteen other institutions spread across the nation and Nepal, and numerous institutions the world over, we strive to bring the disparate, yet similar cultures of India and France.
- **Chandigarh University (CU)** is a private university located in Mohali, Punjab, India. The university was established on 10 July 2012 by an act of Punjab State Legislature, Chandigarh University has been accredited 'A+' by NAAC in 2019.
- **Consortium of Business Mentors and Advisors (CBMA)** is a unit of Ekant Associates, is into Education and Skill Development, Coaching & Mentoring and Business Transformation at Chandigarh.
- **Women for Women Support Services** is a Canadian Non-Profit Organization which works on the objectives of women empowerment through women support groups and related services, counseling services, and initiatives that help women become economically, socially, emotionally and physically strong, self reliant and independent.
- **E[co]work Association** is a Swiss-based not-for-profit organization that exists within the meaning of Art.60 ff. ZGB (Swiss Civil Code). The purpose of E[co]work is to promote, assist and support the implementation of solutions that aims to improve the environment, economic and/or social conditions in the waste sector.
- **Asia Climate Change Education Center (ACCEC), Jeju, South Korea** is a global training center jointly established by Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea and Jeju Self Government Province in 2009. The main goal of the ACCEC is to establish a collaborative system of domestic and international climate change education through professional courses and promoting a world class hub of climate change education institute in Asia being accredited by United Nations (UNESCO).
- **Bule Hora University, Ethiopia** is a pioneer government educational institution officially organized by Ministry of Education of Ethiopia. The university was officially established by proclamation No 213/2011 (213/2003 E.C) as one of the Ethiopian government higher education institutions.

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- **Integrated Association of Medical, Basic and Social Scientists (IAMBSS)** was founded with an aim to ameliorate health research primarily through the amalgamation of various disciplines. Registered under Societies Registration Act 1860, this organization is a global rostrum that has enthralled huge interest for its exclusive inventiveness to consort academicians, researchers, clinicians, and social scientists from different disciplines on a common platform with an aim to integrate and strengthen scientific acquaintance. IAMBSS believes that exchange and networking among the medical, social, and basic scientists in India and abroad can be instrumental in attaining sustainable development in the field of health research. This organization also focuses on policy research and its implementation through fostering the convergence in multidisciplinary science.
- **Sanrakshad** is a civil society, think tank working on the preservation, conservation of biodiversity, environment, climate change advocacy, and water harvesting for more than a decade in Uttar Pradesh based at Kanpur.
- **Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM) Chandigarh** is a regional level training institution under the National Council of Co-operative Management, an Autonomous Society promoted by the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India based in Chandigarh with the following objectives:-
  - i. evaluate various courses in cooperative training and suggest measures for improvements;
  - ii. to arrange for the provision of consultancy services to cooperatives, particularly on problems of management;
  - iii. to arrange training for small-scale entrepreneurs, particularly in rural areas to encourage cooperation amongst them and adopt cooperative methods to enhance their business;
  - iv. to arrange for training and other activities relating to encouragement of cooperation amongst other stakeholders of cooperative sectors in the country;
  - v. to strive for making efforts to achieve the motive to strengthen the cooperative movement in the Country.
- **Aradhana Viklang Vikas Charitable Trust** is a registered, not-for-profit organization working for the empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) through social support, para-sports, and life education in Gujarat.
- **Yayasan Pendidikan Graha Kirana, Indonesia** is a social foundation duly established pursuant to the laws of the Republic of Indonesia, and is engaged in education field and other development sector through thier other associated institutions referred as Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Hukum Graha Kirana (A Law University) and Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Ekonomi Graha Kirana (An University of Economy).







**FINANCIAL REPORT F.Y. 2019-20 TO  
2022-2023 (AUDITED STATEMENT)**





# FINANCIAL REPORT F.Y. 2019-20 (AUDITED STATEMENT)

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2020

Liabilities	Amount in Rs.	Assets	Amount in Rs.
<b>Corpus Fund</b>		<b>Current Assets</b>	
Membership Subscription	10869.00	<b>Cash &amp; Bank Balances</b>	
Add: Current Year Surplus from Income & Exp A/c	32545.44	Cash-in-hand	203.76
Less: Previous Year Income & Exp A/c Dr. Balance	<u>25055.97</u>	Axis Bank	0.00
	18358.47	Union Bank of India	18154.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>18358.47</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18358.47</b>

For Aman Hari & Associates



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M. No. 518255  
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Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners

*Shruti*  
Treasurer

*Rekha*  
Secretary General



Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2020

Particulars	Amount in Rs.	Particulars	Amount in Rs.
To Printing & Stationary	24566.00	By Donation Receipts	12400.00
To Bank Charges	390.56	By Grant Support	10158.00
To Lunch & Refreshment Expenses	1591.00	By Event Funding Support	17550.00
To Public Relation Expenses	2000.00	By Interest Income	481.00
To Project and Event Expenses	21397.00	By Membership Fee	41900.00
By Surplus (Excess of Income over Expenditure)	32545.44	By Misc. Income	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>82490</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>82490.00</b>

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# FINANCIAL REPORT F.Y. 2020-21 (AUDITED STATEMENT)

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2021

Particulars	Amount in Rs.	Particulars	Amount in Rs.
To Printing & Stationary	49205.00	By Donation Receipts	159067.97
To Bank Charges	673.01	By Grant Support	65500.00
To Administrative Expenses	30432.00	By Sale of Souvenir	1250.00
To Covid-19 Relief Expenses	121966.00	By Interest Income	1730.00
To Project and Event Expenses	16000.00	By Membership Fee	52700.00
To Honorarium Expenses	35000.00	By Misc. Income	11.00
To Memento Expenses	2543.00		
To Tour & Travel Expenses	3775.00		
To Membership Fee paid for IASSW	4400.00		
By Surplus (Excess of Income over Expenditure)	16264.96		
<b>Total</b>	<b>280258.97</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>280258.97</b>

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## FINANCIAL REPORT F.Y. 2021-22 (AUDITED STATEMENT)

<b>ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS &amp; DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONERS</b>			
<b>BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31-03-2022</b>			
LIABILITIES	AMOUNT(RS.)	ASSETS	AMOUNT(RS.)
<b>CORPUS FUND</b>		<b>CURRENT ASSETS AND</b>	
- Opening Balance	34,623.43	Cash In Hand	528.76
- Add : Surplus during the year	2,04,241.20	Bank Accounts	2,33,335.87
	2,38,864.63	TDS 2021-22	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>2,38,864.63</b>	<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>2,38,864.63</b>

In terms of our separate report of even date attached  
**FOR GARG ANKUSH & CO**  
 Chartered Accountants

*Ankush Garg*  
 (CA ANKUSH GARG)  
 Membership No 537990  
 Firm Reg No 029881N  
 UDIN: 22537990AWACBC3382  
 Place : Panchkula  
 Date : 01.09.2022



Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners


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*Ankush*  
Treasurer

<b>ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS &amp; DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONERS</b>			
<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE A/C FOR THE YEAR FROM 01-04-2021 TO 31-03-2022</b>			
PARTICULARS	AMOUNT(RS.)	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT(RS.)
To Bank charges	1,140.80	By Donation Receipt a/c	55,601.00
To General Body Meeting Expenses	10,025.00	By Grant Received	19,95,100.00
To Support to DIC	46,134.00	By Event Income	50,000.00
To Honorarium	41,000.00	By Interest received	13,477.00
To Internet & Website Charges	12,119.00	By Membership Fee	19,160.00
To Printing Material	17,009.00		
To Programme & Event Expenses	54,525.00		
To support to MSW Student	10,000.00		
To TI Project Expenses	17,37,144.00		
<b>To Net Profit</b>	<b>2,04,241.20</b>		
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>21,33,338.00</b>	<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>21,33,338.00</b>

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# **MEDIA GALLERY AND ONLINE WEB LINKS**







# MEDIA GALLERY

## सिटी ब्यूटीफुल में 4900 सामाजिक संस्थाएं, 183 ही कर रही हैं काम

विश्व सामाजिक कार्य दिवस आज - चंडीगढ़ के बाल संस्थाएं ही जल्दी ही डिजिटल, लॉन्ग टर्म सोल्यूशंस, कई संस्थाएं किफे कारगर्जों में ही का रही हैं काम

## 15 workers awarded for services during pandemic

Chandigarh: The state government has awarded 15 workers for their services during the COVID-19 pandemic. The award ceremony was held in Chandigarh on Monday. The workers were recognized for their dedication and hard work during these challenging times. The award was presented by the Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr. Bhupinder Singh Hooda. The workers were from various sectors, including healthcare, law enforcement, and social services. The award ceremony was a testament to the selfless service of these workers who have been on the frontlines of the pandemic response.

## 15 सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता किए सम्मानित

संगठन के लक्ष्यों की पुस्तक प्रस्तुत करते संगठन के सदस्य। अमर जगत

चंडीगढ़। विश्व कार्य समाज दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में शनिवार को सेक्टर- 43 स्थित ज्युडिशियल अकादमी में कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। इस बार 'हम लोग हैं, इसलिए हम हैं' विषय पर कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। कार्यक्रम में 15 सामाजिक कार्यकर्ताओं को कोरोना काल में बेहतर कार्य करने के लिए पुरस्कृत किया गया। कार्यक्रम में एसएलएसए के सचिव महावीर सिंह, एसडीजीसीसी के क्षेत्रीय प्रमुख विकास शर्मा, सीजेएम अशोक कुमार, संगठन संस्थापक विवेक त्रिवेदी, हितेश गुलाटी मौजूद रहे। ब्यूरो

## 'City may be beautiful but not accessible to all'

Chandigarh: A girl's ill mind is enough to make a woman shudder at the evening, said Ursula, a 22-year-old visitor to the Sector 16/7 exhibition as she briefly stopped by exhibits set up as part of Alliance Française's 'City for All' public awareness and exhibition on Sunday morning. Ursula isn't the only one who got the opportunity to look about what she feels when she is in public spaces of the city and how they could be made more accessible for women and transgender. Hundreds of visitors had this chance to understand the issue and suggest ways the city could be made more inclusive.

The 'City for All' workshop was organized on Saturday and Sunday, a part of Alliance Française's 100th India Initiative, which is celebrating 75 years of India's independence and ties between the two nations.

Six group maps — each representing a batch of questions put to the residents of six neighbourhoods — of the city were also on display at the event. Alliance Française Chandigarh director Ophélie Belin said her team often hears from the ground up for able-bodied cis-gendered heterosexual men. "City for All sheds light on how such decisions make life in cities hard for women, transgender, elderly and people with health conditions or impairments. In a sense, those who visited the exhibition had their own answer. Designing a city while keeping in mind the needs of everyone who will live in it requires time and effort," said Belin. The exhibition also questioned Le Corbusier's concept of modernism, the architecture, which represents the requirements of a six-foot tall, able-bodied man. For this, Swati Jassi, who coordinated the exhibition part of the workshop, said they brought in the idea of "accommodating" people, representing people of all sizes and those with disabilities. For the event, Alliance Française teamed up with Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Saksham, Chitkara University & Chandigarh College of Architecture.

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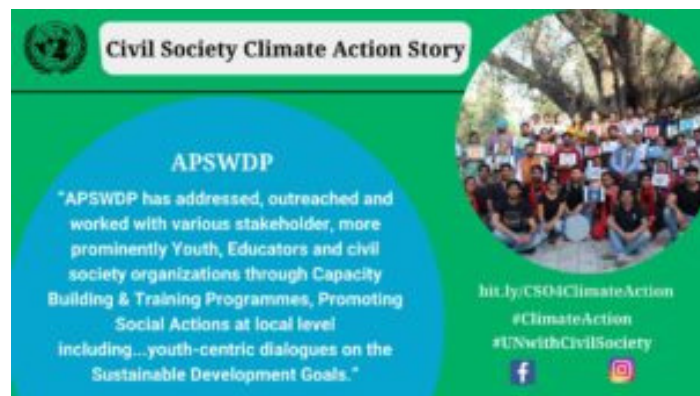
- International Conclave on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation: Issues, Challenges and Solutions to UN SDG-13 in partnership with Chandigarh university - <https://techinvent.cuchd.in/assets/img/conclave/International-Conclave-on-Climate-Change-Adaptation-and-Mitigation.pdf>
- E-NGO Challenge Award 2020 - <https://engochallenge.org/enablement-empowerment-2019/>
- Partnership with The Climate Reality Project - <https://www.climatereality.org.in/our-partners.html>
- Partnership with Chaudhary Bansi Lal University - <https://new.cblu.ac.in/social-work/>
- Teachers Training Programme with Chitkara University- <https://demo.chitkara.edu.in/v1/news/chitkara-college-of-education-organises-a-two-day-virtual-capacity-building-training-workshop/>
- Commemorating World Social Work Day 2021 - <https://www.punjabnewsexpress.com/news/news/amrut-mahotsav-kicks-off-with-commemoration-of-world-social-work-day-and-international-day-of-happiness-2021-133072>
- Minister for Law and Justice, Shri Kiren Rijiju in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha shared about APSWDP run Samta Nyay Kendra with support from SLSA/DLSA - <https://orissadiary.com/180729-2/> , <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1843908>
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# UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY UNIT SELECTED AND PUBLISHED THE STORY OF APSWDP

The range of work of the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) has been selected and published by UN portals as:

1. <https://www.un.org/en/civil-society/association-professional-social-workers-and-development-practitioners-apswdp-0>
2. <https://www.un.org/en/civil-society/association-professional-social-workers-and-development-practitioners-apswdp>



## **APSWDP WRITTEN STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT OF UN ECOSOC**



### **UNDESA Published APSWDP written statements in 2021 ECOSOC High-level Segment**

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) has published a Written Statement submitted by APSWDP in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) HIGH-Level Segment held from 13 to 16 July 2021, which focused primarily on COVID-19 and its impact on the implementation of the Decade of Action for Sustainable Development and the sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery that can put us back on track to build a better world as envisioned in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

### **UNDESA Published APSWDP written statements in 2022 ECOSOC High-level Segment**

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) has published a Written Statement submitted by APSWDP in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) HIGH-Level Segment held from 13 to 15 July 2022, and 18 July 2022, which focused primarily on "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".









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THAT NOBODY CAN GET THERE UNLESS  
EVERYBODY GETS THERE."  
-VIRGINIA BURDEN**

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