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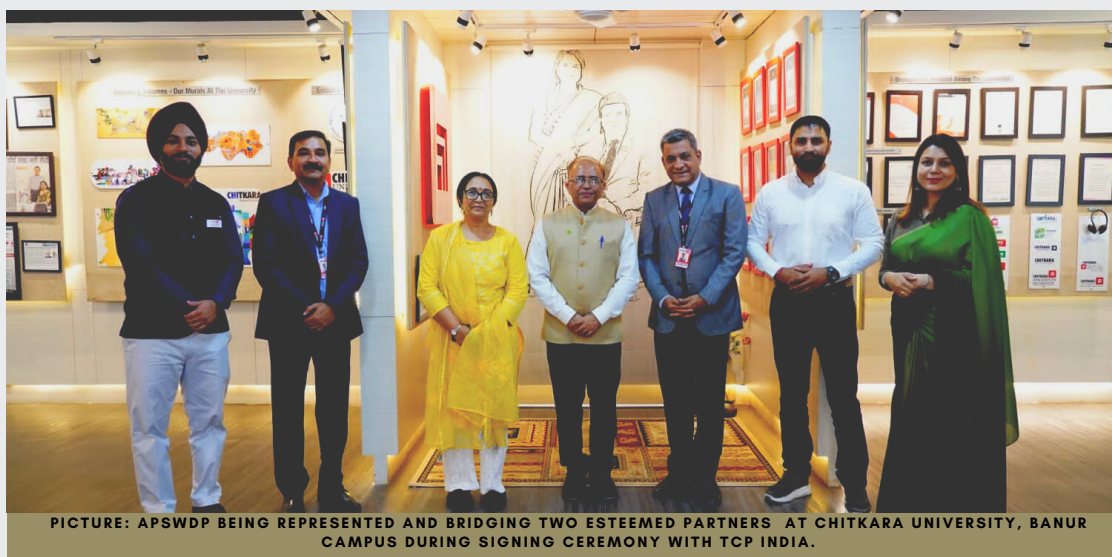
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The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope.

— Barack Obama



PICTURE: APSWDP BEING REPRESENTED AND BRIDGING TWO ESTEEMED PARTNERS AT CHITKARA UNIVERSITY, BANUR CAMPUS DURING SIGNING CEREMONY WITH TCP INDIA.

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## FROM THE DESK OF EDITOR IN CHIEF

### RAJEEV KUMAR

We are pleased to share **Volume-III, Issue-19** of our Quarterly Newsletter '**The Voyage**'. The current issue includes a wide coverage of our multifarious diverse programs and activities including webinars, global happenings, learning, networking opportunities for professionals, recently partnered events on capacity building and mainstreaming, expert comments, views from practitioners; and a series on **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 6: Clean Water and Sanitation**. We have also created a '**know your member's section**' to introduce our esteemed members.

## EXPERT'S SPEAK

**Dr. Arun Aggarwal, Professor and Head, Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh And Founder, President AHSAS-Association for Health Systems Analysis and Strengthening**



I have observed APSWDP closely over past few years. They started as small passionate multisectoral team and in a short team achieved many milestones. I could witness phenomenal sense of trust and delegation between leader and the team members. They have been recognized by United Nations. They have the skills to connect to the grassroots as well as top authorities and build the bridge between them- an essential attribute and skill required for this professional group of Social Work.

**Dr. Kumar Pushkar, Faculty, Department of Community Medicine, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune.**

I have been associated with APSWDP for couple of years when I participated in one of the workshop organized on the occasion of World Social Work Day 2019 at Chandigarh during Ph. D. in School of Public Health at PGIMER, Chandigarh with my co-guide. It happens to be a great exposure having interacted with diverse people with various professional background in development sector. I have seen how professionally they are organized voluntarily and addressing various facets of sustainability through Social Work Education for Sustainable Development among young professionals. Also, their 'Never Say Die' and indomitable professional spirit has made them to have global UN recognition in short span of time.

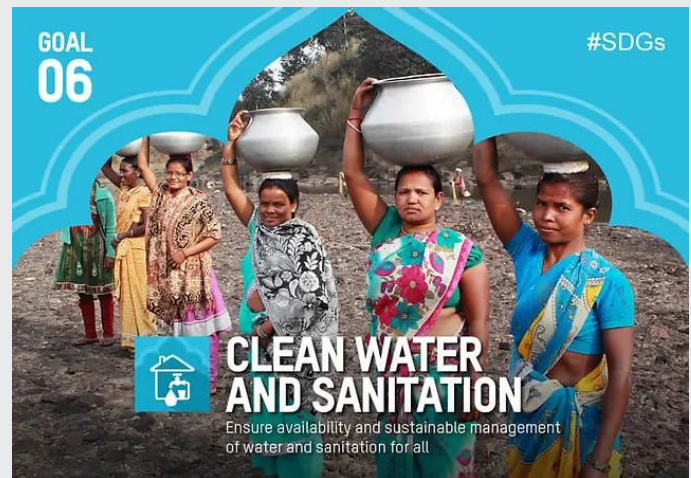


# AN INTRODUCTION TO UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS - 6 (UN- SDG 6): CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

- \*DR. PRIYANKA KHANNA

## Introduction

Goal 6 of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda aims to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, which is a human right. This goal seeks to ensure a universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all. Besides this it also aims to protect and restore water-related ecosystems and reduce water pollution. Also it focuses on strengthening the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management.



## Why it Matters?

One in three people live without sanitation. This is causing unnecessary disease and death. Although huge strides have been made with access to clean drinking water, lack of sanitation is undermining these advances. Access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene is the most basic human need for health and well-being. By 2030, billions of people will lack access to these basic services unless progress quadruples. The rapid population growth, urbanization and increasing water needs from agriculture, industry, and energy sectors is leading to increasing demand for water. Achieving these targets would save 829,000 people annually, who die from diseases directly attributable to unsafe water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene practices.

The Goal 6 is connected to others goals too. Water is essential not only to health, but also to poverty reduction, food security, peace and human rights, ecosystems and education. Nevertheless, countries are facing growing challenges linked to water scarcity, water pollution, degraded water-related ecosystems and cooperation over transboundary water basins.

## Background

The year 2016 marks the first year of the implementation of SDGs, which aimed to achieve the goals on the principle of "leaving no one behind". In 2017, an estimated 3 billion people worldwide lacked the ability to safely wash their hands at home. Water, sanitation and hygiene services are also not always available at medical care facilities: in 2016, one in four facilities around the world lacked basic water supplies.

And today, 4.2 billion people still face the daily challenges of accessing even the most basic of services. Of these, 673 million people still practise open defecation. Without better infrastructure and management, millions of people will continue to die every year from water-related diseases such as malaria and diarrhoea. This will lead to further losses in biodiversity and ecosystem resilience, undermining prosperity and efforts towards a more sustainable future.

## Targets of SDG 6

### The "outcome-oriented targets" include:

- Safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030;
- End Open Defecation and pay special attention to the needs of girls and women in those vulnerable situations and provide access to sanitation and hygiene;
- Improve water quality/ waste water treatment and safe reuse;
- Increase water -use efficiency and ensure freshwater supplies and reduce the number of people suffering from fresh water scarcity;
- Implement Integrated Water Resource Management;
- Protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes;
- Expand water and sanitation support to developing countries like water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies;
- Support local engagement in water and sanitation management.

### What can we do?

The two "means of achieving" targets are to expand water and sanitation support to developing countries, and to support local engagement in water and sanitation management.

Civil society organizations should work to keep governments accountable, invest in water research and development, and promote the inclusion of women, youth and indigenous communities in water resources governance.

Generating awareness of these roles and turning them into action will lead to win-win results and increased sustainability and integrity for both human and ecological systems.

The most feasible way is to get involved in the World Water Day and World Toilet Day campaigns that aim to provide information and inspiration to take action on hygiene issues.



## Social Work and Clean Water & Sanitation

In context of Social Work profession and Clean Water and Sanitation, a lot can be done using Community Organization under Primary Method, Social Action and Social Welfare Administration under Secondary Methods of Social Work are best suited to work into this domain effectively by way of involving community and masses. Various positions by global agencies including UN, World Bank under this domain are created for development professionals to work in bringing transformation.

## Conclusion

SDG 6 is closely linked with other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For example, progress in SDG 6 will improve health i.e. SDG3 and improve school attendance, both of which contribute to alleviating poverty.

In April 2020, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres said : **“Today, Sustainable Development Goal 6 is badly off track and it is hindering progress on the 2030 Agenda the realization of human rights and the achievement of peace and security around the world”**. It provides a shared blueprint for better and sustainable future for the people and the planet. The impact of these goals on global sustainable development will largely depend on the world’s ability to transition to new governance for sustainability that recognizes the roles and responsibilities of local and subnational governments.

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**We shall not defeat any of the infectious diseases that plague the developing world until we have also won the battle for safe drinking water, sanitation, and basic health care.**

**– Kofi Annan**



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## APSWDP PROGRAM & PROJECT UPDATES

**Composite Targeted Intervention Project (CTIP) - Rekha Trivedi, Project Director (CTIP), APSWDP.**

### Background:

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) has been accorded with Composite Targeted Intervention Project by Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society (CSACS) under NACO, Government of India. The project envisage HIV/AIDS interventions among the High Risk Groups (HRGs) such as Female Sex Workers (FSWs), Men having Sex with Men (MSM) and Transgender. The project entails a target of 700 HRGs (300 FSWs, 300 MSM, 100 TGs) covering several hotspots in Chandigarh.

### Activities:

During the financial year 2022-23, the project made significant improvement in terms of HIV testing and outreaching. Besides, counselling of HRGs on Risk assessment and Risk reduction has given a boon to the project thereby reducing the risk of HRGs in contracting HIV, STIs, and associated risks. The project also provides an enabling environment to the HRGs through Drop-In Centre services and SAMTA NYAY KENDRA exclusively for transgender.

Though the aim of CTI project is to reduce HIV risk among HRGs through social interventions, linking HRGs with social security schemes is one of the mandates of CSACS and APSWDP. Besides, reducing poverty, empowerment through skill development, formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs), imparting education to the HRGs and providing better quality of life to HRGs as well as their family members are few of the prime objectives of APSWDP.

### Educational Support:

Very recently, one Outreach Worker providing intervention services to MSM under CTI project being implemented by APSWDP has been enrolled in Matric from NIOS which is fully funded by APSWDP. This step was taken in wake of creating awareness among MSM and also to motivate other HRGs who are willing to study but cannot do so circumstantially.

### Visiting Hotspots:

Since APSWDP has been accorded with Samtya Nyay Kendra (Legal Aid Clinic for the Transgender), the association is striving to outreach TG population in Chandigarh to understand the awareness and accessibility in order to resolve several issues. On 26th December 2022, the team members under the supervision of Project Manager visited Bus Stand, Sector-43, Chandigarh. The aim was to cross-examine the availability of TGs and to know whether the project services are accessible to them.

### Weekly and Monthly Review Meeting:

In order to capture the work performance of staff members, a weekly review is carried out by the Project Manager and monthly review in the presence of the Project Director. All the points including issues and challenges faced by TI staff members while being on the field is being captures in monthly review meeting which are mandatorily prerequisite. During the monthly review meeting, under the directions of Project Director, the staff members prepare an action plan, and ensure its adherence.

### Pictures from CTI Project



## APSWDP PROGRAM & PROJECT UPDATES

### VIRTUAL DIALOGUE and Commemoration of World Human Rights Day 2022 on the theme Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All - 09th December, 2022

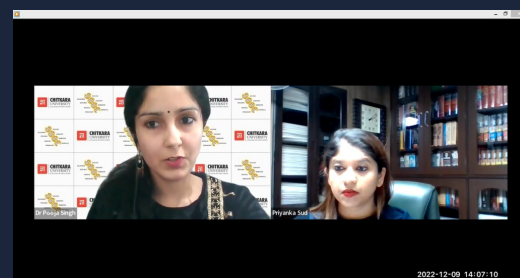
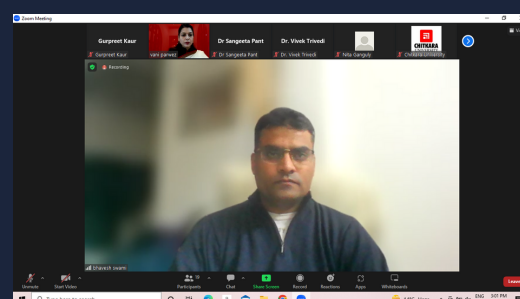
For commemorating World Human Rights Day 2022, the Virtual Centre of Excellence for Social Welfare Administration (VCoE-SWA), under the aegis of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) organized a virtual dialogue/ program on 09th December, 2022 (Friday) from 2 pm onwards (IST) in partnership with Chitkara College of Education; Chitkara School of Psychology and Counselling, Chitkara University; and Consortium of Business Mentors and Advisors (CBMA), aligned to the UN Human Rights Day 2022 theme on "Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All", with an opportunity to rethink as an economy to invest in human rights, renew the social contract between Governments, their people and within societies, to rebuild trust and embrace a shared and comprehensive vision of human rights on the road to a just and sustainable development.

Guest Speaker Adv. Priyanka Sud spoke on "Privileges, Human Rights Acts and Provisions for Sustainable Development". During the session the audience were made to understand Constitutional Human Rights in which primarily Right to equality: Article 14- 18, Right to life & personal liberty: Article 21, Right to Freedom: Article 19-22 , Cultural & educational rights: Article 29-30 and Rights against exploitation: Article 23-24 were discussed with the Landmark judgement passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court which were Vishaka Vs State of Rajasthan in which the fundamental rights of the working women were safeguarded. The other case was of Paramvir Singh Saini Vs Baljit Singh And Others, in which the Hon'ble Supreme Court directed the State to ensure installation of CCTV Cameras in each and every Police station. Thereafter, in detail the Human Right Act was discussed covering the filing of Complaint, procedure, and the powers vested with the Commission. Human Rights are actually basic rights and freedom that belong to every individual in the world from birth until death. Through this session it has been reflected that the life, liberty, privacy, and dignity of any individual must be given paramount significance.

### VIRTUAL PROGRAM/ DIALOGUE ON NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION DAY 2022 - 14th December, 2022

For commemorating National Energy Conservation 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 14th December, 2022 (Wednesday) from 3 pm onwards (IST) in partnership with Chitkara College of Education; Chitkara School of Psychology and Counselling, Chitkara University; and The Climate Reality Project India (TCPI), with an opportunity to rethink as an economy to invest in energy conservation, renew the social contract between Governments, their people and within societies, to rebuild trust and embrace a shared and comprehensive vision of energy conservation practices on the road to sustainable development.

The Guest Speaker Mr. Bhavesh Swami spoke about what energy is, and built a holistic viewpoint onto its world perspective and importance for a country like India. He threw light on what student community should be doing to be more aware in their daily lives and how small 'driven' actions taken individually at home or at school/university level can bring a drastic change.

## GLOBAL PARTICIPATION: APSWDP BEING REPRESENTED IN 2022 JEJU INTERNATIONAL FUTURE GENERATION FORUM AS GLOBAL YOUTH LEADERS

Mr. Rajeev Kumar represented APSWDP in 2022 Jeju International Future Generation Forum as global youth leaders hosted by the Jeju Self-governing Province Office and co-organized with UNITAR CIFAL Jeju. The forum was aimed to gather the youth around the world, build the leadership capacities of future leaders, and promote youth empowerment to address global issues toward Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs). SDG 3, 4, 8 and 13 were discussed in depth through presentations by experts and approximate 150 youth around the world have participated.



## APSWDP EXTENDED HANDHOLDING AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO STUDENTS IN NEED TO PURSUE THEIR STUDIES FROM IGNOU AND NIOS.

APSWDP extended financial support to three Masters in Social Work (M.SW.) students studying from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) namely Mr. Vikas Chand (Himachal Pradesh) and Mr. Deepak Kumar (Bihar) and Mr. Rajeev Acharya (Haryana) studying from Punjabi University, Patiala. In addition, two dropped out students namely Mr. Pardeep Kumar (Punjab), Ms. Meenakshi (Punjab) were also supported financially for completing their Matric from National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).



## Know Your Members



**KARAMVEER SINGH**

### DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONER

Mr. Karamveer Singh is Post Graduate in Social Work (M.S.W.) from IGNOU, New Delhi. He worked with various national projects related to social welfare and domain like Child Rights, Human Rights, Women Empowerment, Livelihood and Sustainable Development. He is also a certified Climate Leader trained by Al Gore in 2015 in India under the Climate Reality Project India. He is a passionate global traveller and trained mountaineer. Mr. Karamveer is an alumnus of UNITAR/CIFAI Jeju.



**HITESH KUMAR GULATI**

### HR PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati is a Human Capital Transformation & Change Management Consultant with twenty (20) years of diversified experience in HR Transformation Projects, Process & Product Development, GAP Analysis, Research Projects etc. He is also a Certified Climate Reality Leader (CRL) and Master Trainer under Green Campus Programme (GCP) by TCP India, trained by Nobel Laureate and former US Vice President Mr. Al Gore. Mr. Gulati is presently Hon. Director General of APSWDP.



**SHARAD SINGH**

### DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Sharad Singh is a Post Graduate in Statistics from BHU and in Population Sciences from IIPS, Mumbai. He started his professional career as Senior Research Officer in International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai and Statistician in School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Later, he moved to New Delhi and worked with various international organizations like UNICEF, Norway AID and other development agencies. Presently, he is working in Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India as Lead Consultant in Child Health Division.



**AMITOP DOGRA**

### CSR PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Amitoz Dogra is a management professional, having more than two decades of corporate exposure and dealing with corporate affairs of giant corporate houses. He has spent more time in developing Skill Building and Development vertical in various companies and government offices. He is an expert in liaisoning with multilateral and government agencies, resource mapping and mobilization, Project Planning and Management along with field based intervention, monitoring & evaluation too. He has interest in philanthropy, conventional social work and charity.

**APSWDP REPORTER - SOCIAL WORK AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS/OPPORTUNITIES****2022 Year in Review: 100 million displaced, 'a record that should never have been set'**

The 100 million figure, which includes those fleeing conflict, violence, human rights violations and persecution, was announced by the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) in May and described by Filippo Grandi, the head of the agency, as "a record that should never have been set". The figure is up from some 90 million in 2021. **Web Link-** <https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/12/1131957>

**'Without nature, we have nothing': UN chief sounds alarm at key UN biodiversity event.**

The urgent need for action was underscored by UN Secretary-General António Guterres during his opening remarks to the UN's key biodiversity conference, COP15, began on Tuesday in Montreal, Canada. Noting that "without nature, we are nothing", Mr. Guterres declared that humanity has, for hundred of years "conducted a cacophony of chaos, played with instruments of destruction". The UN chief catalogued examples of this destruction, from deforestation and desertification; to the poisoning of the environment by chemicals and pesticides, which is degrading land, making it harder to feed the growing global population. He pointed also to the degradation of the Ocean, which is accelerating the destruction of life-sustaining coral reefs and other marine ecosystems - directly affecting those communities that depend on the ocean for their livelihoods. **Web Link-** <https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/12/1131422>

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS- Social Development Fellow at the School of Social Work University of British Columbia.**

The School of Social Work at The University of British Columbia (Vancouver campus) in collaboration with the Office of Regional and International Community Engagement (ORICE) invite applications for a Social Development Fellow to plan and conduct a research and/or practice-oriented project that can benefit local community in the Global South. For this year (2023/24), the call focuses on one of the following areas: 1. The impact of climate change on women and girls (health and wellbeing, education and access to socioeconomic opportunities and approaches to ameliorate). 2. Advocacy as it relates to the rights of gender and sexual minorities. The deadline for submission is **February 28, 2023**.

For more details - <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/UBC-V-SSW-2022-Call-for-Applications-Social-Development-Fellow.pdf>

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