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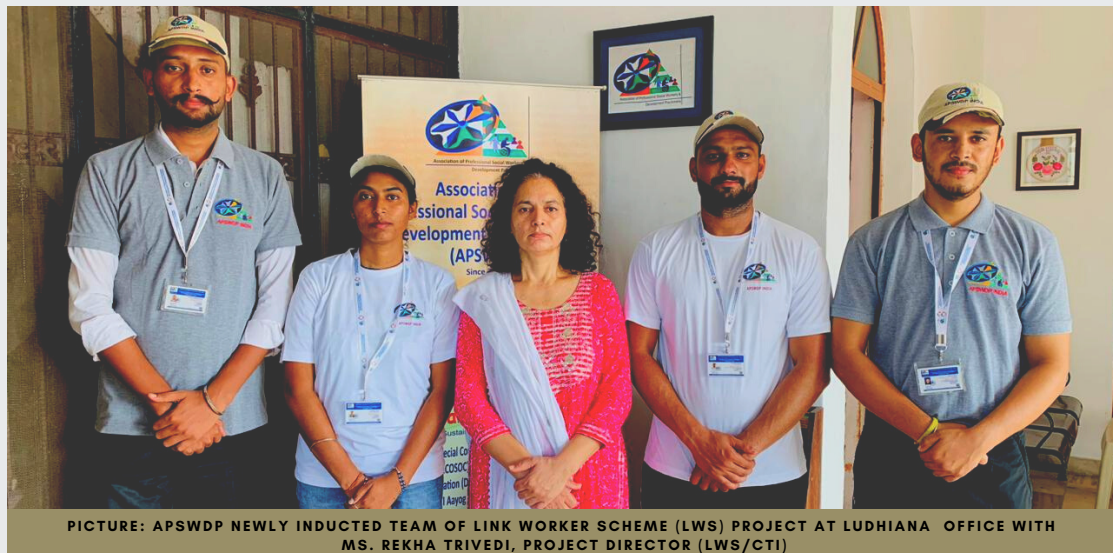
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You must not lose  
faith in humanity.

Humanity is like an  
ocean; if a few drops of  
the ocean are dirty,  
the ocean does not  
become dirty.

— Mahatma Gandhi



PICTURE: APSWDP NEWLY INDUCTED TEAM OF LINK WORKER SCHEME (LWS) PROJECT AT LUDHIANA OFFICE WITH MS. REKHA TRIVEDI, PROJECT DIRECTOR (LWS/CTI)

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## FROM THE DESK OF EDITOR IN CHIEF

### RAJEEV KUMAR

We are pleased to share the release of Volume-IV, Issue-22 of our Quarterly Newsletter 'The Voyage'. This edition offers comprehensive coverage of our diverse programs and activities, including workshops, webinars, global events, learning and networking opportunities for professionals, and recent partnerships for capacity building and mainstreaming. Additionally, expert comments and practitioner views are featured, along with a series on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 9, which focuses on industry, innovation, and infrastructure. We have also included a 'know your member's section' to introduce our esteemed members.

## EXPERT'S SPEAK

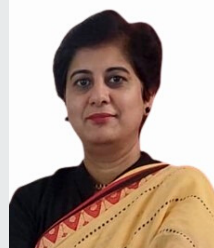
### Dr. Vani Parwez, Assistant Professor cum Outreach Synergist, Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University.



Working with the APSWDP has been an enriching and transformative experience. From the moment I became associated with the organisation, the supportive atmosphere truly encouraged growth and innovation. What struck me most was the emphasis on collaboration and open communication, which facilitated a vibrant exchange of ideas and a collective pursuit of solutions. Moreover, the organisation's dedication to social responsibility initiatives resonated deeply with me, aligning with my values and creating a sense of purpose in my work. It's been a journey filled with challenges, learning opportunities, and meaningful contributions, and I look forward to continuing to grow and make a positive impact with this remarkable organisation.

### Dr. Kamakshi Malik, Educator, Certified Trainer and Leadership Coach.

My experience with the APSWDP has been profoundly enriching and transformative. From the moment I joined this dynamic organization, I felt a sense of belonging and purpose within the community of dedicated social workers and development practitioners. It has provided me with numerous opportunities for professional growth and networking, enabling me to connect with like-minded individuals who share my passion for social justice and positive change. Moreover, the camaraderie and support I've received from my fellow members have been instrumental in sustaining my motivation and commitment to this vital profession. APSWDP has not only broadened my horizons but has also inspired me to continue striving for a more just and equitable society.



## AN INTRODUCTION TO UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS - 9 (UN- SDG 9): INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- \*DR. PRIYANKA KHANNA,

Sustainable Development Goal 9 (Goal 9 or SDG 9) is about "industry, innovation and infrastructure" and is one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. SDG 9 aims to build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.



SDG 9 has eight targets, and progress is measured by twelve indicators. The first five targets are outcome targets: develop sustainable, resilient and inclusive infrastructures; promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization; increase access to financial services and markets; upgrade all industries and infrastructures for sustainability; enhance research and upgrade industrial technologies. The remaining three targets are means of implementation targets. Facilitate sustainable infrastructure development for developing countries; support domestic technology development and industrial diversification; universal access to information and communications technology.

In 2019, it was reported that "the intensity of global carbon dioxide emissions has declined by nearly one quarter since 2000, showing a general decoupling of carbon dioxide emissions from GDP growth". Millions of people are still unable to access the internet due to cost, coverage, and other reasons. It is estimated that just 54% of the world's population are currently (in 2020) internet users.

The aim of attaining inclusive and sustainable industrialization is to "unleash dynamic and competitive economic forces that generate employment and income". This goal includes striving for resilience (engineering and construction) and urban resilience.

SDG 9 recognizes that humanity's ability to connect and communicate effectively, move people and things efficiently, and develop new skills, industries and technology, is crucial in overcoming the many interlinked economic, social and environmental challenges in the 21st century. In order to have a successful community, a functioning, and strong infrastructure has to be in place as its basic requirement. SDG 9 is all about promoting innovative and sustainable technologies and ensuring equal and universal access to information and financial markets.

The technological development in infrastructure is what gives rise to a sustainable society. This is expected to create prosperity and jobs and build stable and prosperous societies across the globe. The key emphasis is on developing reliable and sustainable infrastructural solutions that support economic development and human well-being while ensuring financial affordability. This goal aims to ensure that every society in the world possesses good infrastructure.

Achieving SDG 9 will require significant financing and political will. Key challenges include improving internet access in developing countries, inadequate transport, (particularly in land-locked developing countries), and the disparity of Research and Development investment and the number of researchers in developing countries when compared to developed countries.

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Even before the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, the world manufacturing growth was said to be declining. The pandemic hit industries hard and caused disruptions in the value chains of goods and their supply, and has affected the digitization of business and services such as video conferencing, healthcare, teleworking, etc.

Economic growth, social development, and climate action heavily depend on infrastructure investments, sustainable industrial development, and technological progress. In the face of a rapidly changing global economic landscape and increasing inequalities, sustained growth must include industrialization that first of all, makes opportunities accessible to all people, and second, is supported by innovation and resilient infrastructure.

As of 2022, 95 percent of the world's population was within reach of a mobile broadband network, but some areas remain underserved. Investment in research and development globally - as well as financing for economic infrastructure in developing countries - has increased, and impressive progress has been made in mobile connectivity, with almost the entire world population (97 percent) living within reach of a mobile cellular signal. Investments in infrastructure - transport, irrigation, energy, and information and communication technology - are crucial to achieving sustainable development and empowering communities in many countries. To achieve Goal 9 by 2030, supporting LDCs, investing in advanced technologies, lowering carbon emissions, and increasing mobile broadband access is essential.

Inclusive and sustainable industrialization and innovation and infrastructure can unleash dynamic and competitive economic forces that generate employment and income. They play a key role in introducing and promoting new technologies, facilitating international trade, and enabling the efficient use of resources. The growth of new industries means improvement in the standard of living for many of us. If industries pursue sustainability, this approach will positively affect the environment.

The price is steep. Ending poverty would be more difficult, given the industry's role as a core driver of the global development agenda to eradicate poverty and advance sustainable development. Additionally, failing to improve infrastructure and promote technological innovation could translate into poor health care, inadequate sanitation, and limited access to education.

In order to achieve targets under SDG 9, we are required to work on establishing standards and promoting regulations that ensure company projects and initiatives sustainably managed, collaborating with NGOs and the public sector to help in promoting sustainable growth within developing countries and thinking about how industry impacts on our life and well-being and use social media to push for policymakers to prioritize the SDGs.

## Conclusion

While SDG 9 implementation is progressing in many areas, more resources and capacity are needed in developing countries, especially LDCs and African countries, where industrialization rates continue to lag and the benefits of the digital revolution remain elusive. There is a need to further elaborate on areas where more progress can be made, as well as on policy coherence among development, infrastructure, industrialization, and Science Technology, and Innovation-integrated national policy approaches; and the identification of gaps and successes.

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**\*Dr. Priyanaka Khanna is working as Social Work Practitioner in Punjab and also a Key Board Member in the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP).**

## APSWDP PROGRAM & PROJECT ACTIVITY UPDATES

### CTI TI Review organized by CSACS, Chandigarh

Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society organized a Quarterly - Cum-Orientation Meeting with the Project Director of the NGO's implementing TI project on 28th July 2023 at Park View under the chairmanship of the Project Director, Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society (CSACS). The Performance of Targeted Intervention Projects for the period April 2023 to June 2023 was reviewed and a discussion on target and achievement through TI Project Staff in the Presence of Ms. Rekha Trivedi, SG-cum-Project Director, APSWDP was made.

### Health Check-up and Community Camp

A Health camp was organized by the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) - under the CTIP Project supported by Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society at New Indira Colony, Sec-13, Manimajra Chandigarh on 18th August 2023. In the camp, 104 HRGs including all target groups including their family members were diagnosed by the Medical Experts from Verma Day Care Center and given medicines for various ailments.

### Transgender Camp for mainstreaming and empowerment

A mega camp Was organized by Transgender Welfare Board, Chandigarh with support from NGOs and other line departments in Chandigarh involved in welfare and empowerment of marginalized communities on 4th September 2023 at Bal Bhawan Sec-23 Chandigarh for mainstreaming and welfare of Transgender Community involved in various livelihood generation which are not considered socially accepted. APSWDP mobilized TG community to the camps for looking with other government schemes.

### Chandigarh Red Run organized by CSACS

Chandigarh Red Run organized by Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society on 10th September 2023 at Sukhna Lake. Association Of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) CTIP project associated 11 members of Transgender Community participated in the event along with the Project team and secured winning positions in the run with award money too..

### Climate and Change Social Service: Challenges and Action Orientation workshop

APSWDP in partnership with Chitkara University organized a one-day workshop on "Climate Change and Social Service: Challenges and Action Orientation" on 28 September, 2023 at university campus. APSWDP Secretary General Ms. Rekha Trivedi gave a talk on Journey of a Socialpreneur - My Life My Message to the student of School of Education, Counselling and Mass Communication. Also, Mr. Hitesh Kumar Gulati. Hon. Director General, APSWDP took a session on PCR (Progressive Collaborative and Resilient) Mindset in the workshop.



## APSWDP PROGRAM & PROJECT UPDATES (VIRTUAL MODE)

### Virtual Panel Discussion on International Youth Day 2023.

To commemorate International Youth Day 2023, the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) organized a virtual dialogue/ program on 11th August 2023 in partnership with Chitkara College of Education; Chitkara School of Psychology and Counselling, Chitkara University; and Indian Pollution Control Association (IPCA), aligned to the UN International Youth Day 2023 theme on "Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World", with an opportunity to contribute to the development of green skills in youth for the green transition, renew the social contract between Governments, their people and within societies, to rebuild trust and embrace a shared and comprehensive vision of the green world on the road to support a sustainable and resource-efficient society. The Guest Speaker Hitesh Kumar Gulati, Hon. Director General, APSWDP shared insights on ways of "Instilling & Designing the Green Skill Matrix" and Dr. Reena Chadha, General Manager, Indian Pollution Control Association (IPCA) talked about "Innovative Career Options in Environment and Waste Management", inspiring the Young Aspiring Professionals for venturing into Green Field Areas.

### Virtual Panel Discussion on International Literacy Day 2023.

To commemorate International Literacy Day 2023, the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) organized a virtual dialogue/ program on 02nd September 2023 in partnership with Chitkara College of Education; Chitkara University; and WICCI CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Council, aligned to the worldwide theme "Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies", with 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. Ms. Komal Chawla took us on a journey of understanding the Global Scenario of Quality Education, SDG 4 Targets to be achieved by 2030, where does India Stand with Respect to Achieving SDG 4, Challenges to the achievement of SDG - Indian Context, Initiatives Taken by the Indian Government to achieve SDG4. Dr. Kamakshi Malik made us all realize the importance of Emotional Literacy in this fast-changing VUCA world through an understanding of our own self-competencies and social competencies, regulating it and bringing transformation thus paving a way forward to sustainable and peaceful societies.

### Virtual Program on World Ozone Day 2023

To commemorate World Ozone Day 2023, the Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) organized a virtual program in partnership with Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University, Chitkara School of Psychology and Counselling, Chitkara University, The Climate Reality Project India (TCPI) and Graha Kirana Foundation, Indonesia. World Ozone Day 2023 to be marked on 16 September, is observed under Montreal Protocol<sup>35</sup> with the global theme "fixing the ozone layer and reducing climate change". The theme recognizes 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. Dr Anshu Kumar and Dr. T. Kemala Intan delivered their talks amid participation of more than 100 delegates.

commemorates  
**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY 2023**  
aligned to the United Nations International Youth Day theme

**GREEN SKILLS FOR YOUTH: TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE WORLD** CELEBRATING WAYS #YouthLead

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**HITESH KUMAR GULATI**  
CLIMATE REALITY LEADER  
HON. DIRECTOR GENERAL, APSWDP

**DR. REENA CHADHA**  
GENERAL MANAGER  
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Dr. Parul Sood, Co-moderator, Assistant Dean, Chitkara College of Education, Chitkara University

commemorates  
**INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY 2023**  
aligned to the Worldwide theme

**PROMOTING LITERACY FOR A WORLD IN TRANSITION: BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR SUSTAINABLE AND PEACEFUL SOCIETIES**

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**KOMAL CHAWLA**  
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commemorates  
**WORLD OZONE DAY 2023**  
fixing the ozone layer and reducing climate change  
aligned with the global theme

**Dr. Anshu Kumar**  
Cold Chain Specialist, UNICEF, Bhutan

**Dr. Kemala Intan**  
Lecturer at Medical Faculty, University of North Sumatra, Medan, Indonesia

Date: **16th September, 2023**  
Time: **3pm onwards (IST)**

Platform: **Google Meet**

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## PARTICIPATION OF APSWDP MEMBER IN JITC UNITAR CIFAL, JEJU TRAINING WORKSHOP, SOUTH KOREA

Ms. Ishita Whadhawan had an incredible learning experience of participating in the United Nations Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR) sponsored Training Workshop on Culture as Powerful Fuel for Building a Sustainable City from 31 August to 4 August 2023 at CIFAL Jeju International Training Institute (JITC), Jeju, South Korea. Over the course of five days, she had the privilege of delving deeper into the crucial topic of how culture can be a powerful tool for developing a sustainable city and community.

During the training, she had thought-provoking discussions with government officials, representatives from the ULBs, and civil society advocates from various South Asian countries. The knowledge exchanges among peers during training provided was valuable insight into the challenges faced in the evolution of a sustainable city. She stated, that It was her the first global opportunity to be in a culturally engaging, perfectly structured, and thought-provoking training platform for exchanging the best practices in making a Sustainable City by adoption of UNESCO, UCLG (Asia Pacific) & New Urban Agenda), culture is an inclusion in enhancing the SDGs.



## Know Your Members



**ELSIE GABRIEL**  
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

Elsie Gabriel is an Indian environmentalist and underwater diver. She is the founder of the Young Environmentalists Programme Trust, national coordinator of the Oceans Climate Reality Project, and the co chairperson of the Oceans School in Lakshadweep Islands. In 2021, she was named the Ocean Quest Global Ambassador for India. In 2023 she was inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame. Her book, Get Out Get Going Outdoors, was published in 2014.



**DR. RITU BALA**  
ACADEMICIAN

Dr. Ritu Bala is a Social Work Educationist for more than a decade and 11 years of research experience of working in Department of Social Work in Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab. Her area of expertise are in Gender Issues, Community Organisation, Medical and Psychiatric Social Work. Earlier, She was associated with Commonwealth Youth Programme: Asia Center, Commonwealth Secretariat, UK. At present, she is leading Department of Social Work, Punjabi University, Patiala in capacity of Chairperson. She is versatile and motivational personality and earned affection among young student.



**NAVNEET TRIVEDI**  
BANKING PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Navneet Trivedi is an Engineering Graduate and served Indian Navy for 15 years. He has a passion for social work and is associated with social organizations. He is rewarded Blood Donor in extreme emergencies. He is also associated with The Climate Reality Project India as Climate Reality Leader trained by Nobel Laureate Al Gore. He is also an alumnus of Jeju International Training Center (JITC), CIFAL/UNITAR, Jeju, South Korea. Presently, he is working with the Reserve Bank of India (India) after retiring from Indian Navy.



**GEETHANJALI M.**  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

Ms. Geethanjali M. is a passionate biodiversity and environmental expert and having her higher education in the environment science. She is Punjab Cadre, Indian Forest Service (IFS) official and has served Government of India on deputation too. She is presently pursuing Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from Helsinki University, Finland. In addition, she is also an alumnus of Jeju International Training Center (JITC), CIFAL/UNITAR, Jeju, South Korea. She is fond of nature walk, wild life photography and love to volunteer in social and community development.

**APSWDP REPORTER - SOCIAL WORK AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS/OPPORTUNITIES****World Development Report 2023 on Migrants, Refugees, and Societies**

The World Bank's annual World Development Reports, or WDRs, are staples of the global community's reservoir of knowledge and data about key development issues. This year's Report discusses migration, one of the world's most important and pressing challenges. There are 184 million migrants worldwide. Of them, 43 percent live in low- and middle-income countries. Migration issues are becoming even more widespread and urgent due to severe divergences between and within countries—in terms of real wages, labor market opportunities, demographic patterns, and climate costs.

The WDR discusses the migration trade-offs using a "Match-Motive Framework." The "match" aspect is grounded in labor economics and focuses on how well migrants' skills and related attributes match the needs of the destination countries.

This Report provides a comprehensive analysis of international migration and its potential to serve as a force for growth and shared prosperity in all countries. It focuses on people who lack citizenship in the country in which they live: about 184 million people across the world, including 37 million refugees. In addition, it focuses on rapid demographic change is making migration increasingly necessary for countries at all income levels and

For more details: <https://www.news18.com/opinion/why-india-needs-mid-course-corrections-to-help-achieve-sustainable-development-goals-7252375.html>

**IFSW Asia Pacific Social Work Conference 2023**

The 27th Asia Pacific Regional Conference is going to be held on 5-7 November 2023 at Cebu City, Philippines on Sustainable Development Goals Halfway Point: Social Workers Contributions to Social Development. It is aimed at highlighting the vital role of social workers in the Asia Pacific region in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This event will provide an opportunity for social workers, educationists, researchers, and practitioners to reflect on their contributions, explore opportunities, and discuss the future of social work.

**For more details:** <https://www.ifsw.org/event/ifsw-asia-pacific-social-work-conference-2023/>

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