

12TH INDIAN SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE 2024



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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND WELBEING : SOCIAL WORK RESPONSE

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Welcome Message



Welcome to the 12th Indian Social Work Conference (ISWC) 2024.

We are glad to invite you to be a part of 12th ISWC 2024 to be held at Bhagat Phool Singh (BPS) Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Khanpur Kalan, Sonipat, Haryana. BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya is the first state women's University of north India located in the remote rural area.

NAPSWI launched its journey of ISWC engagement in Delhi back in 2013 and has since held eleven outstanding ISWC events. This year, we are privileged to host the 12th ISWC. The theme for the 12th ISWC 2024 is "Women Empowerment and Well-Being: Social Work Response." This theme has been chosen due to its vital relevance in today's context, especially in light of the recent Constitution (106th Amendment) Act, 2023, which ensures that one-third of seats in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies are reserved for women. It also aligns with our commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals concerning the status of women in our country.

The 12th ISWC 2024 proposes to explore innovative ideas, share insights, and foster connections that inspire collaboration and growth. This conference is not just about learning but also about building a strong network of support. We believe that this is a unique platform for all of us to engage in discussions and bring out unique perspectives and stories that enrich our collective journey. This conference offers a distinct opportunity to unite key stakeholders including, leaders, innovators, practitioners, advocates, and visionaries who are dedicated for social work education in India.

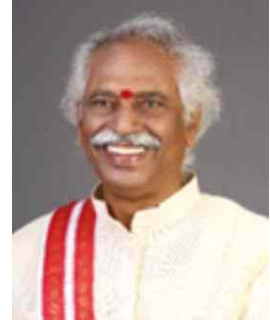
As the host of the 12th ISWC, we are committed to ensure that this conference becomes enriching in personal journey and supportive of your professional growth for everyone involved. With this vision in mind, we warmly invite you to be an integral part of our Conference proceedings.

We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to NAPSWI for entrusting us with the opportunity to host this remarkable event. We eagerly anticipate welcoming you to the beautiful rural setting and encourage you to collaborate with us in making this endeavor truly memorable.

Thank you for being a vital part of this inspiring community. We look forward to join you on this journey together.

Dr Manju Panwar
Organising Secretary/
Chairperson, Department of Social Work,
BPSMV, Khanpur Kalan, Sonipat (Haryana)

Message



I am happy to learn that Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV), Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat, is organizing the Indian Social Work Conference-2024 titled 'Women Empowerment and Well-Being Social Work Response' from October 24th to 26th, 2024.

There is no denying the fact that women empowerment is central to fostering sustainable development, particularly when addressing the well-being of marginalized communities. In the context of social work, it is crucial to actively involve women from marginalized sections in decision-making processes.

Their lived experiences provide unique insights into the challenges faced by underrepresented groups, including issues of poverty, access to education, healthcare, and safety. By empowering these women, not only do we elevate their voices but also ensure that solutions are more inclusive and equitable.

Social work responses should prioritize capacity building, leadership development, and platforms that encourage participation from women, enabling them to lead community-driven change and enhance the overall well-being of their communities.

My best wishes to the Indian Social Work Conference!

Bandaru Dattatraya
Governor, Govt. of Haryana

Patron's Message



Esteemed Scholars and Delegates

Indeed, it is a matter of immense pleasure that the 12th Indian Social Work Conference on Women Empowerment and Well-Being: Social Work Response is being jointly organized by the Department of Social Work of Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV) and National Association of Professional Social Workers in India. I, on behalf of the University, extend hearty welcome and gratitude to the participating academia, scholars, and practitioners. The conference becomes more meaningful to us because Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya has its genesis in the seminal idea of janbhagidari (community's participation) conceived and practiced by revered Bhagat Phool Singh ji way back in 1936. The erstwhile girls' Gurukul established then at Khanpur Kalan has turned into today's BPSMV which manifests the idea of women empowerment through education and community's participation.

The collective efforts and collaboration initiated through this conference will chart a path towards a sustainable eco-system for women empowerment, impacting positively not only our immediate communities but the global community at large. In fact, empowering women is essential to the health and social development of families, communities, and countries. Robust economic, holistic, and societal growth can only be realized by ensuring women's full potential and contribution. It is high time to recognize and incentivize women's unpaid work and their efforts in being the best agency for caregiving. Let us value her work in letter and spirit and accept the age-old Indic idea of feminine divine principle being the cardinal civilizational value. In order to accomplish the desired change, sincere actions are required to facilitate women's access to secure livelihoods and economic self-reliance. I believe that political leadership, social investment, and comprehensive policy reforms are needed to dismantle systemic barriers to achieving SDG 5 on gender equality.

I am of the firm opinion that academic events like the conference being organized and recently held 'National Social Work Week' spread effective awareness for affirmative action towards women empowerment and having an inclusive society. The meaningful and critical discourse expected to be generated during the conference would be of pivotal value to the concerned stakeholders. Once again, while welcoming one and all for this conference, I convey my best wishes for the successful conduct of the distinguished academic event.

Jai Hind



Dr. (Prof.) Sudesh

Message



I am happy to know that the Department of Social Work at Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Haryana, in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) is organising three days long 12th Indian Social Work Conference (ISWC) 2024 on “Women Empowerment and Well-Being: Social Work Response,” As a NAPSWI president and being a partner of ISWC, I most humbly welcome all the participants, organising team and University Officials.

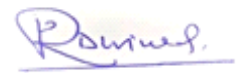
It is very significant that this conference is taking place at Bhagat Phool Singh's karya sthali who has devoted his life for the women education and empowerment. The Government of India with its working slogan, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Saath has taken various steps to ensure empowerment of women through their social, educational, economic and political uplifting through various schematic interventions. We are sincerely committed for Sustainable Development Goals which are cantered around gender equality and women's empowerment. This conference is likely to discuss women's wellbeing which a further step to women's empowerment.

This conference will prove a mile stone in advancing education, research and practice in the profession of social work which has its roots in the principles of worth and dignity of an individual, equity and equality, and democratic traditions. The outcomes of this conference will pave the way for women's wellbeing.

As an outgoing President of NAPSWI, I take this opportunity to thanks all those who contributed to the growth and development of NAPSWI

My best wishes for the Conference.

Warm regards.



Prof R P Dwivedi
President, NAPSWI

Message



Eminent social theorist Ashis Nandy writes in one of his articles, 'woman versus womanliness in India' that an agricultural society has its own distinctive symbiotic relationship with nature; this distinctiveness has lain in the central role of woman in society and culture; such societies treat nature as mother and femininity of woman is equated with prakriti (nature and leela (action)).

The idea of 'empowered woman' has been central to Indic thought. In fact societal well-being has always been linked with celebration of the stree-shakti and femininity. The key tools of social emancipation namely philanthropy, janbhagidari, egalitarianism, motherhood, Bhakti movement etc. have been the potent instruments of social change through femininity being the divine principle. Women social transformers like Savitribai Phule, Rassundari Devi, Jana Bai, Ratnabai, Malati Chaudhari, Hansa Mehta, Leela Roy, Subhashini Devi etc. made immense impact on society and heralded social renaissance. The advent of modernity witnessed quite a few regressive practices affecting women and realization of their embedded potential to be the agents of change. Let us regain, reassure and reestablish the idea of femininity being the divine principle of contemporary society.

The 12th edition of Indian Social Work Conference on Women Empowerment and Well-Being: Social Work Response jointly organized by the Department of Social Work of Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya and 'National Association of Professional Social Workers in India' is the apt platform to brainstorm and negotiate with the subject dialogically and offer viable future course of action to the society vis-à-vis recognition of unparalleled contribution made by women.

Dr. (Prof.) Ravi Bhushan
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, BPSMV
October 17, 2024

Message



I am delighted to share a message for the 12th Indian Social Work Conference (ISWC) on “Women Empowerment and Well-Being: Social Work Response,” organized by the Department of Social Work at Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Haryana, in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI). I congratulate the organizers for selecting such a timely and relevant theme for this conference.

Globally, nations are dedicated to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment through sustainable development goals. However, the state's response and intervention for the welfare of vulnerable populations, especially women, are increasingly inadequate. This gathering is a powerful testament to the collective efforts of social work educators, scholars, practitioners, and students who are committed to fostering gender equality and a just society.

The profession of social work is deeply rooted in the principles of social justice, human dignity, and equality, playing a crucial role in this transformative process. This conference will serve as a platform for sharing experiences, ideas, innovative strategies, and research findings that can inform policy interventions.

I extend a warm welcome to all attending the 12th Indian Social Work Conference 2024. Let us make this conference a success through meaningful academic insights and discussions, inspiring future social work educators and practitioners to strive for an inclusive society. I look forward to meeting each of you.

Warm regards.

Suresh Pathare, Ph.D.

Director

CSRD Institute of Social Work and
Research, Ahmednagar

Regional President, South Asia
International Council on Social Welfare
(ICSW)

□ Asia-Pacific Representative
IFSW-UN Commission

About Conference

The Indian Social Work Conference (earlier Congress) is an initiative of the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI). With a successful beginning at the University of Delhi in 2013, We organised ISWC at different places in the country- University of Pune (Maharashtra), JVBI, Ladnun (Rajasthan); KVP, Varanasi, Sree Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady (Kerala), University of Delhi, University of Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), MSS Nagpur (Maharashtra), Shantiniketan (West Bengal) CSRD, Ahmednagar (Maharashtra), MANUU, Hyderabad (Telangana). As has been acknowledged time and again, the purpose of the ISWC is to bring the fraternity of professional social workers together to discuss and deliberate upon the issues related to the social work education, practice and research in India. It aims to strengthen the profession through the consolidation of the educational thrust and practice focus on the foundational pillars of social work, viz. social and human development, social justice and human rights. By evolving a vibrant forum, the ISWC strives to facilitate wide ranging presentations on diverse topics, as also discussions and deliberations on the important sub themes emanating out of the main theme of the Conference. ISWC emerges as an important meeting point for educators from all parts of the country, as also practitioners and researchers, all of whom synergize their energies to review the larger trends that the profession is recording and to draw out meaningful responses to the issues and challenges that confront it. Specifically, the 12th ISWC 2024 aims to achieve the following

Objectives:

1. Provide a platform to social work professionals to discuss and deliberate on the issues relevant to women's empowerment and well being;
2. Address the issues posing challenges for social work profession in this area of women empowerment and social wellbeing;
3. Explore and foresee the opportunities that may be availed as a consequential benefit out of the challenges; and to come out with the concrete proposals and action plans on the basis of the experiences of social work educators, researchers, practitioners, policy makers, planners and development experts to ensure the professional responsibility.

ISWC Themes:

The concepts of care, empowerment and well being have been integral to social work education and practice. , and it is imperative that we focus on the multidimensional themes falling within their frame. The forthcoming ISWC aspires to bring together people associated with the diverse domains of social work education and practice on one common platform wherein deliberations on social work engagement, as also issues and concerns in the context of women empowerment and well being will take place. In the dynamic context in which we are placed especially more competitive globalised economy, the roles and responsibilities that the social work profession is obligated to fulfil, as also the persona and discourses that it is expected to assume require concerted and ongoing immersion, reflection and articulation. We believe that this is an

opportune moment for all of us to respond to the changing social-political realities of our times and assume a more contemporaneous avatar.

Women's empowerment can be defined to promoting women's sense of self-worth, their ability to determine their own choices, and their right to influence social change for themselves and others. It is closely aligned with female empowerment – a fundamental human right that's also key to achieving a more peaceful, prosperous world. In Western countries, female empowerment is often associated with specific phases of the women's rights movement in history. This movement tends to be split into three waves, the first beginning in the 19th and early 20th century where suffrage was a key feature. The second wave of the 1960s included the sexual revolution and the role of women in society. Third wave feminism is often seen as beginning in the 1990s. Women's empowerment and promoting women's rights have emerged as a part of a major global movement and is continuing to break new ground in recent years. Days like International Women's Empowerment Day are also gaining momentum. But despite a great deal of progress, women and girls continue to face discrimination and violence in every part of the world. Empowering women is essential to the health and social development of families, communities and countries. When women are living safe, fulfilled and productive lives, they can reach their full potential, contributing their skills to the workforce and can raise happier and healthier children. They are also able to help fuel sustainable economies and benefit societies and humanity at large. (World Vision, 2024).

The empowerment and autonomy of women and the improvement of their political, social, economic and health status is a highly important end in itself. In addition, it is essential for the achievement of sustainable development. The full participation and partnership of both women and men is required in productive and reproductive life, including shared responsibilities for the care and nurturing of children and maintenance of the household. In all parts of the world, women are facing threats to their lives, health and well-being as a result of being overburdened with work and of their lack of power and influence. In most regions of the world, women receive less formal education than men, and at the same time, women's own knowledge, abilities and coping mechanisms often go unrecognized. The power relations that impede women's attainment of healthy and fulfilling lives operate at many levels of society, from the most personal to the highly public. Achieving change requires policy and programme actions that will improve women's access to secure livelihoods and economic resources, alleviate their extreme responsibilities with regard to housework, remove legal impediments to their participation in public life, and raise social awareness through effective programmes of education and mass communication. In addition, improving the status of women also enhances their decision-making capacity at all levels in all spheres of life.

There are enough evidences to show that the gender inequality persists everywhere and stagnates social progress. On average, women in the labour market still earn 23 percent less than men globally and women spend about three times as many hours in unpaid domestic and care work as men. Sexual violence and exploitation, the unequal division of unpaid care and domestic work, and discrimination in public office, all remain huge barriers. Women's wellbeing and wellness includes physical, educational, economic, emotional and social aspects of life which ensures them a better quality of life. The state of wellbeing is affected by the realization that everything we do, think, feel, and believe and it can only be brought by the complete integration of body, mind, and spirit.

The women wellbeing is likely to be affected through multiple dynamics of deprivations, discriminations, disruptions and denials at different stages of life. Political leadership, investments and comprehensive policy reforms are needed to dismantle systemic barriers to achieving Goal 5 Gender equality is a cross-cutting objective and must be a key focus of national policies, budgets and institutions (UN-SDG 2014). In this situation where there are many questions and lesser answers, the need for discussion, deliberation and debate is the need for hour.

Sub Themes for ISWC :

1. Status of Women: Present and in past; Equal Access to Women for Social justice, women's rights and equality, Gender equality and inequalities, Gender Mainstreaming, Violence against Women, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
2. Women's Empowerment: Contentions and contestations, Various aspects, Approaches, Policies and Programmes, Government and Non-government stakeholders and their commitment
3. Women well-being : Physical, Social, Environmental and Spiritual aspects, Wellness programmes, Physical, Mental and spiritual Health, Women and Disability
4. Women Education especially Higher and technical, and professional organisations; Livelihood, Health, Nutrition, Education; Women Labour in organised and unorganised sector,
5. Women and Legislation: Protective, promotive, preventive, prohibitory and progressive legislations especially Matru Vandana Yojana,
6. Issues related to wellbeing of women in general and Girl Children, Adolescent Girls Young Women; Women participation
7. Women and Media, Industry, Business, Entrepreneurship, Management, Science, Politics, Panchayati Raj, and other fields
8. Government programmes, Civil society Organisations interventions, Innovative programmes
9. Social Work Response to Women empowerment and women well being, Social Work Education, Research and Practice: Present States, Innovations and Prospects.

Organizers

National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) is one of the largest member-based organization of professional social workers in the country. Established in 2005, NAPSWI is a non-profit, non-political, national level organization dedicated to the promotion of the standard and status of social work profession. NAPSWI intends to promote the social work profession across the country with the aim of improving the quality of services in the social welfare and social development sectors on one hand and protecting interests of social work professionals on the other. NAPSWI has been granted a special consultative status by UN ECOSOC since 2019. NAPSWI believes in shaking hands with different stakeholders- be it social work educational institutions, government, non-government, civil society or any likeminded person/institution with similar philosophy.

About the Department of Social Work

The Department of Social Work was established in September 2008 with an objective to train prospective professional social workers for social outreach skills. The curriculum is designed to teach, train and prepare human resources with scientific knowledge, inculcate human concerns and democratic values. Vision of the department is to develop human resource for social work practice to strive for creation of just and equal society which ensures freedom from all forms of oppressions and exploitation. Mission of the Department is to prepare students for competent and effective professional social work practice with diverse range of individuals, groups and communities by using a holistic knowledge base that serves as the foundation for the generalist social work practice. Capacity building of the students is being done by developing their knowledge skills, attitudes and values appropriate to the practices of social work profession. In addition to this, students are trained to develop critical thinking and ability to apply theoretical knowledge in practice of the social work. The Department has established Community Resource Centres in all five adopted village with the aim to provide care and services on rural development, schemes, health, hygiene and education of women, girls, children and other community people. Besides academic rigor, the students are given adequate opportunity to participate in sports events, cultural activities, seminars, conferences and workshops, organized by the Department and other UTDs/institutes of the University. The Department also guides, trains and assists its students for job placement in the different Government and Non-Government Organizations, institutes and projects

About the University

Since Vedic period, Education has empowered women in several ways. One such seminal and historical step in this direction was establishment of the Girls' Gurukul by Bhagat Phool Singh Ji in 1936 at village Khanpur Kalan in Sonapat district of Haryana State. The noble work initiated by Bhagat Phool Singh Ji was continued by his daughter Padamshree Subhahshini Devi Ji benefiting thousands of rural women. The erstwhile Gurukul was turned into a State University in August 2006 exclusively for women named after Bhagat Phool Singh Ji as Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV). The University has the distinction of being

North India's first State Women University spread over pollution free 400 acres of campus. The university is unique in the sense that it functions on the model of 'society- university interface', juxtaposition of tradition and modernity and having its genesis in the philanthropic tradition. The Girls' Gurukul started with just three girls has turned into today's BPSMV with approximately 7000 girls on its rolls enrolled in approximately 100 academic programmes administered through its 18 University Teaching Departments, 02 Constituent Institutions, 05 Special Centres, 02 Regional Centres and 06 affiliated Government Women Colleges. The University consequently became a sought after destination by women for getting modern education grounded in Indian tradition and universal human values.

About NAPSWI

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Vision

To create a compassionate fraternity of professional social workers.

Mission

To advance excellence in education, training and practice of professional social work through education, research, training, networking, advocacy, resource development

Goal

- The main aim of NAPSWI will be promotion and protection of interest of social work profession and professionals in India. The specific objectives will be as follows:
- To promote the profession of social work across the country with the aim of improving the quality of service in the social welfare and social development sectors.
- To act as a national level organisation and to represent social work professionals and profession at national and international level.
- To improve the quality of social work education training and practice in the country and promote such activities as are conducive to social work profession and social work professionals.
- To undertake, organise and facilitate academic and professional interaction through studies, courses, training courses, conferences, seminars, workshops and lectures and research in matters relating to social work profession and professionals.
- To develop code of conduct for professional social workers in the field of education, research, action and practice aimed at enhancing the status of social work profession and performance of the professionals.
- To work for better working conditions and conditions for work of social work professionals in general in India and elsewhere.
- To co-operate and collaborate with any such organisations/institutions at regional/state/national or international level having similar objectives and similar international levels.
- To open its branches at state level/regional level/zonal level in order to promote and strengthen the NAPSWI.

- To publish journal research papers, books, encyclopaedia etc. directly or indirectly related to social work profession.
- To work for protection and promotion of the rights and interests of the members at different levels and initiate measures aimed at providing scholarships, awards, recognitions and improving working conditions and conditions for work professionals.
- To do any activity permissible under the law of land which may instrumental or incidental in promoting the aims and objectives of the society.

NAPSWI Executive Members



Professor R P Dwivedi (President)

Professor R P Dwivedi have done his post-graduation in social work in 1980 from Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi and learnt the basic lessons of social work under the doyen of Indian Social Work, Prof. Raja Ram Shastri. The Department of Social work of Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth is the first social work institution of Independent India based on ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. He started his learning through jobs in voluntary organizations, later on completed his Ph.D on Voluntary Organization in Uttar Pradesh. He began his teaching career in social work as social work educator with the first Department of Social Work of left out north India at University of Kurukshetra, Haryana

This was the first department of Social Work in this entire region consisting of Haryana, Punjab, Himanchal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Union Territory of Chandigarh. Prof. Dwivedi served this Department and region from 1984-1987. In 1987, he came back to his alma mater to serve the Faculty of Social Work where he served as core faculty member till 1995. Recognizing his work on Mahatma Gandhi, he was appointed the Director of Gandhi Adhayanpeeth – an Institute of for teaching and research on Gandhian Studies with Indian social work tradition under the Faculty of Social Work. Based on the ideals of Gandhian philosophy, he has been initiated as well as involved in a number of Social Welfare, Social Reform and social action projects/movements particularly in Varanasi and areas of adjoining districts and the whole country in general. He have established the Varanasi Child Line and directed this effort for 20 years till his retirement in 2020. During 35 long years of his services as a student of Social Work and Gandhian Studies, he published four books, numerous articles, edited a journal, guided research students PhDs and MPhil. Along with some likeminded friends, he revived the Indian Society of Gandhian Studies in 1996 and organized two national conference of the society to bring Gandhian Scholars on one platform. In 2007, He organized a national convention of Azadi Bachao Andolan which brought 6000 tribal farmers and adivasis, created a human chain against MNCs against exploitation of masses. He proudly shares that Gandhian Social action came in lime light when they have recorded as world's biggest Human Chain against Coca-Cola Company's exploitation of the ground water resources and affecting health of millions of people. He was a part of one of the largest service organization of Jai Gurdev followers and the organization is serving millions of people not only spiritually but in times of emergency such as flood, drought, disaster, fire, crop failure, communal tension. He is proud of his social work training which gave him value base and skills to serve the marginalized people across the country

In his university, besides being Director of Institute of Gandhian Studies, his have served as Dean Faculty of Social Work (2015-2018), Coordinator UGC Unit 2005-2010, Member of Academic and Executive Council and many other administrative assignments. At NAPSWI, he have been part of Organizing team of Fourth Indian Social Work Congress in association with NAPSWI. As an ordinary member of NAPSWI, he has

actively participated in most of the events programs/congress organized by NAPSWI in past one decade. recently, he has been chosen by the Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh and Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, both in their respective committees for implementing programmes of 150 years of Gandhiji's Birth Anniversary across the state. In a nut shell, he has been a social work educator, researcher and Gandhian activist.

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Dr. Sanjoy Roy (Vice President)



Dr. Sanjoy Roy is (MSW, M.Phil, PhD, LLB) Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi. He has published more than 60 articles/ research papers in referred journals and 13 books in national and international publication like Routledge, Sage, Rawat etc.

He is associated with many International Advisory Bodies like Encyclopaedia of Social Work, NASW, USA, Associate Editor of the International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society, USA, Editorial Board Member of International Journal of African and Asian Local Government Studies, Rhodes University, South Africa, Editorial Member of Sociology International Journal, USA, Editorial Board Member of International Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics, USA etc

His areas of research interest are law, Social Work & social justice, Social Work Practice, Social Development & protection of Human Rights for Underprivileged Groups.



Professor Ankur Saxena (Secretary)

Prof. Ankur Saxena has been involved with academics for over more than 10 years. He has been currently imparting his service as an academicians in the Faculty of social work, The M.S University of Baroda. AS far his educational qualifications are concerned, he received his Bachelors in Science from Faculty of Science (The M.S University of Barodajand Masters in social work (MSW) from The Faculty of Social Work, The M.S University of Baroda. He completed his Doctor of philosophy in social work (PhD) from the Faculty of Social work, The M.S University of Baroda. Apart from these, he completed his P.G Diploma in Human Resource Development (PGHRD) form Faculty of Education and Psychology, The M.S University of Baroda.

Additionally, He also completed P.G Diploma in IRPM from Bhartiya Vidya Bhavans, Baroda

As a Ph.D. guide he has mentored and shared his expertise with various students. In addition to being an ambitious academician in his field, he is also a volunteer at various NGO and voluntary organisations a trainer in areas of Corporate Social Responsibility, Human Resources He has been invited as expert in various national colleges across India. He has been active participant as far as National and International conferences are concerned. He has been as an expert to various symposiums and universities. He is known as a person who is an excellent communicator and a stalwart in the field he is in. He has presented papers in numerous international conferences. He has many publications (Journal and book) to his credit. He is known as a dedicated individual holding mastery over his subjects. Additionally, he has also spearheaded a book on Corporate Social Responsibility: Readings and texts and has contributed to the knowledge

Dr. Atul Pratap Singh (Treasurer)



He has been engaged in teaching for last more than 16 years. He joined the Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, University of Delhi in February, 2006 as Ad-hoc and then in July, 2007 as Permanent Lecturer after serving University of Lucknow from July, 2004 to January, 2006 as Guest Lecturer. As a social work educator, he has been making attempt to help, encourage and motivate the students to develop professional skills through application of theoretical knowledge in different real life situations. Besides, he was associated in various positions in different International, National and State level research projects which include - programme evaluation, social assessment, need assessment, KAP analysis etc. from 1999 to 2006.

His areas of interest include Social Work Education & Field Work Practicum, Social Welfare Administration, Community Development and Social Research. He has been making contribution to academics and research which is evident through the publication of 22 authored, co-authored, edited/co-edited books including conference proceedings; 72 research papers, book reviews, book chapters, articles in Encyclopedia of Social Work in India, journals of International and National repute, books, columns in newspapers and magazines etc. He has presented 25 papers (excluding 10 published as conference/seminar proceedings) in the International and National seminar, conferences, workshops, webinars etc. He has also acted as Member of the Local Organizing Committee of 3rd Indian Social Work Congress; Convener and Co-convener in two National seminars; and Coordinator of four IQAC workshops as faculty development activities and one workshop as the students' development activity respectively. On twenty seven occasions, he was Chairperson/Resource Person, Co-chairperson and one time Plenary Speaker respectively in National seminars/webinars. Besides, he has participated in three National Workshops (One week duration) organized by prestigious institutions in addition to UGC-sponsored short term course on Research Methodology (2018), UGC Orientation Programme (2010) and Refresher Course (2014). He has also been associated in various positions in 21 different sponsored/consultancy/quality evaluation projects. Besides, He was invited as resource person/ guest speaker/visiting faculty on 44 occasions

He is the recipient of "Best Teacher Award" from Govt. of NCT of Delhi and prestigious "Jan Jagriti Samman 2013" of renowned freelance journalist and writer's organization named Akhil Bhartiya Swatantra

Lekhak Manch, Delhi. From 2008 to 2013, he has worked with civil society as partner in various Campaigns in Delhi. He has also shouldered responsibility as team leader with the students for 45 days in intervention project for the flood affected people in the northern Bihar as UDAI-II (University for Development Action and Integrated Learning-II) initiated by Department of Social Work of University of Delhi in 2008. Besides, being Life Member, of National Association for Professional Social Workers (NAPSWI), He has been serving/served the Professional/Academic Bodies & societies like - Member, Subject Expert Group for MOOC Courses in Social Work, Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC-UGC), New Delhi (2018); Executive Member, Delhi School of Social Work Society, New Delhi (From 2017 onwards); Member, Editorial Team, Social Work Chronicle (UGC approved), ISSN No. 2277-1395, Publishing India Group, New Delhi (From 2017 onwards); Assistant Managing Editor, Journal of Social Work Education, Research and Action (UGC approved journal) - An Official Journal of National Association for Professional Social Workers (NAPSWI), ISSN No. 2394-4102; Member of Area Advisory Board for Rural Management & NGO Management, Amity Business School, Amity University Uttar Pradesh, NOIDA (2014-15); Member of District Committee for SVEEP, North East District, Delhi (2013-14); Executive Member of Board, Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra (SSK), Lucknow (From 2012 to till date); Member of Advisory Board with ANANYA Institute for Development Research and Social Action, Lucknow (From 2008 to till date); Member, Editorial Board, International Journal of Rural Development and Management Studies (UGC approved journal), ISSN No. 0975-0614, International Science Press (Serials Publications), Gurgaon; Former External Expert, Board of Studies, Amity Institute of NGO Management & Social Work, Amity University, Noida (From 2008-09 to 2009-10); and Former Member, Community College Board, Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST), New Delhi (2009-10). He has also tried to build linkage with media and associated with “Admission cum Career Counseling Programm” of Dainik Jagran for DU Admissions since 2008 and got extensive coverage in print media (June 23 and December 10, 2008; June 1, 3, 30, and July 1, 2009; and May 26, 28, 29 and June 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 2010); also associated with a similar event organized in collaboration with Nav Bharat Times on June 13, 2011.

Professor Asok Kumar Sarkar **Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan**

Professor Asok Kumar Sarkar presently serves as Head, Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan-731236, West Bengal, India. He is also Chairperson of the International Consortium for Social Development- Asia Pacific branch. He is an alumnus of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Formerly, he worked as Principal, Institute of Rural Reconstruction, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan, India & Head, Department of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar, Assam. He has authored and edited books such as NGOs: The New Lexicon of Health Care (Concept), NGOs and Globalization: Developmental and Organizational Facets (Rawat), Human Development and Sustainability: Challenges and Strategies (Atlantic), Welfare of Disadvantaged: Exploring Community Development Approach (Concept) and Contextualizing Peace- Experiences of Contemporary India and Neighbouring Countries (Manak).

His forthcoming co-edited book includes 'Women's Empowerment and Non-Governmental Public Action in South Asia' (Palgrave Macmillan). He is the founding editor of Journal of Social Work and Social Development, a UGC-CARE listed journal (of India) and served from 2010 to 2017. His areas of research interests include maternal morbidity, reproductive health, health care, NGOs and social development.



Dr. Anoop Kumar Bhartiya, Lucknow



Dr. Anoop Kumar Bhartiya alumnus of the Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow and presently working as Professor of Social Work at UGC's Centre for Advanced Studies in Social Work and Centre of Excellence, UP Higher Education Council, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow. He have been teaching social work to graduate, postgraduate and research students for over two decades. He have written a number of textbooks including social policy in India and have developed Self Learning Material (SLM) for Open Universities of the four states and more than sixty research papers/ articles. He was co-opted member of Learning Outcome Curriculum Framework (LOCF) for Undergraduate Course of Social Work, UGC, New Delhi. He have been nominated by Government of Uttar Pradesh as member of SIA Committee such as Poorvanchal Expressway, LMRC, Lucknow, ATS-UP, Bundelkhand Expressway, Defence Corridor etc.

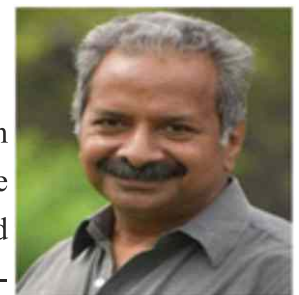


Narender Sindhi Social Work Practitioner, Bhiwadi, Rajasthan

Narender Sindhi is having almost 34 years of professional experience as social work practitioner. Started his career as Social worker with different funding agencies as CCF, AIDE-ET Action, Enfants-De Monde etc. After 15 years of grass root level exposure, moved to Haryana Government as a consultant in water shed management project. He was a team leader with State Training Resource Center (Naco) for Delhi State.

At present working as independent soft skill trainer, researcher, evaluator, for different states like Delhi, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttrakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand and has also conducted more than 200 evaluations for NACO, State AIDS Control Societies

Suneel Vatsyayan, Social Work Practitioner



Suneel Vatsyayan has a Post Graduate Degree in Social Work with a specialization in Criminology and Correctional Administration from Jamia Millia Islamia. In 1987, he joined Navjyoti Delhi Police Foundation for Correction, De-addiction and Rehabilitation as the Founding Director and led it for twelve years. He did groundbreaking work in the use of peer counselors with addicts and people living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Mr. Vatsyayan currently contributes voluntarily as the Founding Chairperson of Nada India. Nada advocates for balanced and healthy public policies to prevent, control non-communicable diseases, child friendly, gender sensitive and drug and tobacco free healthy and productive lifestyles. Vatsyayan joined as the member of the steering group of the Community of Practice (CoP) on 'Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs) and the Commercial Determinants of Health (CDoH)' under the World Health Organization Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs (WHO GCM/ NCD) and The Graduate Institute, Geneva.

NADA International honored him for his vision and leadership in the year 2001 at Kentucky U.S. He was also awarded twice with Rotary Vocational Service Award by Rotary International, Delhi. He was recently conferred with the prestigious Karmaveer Chakra Award and REX Karmaveer Global Fellowship at the REX CONCLive instituted by United Nations and International Confederation of NGO (iCONGO) at the ReX Conclave, India.

He strongly believes that there could not be a better platform than NAPSWI, to continue working towards the

greater goal of bringing in change in the country with the support from such passionate heart driven people. He knew and strongly believed that the social work practitioners have a greater role to play in achieving the objectives of NAPSWI in the years to come. He would also like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the key collaborations of NAPSWI and Nada India Foundation in last couple of years. The collaboration led to the launch of “NAPSWI Young India Wellness Campaign” with a vision to have meaningful involvement of young social work students in the advocacy of good health agenda with a primary focus on tobacco and alcohol, as major risk factors for Non-Communicable Diseases. The campaign has been spread out at the national level by Nada India leadership wherein NAPSWI board members successfully mobilized the social work students as health advocates in tobacco prevention and cessation. He assures all that he shall continue to dedicatedly work towards the wellbeing and enhancement of the social work profession.

Prof. Pratibha J Mishra, Bilaspur, Chattisgarh

Prof. Pratibha J Mishra is presently Professor in the department of Social Work and Dean in Faculty of LAW at Guru Ghasidass Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, C.G, India. She completed her MSW from DSSW, DELHI. Prof. Pratibha is a professional Social Educator and brings to this position over 33 years' experience in the health, community, and aged care and disability sectors with Women. She has a strong commitment to strengthen the roles and relationships between government NGOs, academia and the private sector towards improving the quality of life of Women. This commitment has always been driven by her interest and passion in understanding the evolution of ageing and empowerment issues and the corresponding public and private sector responses in different regions of the world.

Prof. Pratibha is an experienced and highly regarded speaker who has been frequently invited to share her expertise and represent the Women issues with empowerment at major congresses around the world, in ageing women, empowerment and related fields.



Dr. Keshav Walke

Dr. Keshav Walke is an academic and researcher in the Social Work and displacement related issues. He is Associate Professor and Officiating Principal at Matru Sewa Sangh Institute of Social Work, Nagpur affiliated to Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University. He has both practice and teaching experience in Social Work. He was NSS Programme Coordinator at the University and Honorary Director of Childline at Nagpur and Wardha. He has coordinated Refresher Courses, Training Programme on Research Methodology and international conferences. He is associated with various Organizations, Committees and Bodies like MASWE, NAPSWI and APASWE. He has completed about eight minor & major research projects and presently working on TRI, MoTA sponsored major research Project. He has published research papers in refereed and International Journals. Writer of modules for UGC, E-PG Pathshala.. He is awarded with various awards at University, State and International levels. Recently Government of Maharashtra declared “NSS Programme Coordinator Appreciation Certificate Award” for 2019-20 to him. His Areas of Interest are Child protection, tribal displacement & rehabilitation, rural youth, social science research and life skill development.

Membership

Membership Eligibility

1. Any person residing within the Union Territory of India and having education in professional social work such as Diploma, Bachelor's Degree or a Masters Degree, MPhil or PhD in Social Work from recognised institution in India or abroad is eligible for membership. S/he should have faith and allegiance to aim and objectives and willing to abide him/herself with rules and regulations of the NAPSWI.
2. The number of members of the Society including the members of the Governing Body shall not exceed 11 for the time being. The existing members, if they so like may enhance the number of members.

Individual Membership

Life Membership

- (i) Any person residing within the Union of India with a Bachelor Degree in Social Work / PG Diploma in Social Work / Master's Degree in Social Work from a recognized institution is eligible for membership. S/he should have faith and owe allegiance to NAPSWI and willing to abide by the constitution and by-laws of NAPSWI as also its rules and regulations.
- (ii) Any person who fulfils membership criteria can become a life member by paying fee- Rs. 3000/
- (iii) The term life membership shall mean 10 years. After that a member shall have to re- acquire membership by paying fees applicable at that time. This shall apply on the members joining after 1.1.2016.

Gracious Members :

Senior citizens who fulfil membership criteria and who are above the age of 60 years shall pay membership fees of Rs. 2000/-

Student Membership :

Any student who is studying in a social work institution can become a student member, as per details given below:

- (i) Diploma Students Rs. 200/- (for one year)
- (ii) BSW Students Rs. 500/- (for three years)
- (iii) MSW Students Rs. 1000/- (for two years)

Institutional Membership

Any educational institution imparting social work education/training leading to a diploma / Bachelor / Master or Research such as M Phil or Ph D degree at University level and willing to abide by the constitution and bylaws of NAPSWI may be enrolled as institutional members. The institution will be responsible for nominating two life members of NAPSWI from the institution as its institutional representatives. One should be the Head of the Department/School and one

from the teaching community (which include Field Work Supervisor). The life membership fees for institution will be Rs. 10,000/-

Membership of State/ Regional/ National level Association

The membership of the NAPSWI is open to any professional social work associations operating locally, regionally or at national level in India and who:

- (i) Subscribe to the aims and objectives of association
- (ii) Pays an admission fee of INR 5000/- only and
- (iii) Pays three year membership subscription amounting of INR 5000/- (for membership strength below 250), Rs 7000 (for membership strength between 251 to 1000) and Rs 10000 (for membership strength of 1001 and above). All members of such organisations shall hold equal membership benefits as granted to a life member except voting rights.

NAPSWI shall not admit any organisation/ association of State level branch or State level chapter as we believe in the freedom and autonomy of an organisation. No association at state or regional or any other level can keep its name as NAPSWI or its subsidiary so as not to confuse or create an impression as a ranch of NAPSWI. However, the organisations receiving membership in this category may be treated equivalent to partner organisation of NAPSWI in that State or region.

NAPSWI Life Time Achievement Awardees 2024



**Prof. UMA VENNAM ,Professor of Social Work
Vice-Chancellor of SPMVV, Tiupati**

Prof. Uma Vennam who recently took charge as In-charge Vice-Chancellor of SPMVV is a Professor of Social Work. Trained in premier institutes, both in India and abroad, Prof. Uma works in the area of rural poverty and social development with specific reference to women and children. Prof. Uma has a little four decades of experience to her credit in teaching and research, training field workers, managing and coordinating field work with a multi-disciplinary team. She is a qualitative researcher and has lead on the qualitative research for Young Lives in India, a multinational longitudinal study of childhood poverty, funded by the DFID and undertaken in collaboration with the University of Oxford. She also worked with the University of Sussex and serves on the advisory board of CIRCY. Earlier the Team Leader of the World Bank funded Andhra Pradesh District Poverty Initiatives Project (APDPIP) and Andhra Pradesh Rural Poverty Reduction Project (APRPRP) Process Monitoring teams.

Prof. Uma is an acknowledged social development expert with excellent qualitative research skills. She has travelled extensively for her research work, invited lectures and paper presentation sin conferences. At the university level Prof Uma has been a member of both academic and administrative bodies, contributed to the corporate life of the university and offered valuable service thereby contributing to the growth and development of the university.

Prof. Uma has been presented with the Best Teacher Award by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in 2014. Born into a family of educationists, she is second of the four children to her parents, with two sisters and a brother. Feeling encouraged and supported at all times, She attributes her success to the family, and her commitment and hard work.



**Dr Sharanjeet Kaur
Chairperson, Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi**

Dr. Sharanjeet Kaur currently holds the position of Chairperson, Rehabilitation Council of India, (A Statutory Body of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) Government of India. Prior to this, she worked as Vice-President and Chairperson, Haryana Welfare Society for Persons with Speech & Hearing Impairment (HWSPSHI) from 2017-2023.

Having Master and Doctorate degrees in Social Work, she is empowering special children and their families for more than three decades. Under her stewardship, HWSPHI has won 30 state awards and has also been awarded the prestigious 'National Award for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the year

2020'. While at the helm of the Society, Dr. Kaur undertook a lot of pioneering initiatives in terms of education, access, skill development, employability and social integration of the special children. She introduced the Early Intervention Programme (Neev Aadharam) in 2018 and much before it reflected in the National Education Policy. Dr. Kaur spearheaded the campaign for giving Sign Language as the language for teaching and learning in education institutions; and also established Digital Sign Language (DSL) Lab in the year 2017. She also started a merchandise label- 'Deaf Hunar' to convert deaf children hobbies into employable skills and to create unique skilled products. She also started D. Ed. in Special Education programme and Diploma in Teaching Indian Sign Language (DTISL). For the first time full accessibility was ensured to the deaf students for these courses to become trained teachers at par with hearing individuals.

Dr. Sharanjeet has represented India at various national/international forums and she has inducted hundreds of passionate people as Society's life members and volunteers. She also brought together stakeholders like universities, institutions and business houses, Dr. Kaur dedicated her whole life solely for the upliftment and empowerment of the special children,



Dr. O. P. Giri
Medical Social Worker, Psychiatric Social Worker,
Department of Psychiatry PGIMER, Chandigarh.

Dr O P Giri has received his Master of Social Work from Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth and Doctorate in Social Work from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. He is currently working as Psychiatric Social worker with PGIMER, Chandigarh. Dr Giri has about three decades experience in research, clinical and teaching cum training programmes experience. During this period, he has published more than 25 scientific papers in various National/ International conferences/ journals. He has been part of many National/International Conferences/Seminar/CME/workshops. As a Medical Social Worker, he has extensive experience of working in the areas of Outpatient (OPD), Inpatient (Ward), community services, teaching and training of students. He has skilled in lecture/group discussion/practical training of other than social work professionals like medical,(Junior Residents), Nursing students. He has organized seven National Conference, orientation and training programmes, community outreach camps, related to drug prevention/mental health exhibiting his organizational skills.

Dr Giri is a founder member of the All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP). He served as the General Secretary of AIAMSWP from 2014 to 2016 to 2023, and he is currently the President of AIAMSWP. He along with his team, has made presentation before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare in Rajya Sabha, at the Parliament House Annexe where he strongly advocated the inclusion of Medical and Psychiatric Social Work Professionals in the Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018. Consequent upon his advocacy, the Medical Social Workers and Psychiatric Social Workers were included in the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).



Mrs. Manju Bala Joshi
Founder member and current Secretary/CEO of CECOEDECON.

Mrs. Manju Bala Joshi is the founder member and current Secretary/CEO of CECOEDECON. With over 44 years of experience, she is an established voice in Indian Civil Society, championing community-led and women-cantered development processes.

A social work professional by training, Mrs. Joshi has worked in both government and civil society, shaping policy and programs that promote social justice and inclusive development. Under her leadership, CECOEDECON has become a prominent force at national and international levels in development dialogues. She has received her degrees in Master of Social Work, and LL.B. from Udaipur University, and Diploma In Journalism from Rajasthan University.

She has been instrumental in steering CECOEDECON's efforts towards addressing contemporary challenges, including post-COVID-19 recovery, strengthening health delivery systems, gender-responsive climate action, and alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Her core strengths has been in last four decades empowering women and their financial inclusion. Mrs. Joshi continues to lead CECOEDECON's programs aimed at advancing women's economic empowerment. Under her guidance, the organization has expanded its financial literacy and inclusion programs, nurturing five women-owned cooperatives in rural Rajasthan. Her focus on enhancing women's roles in local governance continues, with targeted efforts to strengthen women's participation in Gram Panchayats. This has helped amplify women's voices in decision-making processes and has contributed to strengthening gender-responsive governance at the grassroots level. She has also played a significant role in championing women farmers. Despite their critical role in agriculture, women farmers in India often go unrecognized. She has furthered Women and child protection & legal literacy. Recognizing the disproportionate impact of climate change on women, Mrs. Joshi has spearheaded efforts to mainstream women in environmental governance. The other areas of her leadership include -Health Systems Strengthening & Girl Child Empowerment, education, health services, and protection from harmful practices such as child marriage and gender discrimination. CECOEDECON's interventions are now more comprehensive, combining health education, legal literacy, and social support systems to protect and empower young girls.

Under Mrs. Joshi's leadership, CECOEDECON has forged significant partnerships with both national and international organizations. These collaborations have allowed the organization to participate in global forums, influencing policy on issues such as women's rights, environmental justice, healthcare, and anti-trafficking. Her focus has not only been on supporting responsive policy and action locally but also on contributing to global discussions on women's empowerment and sustainable development.

NAPSWI YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD



Mr. Ravi Gupta

Freelance Trainer, Motivational Speakers

**Social work Practitioner in the field of Entrepreneurship development
Livelihood, Business incubation and Youth support**

Ravi Gupta is a young entrepreneurship and employability sector practitioner. He has completed his education in social work (BSW from Ambedkar College and MA in Social work from Delhi University). He has expertise in Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Development, Business Incubation and Design Thinking, Marketing & Networking and Self & Life Management> He is an excellent motivational speaker and trainer at par excellence. He has already trained and mentored more than 100,000 (One Lakh) youth, budding entrepreneurs & and women groups across the country including many hundred youths and officials from SAARC & African Countries for the same. He considers himself blessed to mentor and guide many hundred youth/women to set up their small business enterprises with the support of government schemes and programs in and around the country. He has been visiting Faculty to number of Universities/ Colleges / Schools – already covered more than 200 such institutions across the country' and equal number of 200 Self Help Groups (SHGs) and farmer producer Companies in and around the country.

Mr Ravi has trained various target groups like Defence Personnel through their DGR programs, Kashmiri Youths, school children and adolescent girls. Empaneled with Training & Capacity Building (TCB) division of Quality Council of India (QCI), Govt of India, as subject expert in regard to provide multisector training programs for specified capacity building programs. He has been associated with institutions like Institute for Industrial Development (IID), National Institute of Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Entrepreneurship Development Training for Urban Poor Youth under the YUVA project of the Delhi Police , NSDC, NIPCCD, NSIC and others; and trained hundreds Training of Trainers (ToT) programs on Entrepreneurship for school/colleges/universities faculties as well as NGOS workers. He has received many appreciations and awards to his credit.

Former Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award

NAPSWI Life time Achievement Award to a Professional Social Worker who genuinely worked for protection and promotion of the rights and interests of social work profession and its members at different levels.

Prof. S.R. billore-2023
Bhopal school of social work

Prof Sanjai Bhatt- 2022
Department of Social Work, University of Delhi

Prof Arun Kumar – 2021
MSS Institute of Social Work, NAGPUR and Executive Member, ASSWI and MASWE

Prof L S Ghandidoss-2021
President, INPSWA

Prof K V Ramana- 2020
Former Vice Chancellor, Andhra University and Former President, ASSWI

Prof. Arbinder Singh Kohli-2019
Formerly with Indian Association of Trained social workers Jamia Millia Islamia , New Delhi

Prof Vimla Nadkarni,-2018
School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and Former President, IASSW

Fr. Jose Alex 2017
Oruthayappilly CMI (Rajgiri School of Social Work)

Fr. Prashant- 2016
(President, Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers)

Sh MV Sriganesh- 2015
(KPSWA, Bangalore)

Dr. K K Singh -2014
(Founder Secretary, NAPSWI)

Prof Amba Das Mohite-2013
(President, MASWE, Amravati)

NAPSWI Life time Achievement Award to a Professional Social Work Practitioner who made distinct contribution in any specific area of social work practice

Sh Subhas Mendhanpurkar-2022
Founder Director, SUTRA, Jagjitnagar, Solan

Dr Sutapa Mukherjee and Dr K K Mukherjee-2021
Gram Niyojan Kendra, Ghaziabad

Sh Sunil Deshpande – 2020

Dr. Nirupama Deshpande-2020

Dr Prabhakar Sinha-2019
Founder, Ankur Yuva Chetna Shivir and UNICEF

Mr Minar Pimple-2018
Amnesty International

Ms Martha Farrell- 2018
Participatory Research in Asia , New Delhi (Posthumously)

Padma Shri Ms. Shanti Rangnathan-2017
(TTK Foundation, Chennai)

Ms. Rita Pannickker -2016
(Child Rights Activist, Delhi, for initiating Butterflies)

Brother Alex Ghonsalves-2015 (Mumbai)

Sh. Sharad Joshi-2014
(Founder and CEO, CECOEDECON)

Sh. Panduranga Hegde-2013
(Environmentalist, Karnataka, for the Appiko Movement)

**NAPSWI Life time Achievement Award to a Social Work Professional of Indian Origin who
addressed the social work issues at globally and strengthened Social Work Education
and practice at international level**

Prof. Sudarshan Pasupaleti-2023
University of Texas Rio Grand Valley

Dr Sherry Joseph-2022

Dr JeeroBillimoria- 2021
Founder, Childline India

Prof Gautam Yadama –2021
Dean and Professor, Boston College School of Social Work
IFRC Europe Regional Office, Budapest, Hungary

Prof Pranab Chatterjee-2020
Grace Longwell Coyle Professor Emeritious, Case Western Reserve University.

Dr Emmanuel Janagan Johnson -2019
Professor in Social Work, in the Department of Social Work, Louisiana College, Pineville, USA.

Dr Abraham Francis- 2018
Ph.D. James Cook University, Australia
Padma Shri Ms. Shanti Rangnathan (TTK Foundation, Chennai)

Prof S Zafar Hasan -2017
(Dean Emeritus, University of Kentucky, USA)

Prof Manohar Pawar- 2017
(Charles Stuart University, Australia)

Prof Brij Mohan, Ph.D. - 2016
(Louisiana University, USA)

Prof Venkat Pulla- 2015
(Australian Catholic University)

Prof Shanti K Khinduka, Ph.D. - 2014
(Washington University in St. Louis)

Prof Pallassana R. Balgopal- 2013
Ph.D. (University of Illinois, Urbana)

NAPSWI Life time Achievement Award to a Professional Social Work Educator of who has made significant contribution to social work profession and enriched knowledgebase of Social Work Profession.

Prof. Raj Kumar Singh-2023
University Of Lucknow

Prof, Noor Mohammad-2023
Aligarh Muslim University

Dr Nagmani Rao- 2022
Former Faculty Member, Karve Institute of Social Service Pune

Dr Helen Joseph -2022

Prof S M Sajid-2021
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Prof Raj Bhanti- 2020
Former Principal, Udaipur School of Social Work

Prof Sukla Deb Kanango- 2020
Department of Social Work , VisvaBharati and Santi trust

Prof. Kasi Sekar -2019
Professor, PSW and Registrar, NIMHANS

Prof Murali Desai- 2018
Former Professor and Head, Social Work Education and Practice Cell,
Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

Prof M Z Khan- 2018
Former Head and Dean, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Prof K K Jacob-2017
(Professor Emeritus, Udaipur School of Social Work)

Prof T K Nair- 2017
(Madras School of Social Work)

Prof R B S Verma- 2016
(Former Head, Dept. of Social Work, Lucknow University)

Prof H Y Siddiqui - 2015
(Former Faculty, Dept. of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia)

Prof R R Singh 2015
(Former Director, TISS and DSSW)

Prof Surinder Jaswal-2014
(Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai)

Prof Gracious Thomas -2013
(Dean, School of Social Work, IGNOU)

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Ms. Preeti Dabas is a distinguished research scholar in the Department of Social Work at Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV) and serves as the Deputy Director at INDCARE Trust. With over a decade of professional experience in social work, gender empowerment, and community development, she has been instrumental in implementing programs that focus on social development, capacity building, micro-finance, and gender-related issues. Her deep knowledge of the socio-economic struggles faced by marginalized communities, particularly women, has established her as a prominent advocate for gender equality and social justice. Academically, Ms. Dabas's research focuses on critical gender issues in Haryana, including bride-buying, dowry practices, and domestic violence. Her ongoing study, titled "A Practice of Bride-Buying in Haryana," explores the socio-economic factors fueling this practice in districts like Sonapat, Panipat, Ambala, and Kurukshetra.



Employing a qualitative methodology and case study analysis, her research highlights the importance of social work interventions to combat such harmful patriarchal traditions through community education, legal reforms, and economic empowerment programs. In her professional role at INDCARE Trust, she has overseen capacity-building projects aimed at empowering women economically, particularly in rural and disadvantaged areas, through Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and micro-finance initiatives. These efforts have enhanced women's financial independence and livelihoods. As a member of the "Sexual Harassment Committee," Ms. Dabas actively promotes a safe environment for women, reflecting her commitment to addressing gender-based violence.



Ms. Kavita, a dedicated scholar, is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Social Work at Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Khanpur Kalan, Sonipat. She completed her undergraduate studies at Bansilal Women College in Tosham, affiliated with Maharshi Dayanand University, and later earned her Master of Social Work degree from Chaudhary Bansi Lal University, Bhiwani. Kavita's academic journey is marked

by significant achievements, including qualifying for the National Eligibility Test (NET) in Social Work in 2020 and securing the prestigious Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in 2022.

She enrolled in the Ph.D. program in 2022 and is currently pursuing her research in regular mode. Her scholarly work has already resulted in the publication of a research paper titled "Elderly Women in Haryana: Problems and Social Work Intervention," which was published in the Panjab University Research Journal (Arts) and with her Ph.D. guide and another research scholar. Kavita's research focuses on exploring the utilization patterns of old age pensions among the elderly population in Haryana, examining how these financial resources are used and managed. Additionally, her research delves into the impact of digitalization on the elderly in today's increasingly digitized world, aiming to understand the challenges and opportunities faced by this demographic.

Ms. Renu, a dedicated research scholar from the Department of Social Work at Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV), is currently pursuing her Ph.D. on the topic “Scope of School Social Work Practice in Inclusive Education: A Study of Government Schools in Haryana.”



She has a rich academic background, having completed her graduation from Kurukshetra University, a B.Ed. from Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, and a Master of Social Work (MSW) from BPSMV. Her academic excellence is demonstrated by her successful qualification of the National Eligibility Test (NET) and Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) on two occasions. With two years of field, research, and academic experience, Renu has developed a profound understanding of school systems, teacher challenges, and student issues related to academics, behavior, emotions, and social development through her research data collection efforts. Renu has written two original research papers, focusing on school education, sustainability, and issues related to children. She has presented three research papers at various conferences and has actively participated in multiple workshops, seminars, and conferences in both online and offline modes. Her areas of interest include School Social Work, issues faced by school children, environmental concerns, support for persons with disabilities, and adolescent development. Renu is deeply committed to advancing the field of inclusive education and social work practice, with the goal of making a meaningful impact on the lives of students and communities in Haryana.



Work at Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV) in Sonapat. She holds a degree in Science and Education from the Regional Institute of Education, Bhopal, and a Master's in Social Work from BPSMV, where she was honored as a gold medallist. Kritika is also N.E.T qualified. She has been an NCC (National Cadet Corps) Cadet and is a “C” certificated holder in NCC.

With eight years of experience in the prison sector, Kritika has worked closely with prisoners, their families, and prisons staff. She contributed to the Antarkranti Project of Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan, a spiritual and social organization focused on reformation and rehabilitation for prisoners. Kritika's profound interest in spirituality has not only enriched her personal growth but has also informed her professional journey. Her research focuses on “Exploring the Spiritual Dimension in Social Work Education and Practice in India,” inspired by her experiences in the reformation of prisoners through spirituality. An accomplished writer, Kritika maintains a personal blog covering a diverse range of topics with a purpose to present a different perspective on unique topics like —from challenging beauty myths and advocating compassion towards birds, to reflecting on spiritual journeys, and examining the impact of COVID-19 on festival celebrations. Additionally, she served as a Regional Coordinator for the Saksham Praman Project at Aditi Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi, for eight months. Saksham Pramaan is a Targeted Interventions and Link Worker Scheme Evaluation for National AIDS Control Programme (NACP).

Ms. Deepa Kadiyan is currently a research scholar at the Department of Social Work, Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV), Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat, Haryana. She is pursuing a Ph.D. focusing on "Entrepreneurship in Dairy Farming by the Women of Marginalized Sections in Haryana." She holds a Bachelor's degree from Hemavati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University and two postgraduate degrees—M.Com from Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar, and MSW from BPSMV. In 2022, she qualified for the NET JRF in Social Work, which



allowed her to further her academic journey. Prior to pursuing her Ph.D., Deepa worked as a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer in a project run by the Haryana government under the National AIDS Control Society. This role gave her invaluable field experience and insights into social issues, particularly those related to health. Her research and academic journey have been greatly supported by her supervisor, Dr. Gian Mehra, under whose guidance she continues to explore new areas in the field of social work. During her MSW, she was actively involved in organizing awareness programs in rural areas and learned the practical applications of social work theories. She finds her experience at BPSMV enriching both personally and professionally, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to grow as a scholar and practitioner.



Ms. Arti is a dedicated research scholar in the Department of Social Work at Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV), currently pursuing her Ph.D. on 'Agricultural Women of Haryana.' She began her academic journey with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Work from Aditi Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi, and later completed her Master of Social Work (MSW) from BPSMV. Arti has achieved the remarkable feat of qualifying for the UGC NET examination three times, demonstrating her strong academic foundation.

Her research journey has been fueled by a deep passion for social work and a desire to contribute to the empowerment of rural women in Haryana's agricultural sector. Before starting her Ph.D., Arti gained valuable practical experience through a one-year stint with Childline 1098, where she addressed critical issues such as child marriage, child trafficking, and child beggars. She also worked with MDD of India, an NGO focused on child protection, for one year.

During her MSW, she completed fieldwork in Khanpur Kalan village, engaging with Self-Help Groups, and working on women empowerment initiatives, as well as health and sanitation programs at the school level. Arti also has online internship experience with Indus Action NGO during the COVID-19 pandemic. She has actively participated in national-level workshops and conferences, always seeking to expand her knowledge and skills. Her journey reflects her unwavering commitment to learning and making a meaningful impact through social work.

Ms. Anita, a resident of Kanheli village in Rohtak, Haryana, has dedicated her life to social work from a young age. Her passion for helping others led her to a 15-year association with the "Make The Future of Country Educational Society" (MTFC), where she serves as a core team member. MTFC focuses on educating underprivileged children, ensuring they have access to mainstream education free of cost. One of its key initiatives is enrolling children in government schools and providing transportation to prevent dropouts. Her efforts earned her the Best District Youth Award from Nehru Yuva Kendra in 2020-2021.



Driven by her commitment to social work, Anita completed a Master of Social Work (MSW) from IGNOU University, further equipping her with the skills to address social issues. Currently, she is pursuing her Ph.D. at Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV), where her research focuses on improving the quality of life for slum dwellers. Although her specific topic is still being developed, her aim is to find sustainable solutions to enhance living conditions in slums. Looking forward, Anita is excited to be part of the organizing team for the 12th Indian Social Work Conference in 2024, eager to engage with social work professionals and contribute to the event's success.

Ms. Jyoti is a research scholar in 'Social Work, at department of social work, Bhagat Phool Singh, Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Khanpur Kalan, District Sonapat. She is CTET (PRT) Qualified, CNM (Certificate of NGO Management), NET JRF (Qualified). She was a member of NSS (National Social Services), along with other volunteers in her graduation. On the research front, she has presented a paper at the International Conference, organized by the University Engineering College, at M.D. University, Rohtak. However, she is keenly interested in social services of varied nature, particularly for the rural areas; are expected to pave the way for build up a practical framework to prove a helping hand to the poor, particularly the villagers, belonged to BPL (Below Poverty Line) to raise their socio-economic status for their sustainable living. She has also worked in 'Panch Nand-Welcome Foundation, a noted NGO, which work on voluntary health services, which are rendered particularly for the patients for the village community.



THANKS TO OUR BENEFACTORS

The alumni of the Department of Social Work at BPSMV, Sonipat, Haryana, play an indispensable role in supporting the 12th Indian Social Work Conference (ISWC) at BPSMV, reflecting their deep commitment to both the event and the advancement of the social work profession in India. Their generous contributions, whether financial or through knowledge sharing, are pivotal in achieving the larger objectives of the conference.

The alumni's support will foster the growth of the social work profession through intellectual engagement among academics, researchers, practitioners, and students. This, in turn, will further strengthen NAPSWI's efforts to gain greater recognition for social work as a profession. The significant contributions from our alumni underscore the strength of the Social Work Department at BPSMV. Although a relatively new department in a rural setting, it has successfully nurtured financially independent women and professional social workers.

Their continued support will foster long-term collaboration with NAPSWI and open up opportunities for future social work students, particularly by enabling scholarships for those in need. We proudly acknowledge and deeply appreciate the unwavering dedication of our esteemed alumni, whose commitment has been instrumental in making this conference a meaningful, impactful, and memorable event. Their involvement bridges the gap between academia and professional practice, advancing the growth and empowerment of future social work practitioners.



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Viswa Yuvak Kendra

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) is a non-government service-oriented voluntary organisation established in 1961. Former Prime Minister Shri Morarji Desai was the founder Chairman whereas Shri Ramkrishna Bajaj was the founder Managing Trustee. Since its inception, it has been imparting training and capacitating youth in various fields such as agriculture, entrepreneurship, environment, NGO capacity building, women and youth empowerment, contributing to SDGs and nation-building initiatives. The organization is engaged in nurturing the talent of youth right from its inception and also inculcating values of being responsible citizens equipped with the requisite leadership attributes and enabling them to become change agents of socio-economic transformation.

Mission: create opportunities for youth leadership and development through mobilization, capacity building and through regional cooperation and stakeholder partnership.

Vision: self-reliant and jubilant youth towards and inclusive, prosperous, progressive and its society.

Goals: capacity enhancement and collectivization of youth, so as to enable them in effective contribution towards nation building process.

Viswa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) is an organization focused on youth development, empowerment, and community service. It aims to harness the potential of young people by promoting leadership skills, social responsibility, and cultural awareness.

Key areas of their work include:

1. **Education and Skill Development:** VYK organizes training programs, workshops, and seminars to enhance skills and educational opportunities for youth.
2. **Cultural Programs:** They often conduct events and activities that promote cultural heritage, fostering a sense of identity and community among young people.
3. **Social Initiatives:** The organization engages in various social service activities, addressing issues like health, environmental conservation, and poverty alleviation.
4. **Leadership Development:** VYK focuses on cultivating leadership qualities in youth through various programs, encouraging them to take active roles in their communities.
5. **Networking and Collaboration:** They collaborate with other organizations, NGOs, and educational institutions to maximize impact and reach.

Overall, Viswa Yuvak Kendra aims to empower the youth to become proactive, responsible citizens who contribute positively to society.



Vishwa Yuvak Kendra







Babita Phogat: A Champion of Indian wrestling

Babita Kumari Phogat, born on January 20, 1989, is a celebrated Indian freestyle wrestler renowned for her extraordinary achievements in the sport.

Hailing from the illustrious Phogat family of Haryana, Babita has made significant contributions to Indian wrestling, inspiring countless young athletes, particularly women, to pursue their dreams in sports. With her dedication and perseverance, she has carved a niche for herself, showcasing exceptional talent on both national and international stages.

Babita's wrestling journey began early in her life, influenced by her family's rich wrestling tradition. She gained national prominence after winning a silver medal at the 2010 Commonwealth Games, marking her as one of India's top wrestlers in the 53-55 kg category. Her impressive performance caught the attention of sports enthusiasts and paved the way for her future achievements. Babita's career reached new heights in 2012 when she secured a bronze medal at the World Championships, becoming the second Indian female wrestler to do so, following in the footsteps of her sister Geeta Phogat.

One of Babita's most notable achievements came in 2014 when she won the gold medal at the Commonwealth Games held in Glasgow, Scotland. This victory solidified her dominance in women's wrestling and marked a significant milestone in her career. Babita scored the winning point in a thrilling final match against her opponent, reinforcing her reputation as a formidable competitor. Her success at the Commonwealth Games not only elevated her status but also inspired many young girls across India to take up wrestling, contributing to the growth of women's sports in the country.

In 2016, Babita qualified for the Rio Olympics after her opponent failed a dope test in the qualifying tournament, allowing her to represent India on the global stage. She became the third and final entry from India in women's wrestling, competing alongside her sister Vinesh Phogat. Although she faced tough competition in Rio, her determination and resilience made her a key figure in the Indian wrestling contingent.

Babita Phogat's legacy extends beyond her individual accomplishments. She has played a vital role in breaking barriers for women in sports, particularly in Haryana, where traditional gender norms often restrict female participation in athletics. Through her journey, she has demonstrated that with hard work and dedication, women can excel in fields traditionally dominated by men. Her achievements have not only brought attention to women's wrestling but have also challenged societal perceptions regarding women in sports.

Today, Babita Phogat is celebrated as one of India's finest wrestlers, and her influence continues to inspire young athletes, especially girls from rural backgrounds. She embodies the spirit of resilience and determination, proving that success is attainable despite societal constraints. Babita's story is a testament to the power of perseverance and the importance of female representation in sports, making her a true champion of Indian wrestling and a role model for future generations.



Chand Bai: A Pioneer of Women's Participation in India's Freedom Struggle



Chand Bai of Hisar, Haryana, was a remarkable figure in India's freedom struggle, standing out as one of the earliest women in the region to actively resist British rule. Her journey began as the supportive wife of Babu Shyamlal, a well-known freedom fighter, but she soon carved out her own role in the fight for independence. Her involvement in the Non-Cooperation Movement made her a trailblazer, challenging the deeply entrenched social norms of the time, which largely confined women to domestic roles. Chand Bai's courageous participation in the movement exemplifies how women contributed significantly to India's freedom struggle, often at great personal risk.

Born into a traditional family, Chand Bai grew up in an era when societal expectations limited women's involvement in public or political life. However, as the wife of a respected freedom fighter, she was exposed to the growing nationalistic fervor and began to realize the importance of India's struggle for independence. Inspired by the ideals of the movement, particularly the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, Chand Bai quickly transitioned from being a supporter to an active participant in the Non-Cooperation Movement.

Launched in 1920 by Gandhi, the Non-Cooperation Movement called for a nationwide boycott of British goods, institutions, and laws. At the time, women's participation in public life, especially in political movements, was rare, making Chand Bai's decision to join the cause a bold and revolutionary step. Her involvement not only marked a personal risk—given the potential for imprisonment and violence—but also symbolized a break from the cultural barriers that traditionally kept women out of such activities. By becoming the first woman in Hisar to join the Non-Cooperation Movement, she set a powerful example, inspiring many other women in the region to step forward and engage in the freedom struggle.

Chand Bai's contributions to the independence movement were fraught with challenges. In early 20th-century India, women faced significant social and political obstacles, with patriarchal norms often discouraging or outright forbidding their involvement in such activities. Yet, despite these barriers, Chand Bai's resolve never faltered. Her determination to contribute to the nation's freedom, even in the face of personal and societal resistance, demonstrated her exceptional courage. In addition to social challenges, she also faced the very real threat of imprisonment, as British authorities frequently cracked down on participants in the Non-Cooperation Movement. Nevertheless, she continued to embody the spirit of non-violent resistance that Gandhi championed.

Chand Bai's participation had a profound impact not only on Hisar but also on the broader Indian independence movement. Her leadership encouraged many other women in the region to join the struggle, helping to break traditional cultural norms that limited their roles in society. By stepping into the political arena, Chand Bai helped redefine the role of women in the fight for independence, ensuring that their voices and contributions would not go unheard.

Her legacy is one of bravery, determination, and sacrifice. Though her story may not be as widely known as those of prominent figures like Mahatma Gandhi or Jawaharlal Nehru, her contributions are no less significant. She represents the countless unsung heroines of India's freedom movement, whose courage helped shape the course of the nation's history. Chand Bai's life serves as a powerful reminder of the essential role that women played in the struggle for independence, paving the way for future generations to take on leadership roles in public and political life.

In recognition of her remarkable contributions, Chand Bai's story continues to inspire new generations of women to engage in social and political activism, ensuring that their voices are heard in the ongoing pursuit



Deepa Malik: A Trailblazer in Para-Athletics



Deepa Malik is an esteemed Indian para-athlete and a symbol of courage, determination, and resilience. Born on September 30, 1970, in Sonapat, Haryana, her life took an extraordinary turn when a medical condition left her paralyzed from the waist down at the age of 30. Instead of succumbing to adversity, Deepa transformed her life and became one of India's most accomplished para-athletes, notably becoming the first Indian woman to win a Paralympic medal by securing silver in the shot put at the 2016 Rio Paralympics.

Born into an army family, Deepa's upbringing instilled discipline and resilience, shaping her character and approach to challenges. Her life changed dramatically when she was diagnosed with a spinal tumor, leading to paralysis after undergoing surgery. The ordeal involved three spinal surgeries and a staggering 183 stitches between her shoulder blades. While this traumatic experience could have derailed her dreams, Deepa was determined to redefine her life and not let physical limitations define her.

Embracing the world of sports, Deepa became an advocate for para-athletics in India, inspiring countless others to overcome their own hurdles. She underwent extensive rehabilitation, which fueled her determination not only to survive but to thrive. Deepa Malik's list of achievements is extensive and impressive. Her most notable accomplishment came in 2016 when she won the silver medal in the F-53 shot put event at the Rio Paralympics, marking a historic moment as the first Indian woman to secure a medal at the Paralympic Games.

In addition to her Paralympic success, Deepa has garnered numerous accolades at various national and international events. In 2011, she claimed two gold medals at the IPC World Athletics Championship in shot put and javelin throw. The following year, she made history by becoming the first paraplegic woman in India to receive a license for rally driving, participating in the challenging Raid De Himalaya rally. In 2018, she won a gold medal in the F-53/54 javelin event at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Dubai. Deepa's talents extend beyond athletics; she has also competed in swimming, participating in international competitions and setting records for her country.

Deepa Malik's remarkable achievements have been recognized with numerous awards and honors. In 2017, she was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian award, for her contributions to sports. Additionally, she received the Arjuna Award in 2012, which is given to outstanding Indian athletes. Her accomplishments in both sports and advocacy for differently-abled individuals have established her as a national icon.

In 2019, Deepa was elected President of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), where she became a strong voice for para-athletes in the country. She tirelessly works to promote inclusivity in sports and encourages more people with disabilities to participate in athletics. Deepa Malik's journey from adversity to success serves as an inspiration, exemplifying how determination and resilience can lead to remarkable achievements. Her legacy continues to motivate and empower individuals facing challenges, making her a true trailblazer in para-athletics



Geeta Phogat: A Trailblazer in Indian Wrestling



Geeta Phogat, born on December 15, 1988, in the village of Balali in the Bhiwani district of Haryana, is a pioneering figure in Indian sports. Renowned for her achievements in wrestling, Geeta has also become an icon for breaking societal barriers, particularly for women in India. Her journey from a small village to the global stage is an inspiring tale of perseverance and determination, making her a symbol of empowerment for young girls across the nation. Beyond her athletic prowess, Geeta has emerged as a prominent advocate for gender equality and resilience in the face of adversity, using her platform to inspire change.

Growing up in Haryana, a region often characterized by its patriarchal norms, Geeta faced significant challenges in pursuing her passion for wrestling. In a society where women's ambitions are frequently curtailed, she was fortunate to have a father who defied traditional expectations. Mahavir Singh Phogat, a former wrestler himself, recognized the potential in his daughters and took the bold step of training them in a sport predominantly occupied by men. This decision was revolutionary in a culture that often discouraged female participation in physically demanding activities.

Under Mahavir's guidance, Geeta and her sisters engaged in rigorous training, waking up at dawn to practice on the makeshift akhadas (wrestling arenas) he built for them. The training sessions were intense, demanding not only physical strength but also mental resilience. Despite the challenges and resistance from their community, Mahavir's unwavering belief in his daughters' capabilities fostered an environment of determination and ambition. This foundation of support and encouragement was crucial in shaping Geeta into the formidable athlete she would become.

Geeta's hard work and perseverance began to pay off when she represented India at various national and international wrestling competitions. Her most significant achievement came in 2010 when she made history by winning India's first-ever gold medal in wrestling at the Commonwealth Games held in New Delhi. This groundbreaking victory not only catapulted her into the national spotlight but also inspired countless young girls to pursue their dreams, regardless of societal constraints. Geeta's success marked a turning point in women's wrestling in India, challenging stereotypes and encouraging more female athletes to enter the sport. Her journey did not stop there; Geeta continued to excel on the international stage, earning a bronze medal at the 2012 World Wrestling Championships. She also represented India at the 2016 Rio Olympics, becoming a role model for aspiring wrestlers. Beyond her athletic achievements, Geeta has used her platform to advocate for gender equality, emphasizing the importance of education and empowerment for women. She speaks passionately about her experiences and encourages young girls to break free from societal limitations and pursue their aspirations.

Geeta Phogat's legacy transcends her accomplishments on the wrestling mat. She embodies the spirit of resilience and determination, proving that women can excel in any field, regardless of societal expectations. Her journey from a small village to becoming an international wrestling champion serves as an inspiration to countless individuals, particularly young girls in India. Geeta's story is a testament to the power of perseverance and the importance of challenging societal norms, making her a true trailblazer in Indian sports and a beacon of hope for future generations.



Kalpana Chawla: A Trailblazer in Space Exploration



Kalpana Chawla was a pioneering astronaut and aerospace engineer who made history as the first woman of Indian origin to travel to space. Born on March 17, 1962, in Karnal, Haryana, her fascination with flight and space exploration began at a young age. Her remarkable journey from a small town in India to the vastness of space has made her a symbol of perseverance, courage, and inspiration for millions around the world.

Chawla completed her early education in India, earning a degree in aeronautical engineering from Punjab Engineering College. Her ambition and thirst for knowledge led her to the United States, where she pursued a master's degree in aerospace engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington, followed by a Ph.D. in the same field from the University of Colorado Boulder. Her academic accomplishments and dedication paved the way for her selection as a NASA astronaut candidate in 1994.

In 1997, Kalpana Chawla made her first spaceflight aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia as a mission specialist and primary robotic arm operator. This historic mission made her the first woman of Indian origin to fly in space, garnering immense pride and recognition in India and worldwide. During her flight, Chawla conducted numerous scientific experiments, contributing significantly to space exploration and research.

Tragically, Kalpana Chawla's second mission aboard STS-107 Columbia in 2003 ended in disaster when the shuttle disintegrated upon re-entry into Earth's atmosphere, killing all seven crew members. Despite this devastating loss, Chawla's legacy as a trailblazer in space exploration remains undiminished. Her life continues to inspire generations of young people, particularly women, to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Chawla's dedication and contributions to space science have left an indelible mark on the world. She is celebrated as a national hero in India and an enduring symbol of the power of dreams, determination, and breaking barriers. Her legacy lives on through scholarships, awards, and institutions named in her honor, which encourage young minds to follow in her footsteps.

In addition to her remarkable achievements in aerospace, Chawla also recognized the transformative power of girls' education. She became the principal of Vishvavara Kanya Gurukul in Rohtak, a prestigious institution focused on providing traditional and value-based education to girls. Under her leadership, the gurukul has nurtured generations of empowered women, instilling values of self-reliance, discipline, and cultural heritage.

Kalpana Chawla's life exemplifies the importance of education and empowerment in breaking societal norms. Her journey serves as a powerful reminder that with resilience and dedication, one can achieve greatness. Her legacy continues to inspire efforts to advance women's roles in Indian society, ensuring that future generations of girls have the opportunity to dream big and reach for the stars.

Through her extraordinary achievements, Kalpana Chawla has not only made history but has also paved the way for countless others to follow their passions in science and exploration. Her story is a testament to the impact of perseverance, and her spirit will forever inspire those who dare to dream.



Keshni Anand Arora: A Trailblazer in Haryana's Bureaucracy



Keshni Anand Arora made history on Sunday as she took over as Haryana's Chief Secretary, following the retirement of D S Dhesi. A 1983-batch IAS officer, Keshni is the third sister from her family to hold this prestigious administrative position in the state, a unique achievement that no other family in India has accomplished.

Prior to her new role, Keshni served as the Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) in Haryana. With her retirement date set for September 30, 2020, she is expected to retain her position for over a year. Upon assuming office, Keshni expressed her commitment to good governance and transparency, stating, "I will focus on implementing flagship schemes of the central and state government, apart from working for inclusive growth." Keshni hails from a remarkable family; her eldest sister, Meenakshi Anand Chaudhary, a 1969-batch IAS officer, was Haryana's first female Chief Secretary, while her second sister, Urvashi Gulati, a 1975-batch IAS officer, also held the same position until 2012. Their father, Prof. J C Anand, was a Political Science professor at Panjab University, where all three sisters were his students.

Keshni's educational background is impressive. She topped the girls' section in the IAS batch of 1983 and holds an MBA from the University of Western Sydney, Australia. In 1990, she made headlines as the first female Deputy Commissioner in Haryana, taking charge of the administration in Yamunanagar. During her tenure, she significantly contributed to adult literacy initiatives through voluntary organizations and effectively managed law and order during the Mandal Commission agitation.

As Principal Secretary of Tourism, Keshni revolutionized the reservation process for Haryana Tourism by introducing an online system with a payment gateway, a model that was later adopted by other states and central government agencies. She also worked with the UIDAI as Deputy Director General at the Regional Office in Chandigarh, where she played a pivotal role in implementing Aadhaar across several states, linking it with essential services like LPG.

Keshni's efforts in facilitating Aadhaar-based Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes resulted in significant cost savings for the state, with officials noting that the state saved crores through the de-duplication of beneficiaries.

During her tenure as the Additional Chief Secretary (School Education), Keshni contributed to the development of an online Teachers Transfer Policy, a pioneering initiative in the country that has since been replicated in other states and organizations.

As the Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue), Keshni initiated several innovative e-governance projects, including e-registration of properties and mandatory e-stamping. Her diligent monitoring led to a record collection of ₹5,679.45 crore in registration fees and stamp duty in the financial year 2018-19, representing an increase of over 33% from the previous year, marking the highest collection in Haryana's history.

Keshni Anand Arora's journey reflects her dedication to public service and her role as a trailblazer for women in governance, inspiring future generations in Haryana and beyond.



Manu Bhaker: A Shooting Star in Indian Sports



Manu Bhaker, born on February 18, 2002, in Jhajjar, Haryana, has swiftly emerged as one of India's most successful female shooters. Renowned for her resilience and talent, she has achieved significant milestones in global shooting events, solidifying her position in Indian sports. Bhaker's journey into shooting began at the age of 14, following her participation in various athletic disciplines such as tennis and martial arts. However, it was her spontaneous decision to take up shooting in 2016, shortly after the Rio Olympics, that would change her life. A week after her initial experience, her supportive father, Ram Kishan Bhaker, bought her a sports pistol, marking the start of her extraordinary journey.

Bhaker's rise to prominence was remarkable. In 2017, she made headlines during the national shooting championships by defeating seasoned Olympian Heena Sidhu with a record-breaking score of 242.3 in the 10m air pistol final. This performance garnered attention, leading her to clinch a silver medal at the Asian Junior Championships later that year. However, it was in 2018 that Bhaker truly broke through. During her debut at the ISSF World Cup in Guadalajara, Mexico, she stunned the shooting community by winning the gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol event and breaking the junior world record in qualification rounds. With this achievement, she became the youngest Indian to win a gold medal at an ISSF World Cup and followed it with another gold in the mixed team event alongside Om Prakash Mitharval.

Continuing her success, Bhaker won the 10m air pistol gold at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia, setting a new Games record. Later that year, she made history at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires by becoming the first Indian shooter to win gold in the 10m air pistol event. This achievement established her as a rising star on the global stage.

In 2019, Bhaker's partnership with fellow shooter Saurabh Chaudhary led to a series of gold medals in the mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup, where they dominated the circuit. Their successful streak included gold at all three ISSF World Cups and the World Cup Final in China. Bhaker's stellar performance in Munich also secured her an Olympic quota spot for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

Despite facing a setback at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics due to a pistol malfunction, Bhaker rebounded at the Paris 2024 Olympics, making history by becoming the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal in shooting with a bronze in the women's 10m air pistol event. She further cemented her legacy by winning another bronze in the mixed team event with Sarabjot Singh, becoming the first athlete from independent India to win two medals at the same Olympic Games.

Manu Bhaker's journey is a testament to her dedication and resilience. Her rapid ascent in the sport has inspired a new generation of shooters in India, and her legacy continues to grow as one of the brightest stars in Indian sports history.



Mamta Kharab: A leader in Indian Women's Hockey



Mamta Kharab, born on January 26, 1982, in Rohtak, Haryana, is celebrated as one of India's foremost female hockey players. Often referred to as the "Dhyanchand of women's hockey," her remarkable skill and leadership have been pivotal in the revival and popularization of women's hockey in India. Her journey from a small town in Haryana to leading the national team to international success exemplifies her perseverance and unwavering dedication to the sport.

Growing up in a state renowned for its rich sports culture, particularly in wrestling and hockey, Kharab exhibited a keen interest in hockey from a young age. Her talent was quickly recognized by coaches, and she advanced through national training camps, marking the inception of her illustrious career in Indian hockey. Kharab's most significant achievements came in 2002, a landmark year for her career. She played a crucial role in the Indian women's hockey team that clinched the gold medal at the Asian Games in Busan, South Korea. Her crowning moment came when she scored the decisive goal in the final against South Korea, leading India to a thrilling 3-2 victory. This triumph was transformative for Indian women's hockey, elevating its status and inspiring a generation of young girls across the nation to embrace the sport.

In the same year, Kharab added another prestigious accolade by helping the Indian team secure a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England. Their hard-fought victory over England in the final further solidified her reputation as one of India's most formidable hockey players. Known for her aggressive playing style and ability to perform under pressure, Kharab was integral to these historic wins.

In recognition of her exceptional contributions to Indian sports, Mamta Kharab was awarded the Arjuna Award in 2003, one of the country's highest sporting honors. This award acknowledged her excellence on the international stage and her consistent performance throughout her career. As captain of the Indian women's hockey team, Kharab demonstrated remarkable leadership skills, inspiring her teammates and guiding them through numerous international tournaments. Her ability to lead by example earned her deep respect within the Indian hockey community.

Mamta Kharab's influence on Indian women's hockey extends far beyond her individual achievements. She broke barriers for women athletes in India, especially coming from Haryana, a state where women's participation in sports was often limited. Her accomplishments have helped to change societal perceptions and paved the way for many young women to pursue careers in sports.

Despite facing challenges, such as limited resources and support early in her career, Kharab's passion and determination propelled her to international success. Today, she is celebrated not only for her exceptional skill on the field but also for her role in empowering future generations of female athletes in India. Mamta Kharab's legacy continues to inspire young athletes, particularly girls from rural backgrounds, and she remains a symbol of resilience and excellence in Indian sports.



Meghna Malik: A Versatile Force in Indian Entertainment



Meghna Malik is a celebrated Indian actress and television personality known for her remarkable performances across various genres in the Indian entertainment industry. Born on October 3, 1980, in Sonipat, Haryana, she has carved a niche for herself in both television and film, earning accolades for her talent and dedication.

Growing up in Haryana, Meghna exhibited an early interest in the performing arts. She completed her schooling in her hometown before moving to Delhi for higher education, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Arts from the University of Delhi. Her passion for acting led her to the prestigious National School of Drama (NSD), where she received formal training and further developed her craft.

Meghna made her television debut in the early 2000s and quickly rose to prominence. She became a household name for her portrayal of Durga Thakur in the hit television series *Na Aana Is DesLaado*, which aired from 2007 to 2012. Her portrayal of a strong-willed woman fighting against social injustices resonated with audiences and showcased her ability to embody complex characters.

Following her success in *Na Aana Is DesLaado*, Meghna appeared in several other television shows that further established her talent. In *Ghar Ek Mandir*, she played a significant role in this family drama, and in *Kesar*, she showcased her range by portraying the character of Kesar. She also appeared in the popular soap opera *Kahaani GharGharKii*, adding to her repertoire of diverse roles. Her performances have often been noted for their emotional depth and resonance, earning her critical acclaim and a devoted fan following.

In addition to her television work, Meghna Malik has made her mark in films, showcasing her versatility as an actress. Some of her notable film appearances include *The Legend of Bhagat Singh*, where she played a supporting role in this critically acclaimed film, demonstrating her ability to perform in serious, historical narratives. In the blockbuster film *BajrangiBhaijaan*, she contributed to the film's emotional depth and overall success. Another noteworthy project is *Gurgaon*, a gripping thriller that allowed Meghna to explore darker themes and complex characters.

Meghna is known for her dedication to her craft and her ability to balance her professional and personal life. She emphasizes the importance of family and how it influences her career choices. Despite her success, she remains grounded and engages with her fans through social media, offering insights into her life and work. Throughout her career, Meghna Malik has received numerous awards and nominations for her performances, highlighting her contributions to both television and film. Her portrayal of strong female characters has inspired many aspiring actresses in the industry.

As Meghna continues to take on diverse roles and challenge herself as an actress, she remains an inspiration to many, embodying the spirit of resilience and creativity in Indian cinema. Her journey reflects the evolving landscape of women in the entertainment industry, breaking stereotypes and paving the way for future generations of actresses. With her remarkable performances and dedication, Meghna Malik has established herself as a respected figure in Indian entertainment, making a significant impact on the industry.



Milan Pandit: Champion of Child Welfare in Haryana



Milan Pandit has been a dedicated advocate for child welfare in Haryana, currently serving as the Nodal Child Welfare Officer at Bal Bhawan in Ambala since September 13, 1991. Her work is under the aegis of the Haryana State Council for Child Welfare, Chandigarh, where she has made significant strides in improving the lives of children in her community.

Milan boasts a strong academic foundation, holding a Master's in Social Work from Kurukshetra University, a B.Sc. in Home Science from Punjab University, Chandigarh, and a Ph.D. from Lucknow University. Her career began as a Probation Officer at Balkunj Chhachhrouli, a residential juvenile home in Yamuna Nagar, from December 1989 to June 1991, where she focused on rehabilitating juvenile offenders. Additionally, she served as a counselor at a drug addiction and alcoholism center in Kurukshetra, sponsored by the Ministry of Welfare, from April to December 1989, gaining invaluable experience in addiction counseling. Milan's commitment to her profession has not gone unnoticed. She was awarded a Gold Medal for securing the first position in her M.A. Social Work examination in 1989 from Kurukshetra University. Over the years, she has received multiple certificates of appreciation from the Governor of Haryana for her exceptional service in child welfare, as well as several Silver and Gold Medals for her contributions from 1992 to 2011. Local organizations, including the Rotary Club in Yamuna Nagar, have also recognized her dedication to the field. Beyond her professional accomplishments, Milan is actively involved in extracurricular activities and community service. She participated in a 50 km Environmental Awareness Cycle Rally, reflecting her commitment to sustainability and awareness. Her passion for sports is evident, as she has played basketball and table tennis at both school and college levels. In her roles as a Child Welfare Officer, Probation Officer, and Counselor, she has organized numerous welfare programs in slum areas and villages, focusing on uplifting marginalized communities. She has received women achiever award by honorable governor of Haryana in the year 2017 by IKJ care haryana. She's also dealing with Country & Inter Country Adoption, as A State Nodel Officer With CARA.

Milan's dedication to continuous learning is demonstrated by her participation in various camps and orientation courses organized by the Haryana State Council for Child Welfare, which have enhanced her skills in social work. She also has practical experience with the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) project in Ambala and worked at a blind school in the region for an academic session. During her block placement, she collaborated with CECOEDECON in Jaipur, focusing on community action and rural development projects.

Milan's disciplined lifestyle, shaped by fourteen years of strict hostel life, mirrors her dedication to social welfare and child protection. Her unwavering commitment to improving the lives of children in Haryana showcases her role as a champion of child welfare, making a lasting impact on her community and inspiring others in the field.



Sakshi Malik: A Pioneer in Indian Wrestling



Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik is a pioneer in women's wrestling, renowned for being the first Indian female wrestler to win an Olympic medal. Her historic achievement at the Rio 2016 Olympics not only transformed her career but also redefined perceptions of women in sports, making her a role model for future generations of female wrestlers. The bronze medal is a testament to her impressive career and remarkable achievements in wrestling.

Born on September 3, 1992, in the village of Mokhra in Rohtak district, Haryana, Sakshi was inspired by her grandfather, Subir Malik, a wrestler himself. This familial influence ignited her passion for the sport at an early age. At just 12 years old, she began training under Ishwar Dahiya. Her dedication and hard work quickly paid off; five years later, she won her first major accolade—a silver medal at the 2009 Asian Junior World Championships in the 59 kg freestyle category. This success was soon followed by a bronze medal at the 2010 World Junior Championships.

Sakshi continued to excel in her sport, claiming bronze at the 2013 Commonwealth Championships. In 2014, she competed in her first Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, where she secured a silver medal, narrowly losing to Nigeria's Aminat Adeniyi in the 58 kg final. In 2018, she added a second Commonwealth Games medal to her collection, achieving bronze in the 62 kg category.

However, Sakshi Malik's crowning achievement remains her Olympic bronze medal, which she won at the Rio 2016 Olympics in the 58 kg weight category. Her journey to the Olympics was not without challenges. After Geeta Phogat was provisionally suspended following a controversial forfeiture in Mongolia, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) turned to Sakshi. She secured her Olympic berth by defeating Zhang Lan of China in the semi-final of the Olympic World Qualifying Tournament.

Despite a setback against Russia's Valeria Koblova in the quarter-finals, Malik persevered, winning her repêchagematch against Mongolian Pürevdorjiin Orkhon. The stakes were high, especially after her fellow wrestler Vinesh Phogat suffered a knee injury during her quarter-final bout, seemingly dashing Indian hopes. Yet, Sakshi rose to the occasion, defeating reigning Asian Champion Aisuluu Tynybekova 8-5 to clinch the bronze medal, a moment that solidified her place in Indian sports history.

Throughout her career, Sakshi has been a consistent contender at the Asian Championships, earning three bronze medals and one silver from 2015 to 2019. Her achievements have inspired a new generation of female wrestlers, exemplified by Sonam Malik, who recently edged out Sakshi in the national women's wrestling trials, representing the future of Indian wrestling.

Today, Sakshi Malik is employed by the Indian Railways and is a part of the JSW Sports Excellence Program. She has also found personal happiness, marrying fellow Indian wrestler Satyawart Kadian and settling down in her hometown of Rohtak. Through her journey, Sakshi Malik continues to break barriers and champion the cause of women in sports, proving that with determination and resilience, anything is possible.



Santosh Yadav: Pioneering Mountaineer



Santosh Yadav is a trailblazing figure in mountaineering, celebrated for being the first woman to summit Mount Everest twice. Born in 1967 in the small village of Joniyawas, Rewari, Haryana, she grew up in a society where traditional gender roles often limited women's opportunities. Despite these societal constraints, Yadav pursued her education and later trained at the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM) in Uttarkashi, where she honed her skills as a climber.

In 1992, Yadav achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first Indian woman to conquer Mount Everest. Her determination and grit paved the way for her to return to the summit just a year later, making her the first woman in the world to reach the peak twice. This second ascent not only demonstrated her physical strength but also highlighted her bravery, as she selflessly shared her oxygen with a fellow climber in distress, ultimately saving their life. This act of compassion underscored her belief in camaraderie and support within the challenging world of mountaineering.

Beyond her remarkable climbing achievements, Santosh Yadav is a passionate advocate for environmental conservation. Having witnessed firsthand the pollution and environmental degradation on Everest, she has become a prominent voice for sustainable mountaineering practices. Her advocacy emphasizes the need to protect the fragile ecosystems of the Himalayas, drawing attention to the environmental challenges faced by these majestic mountains. Yadav's commitment to conservation showcases her belief that the beauty of nature must be preserved for future generations.

Yadav's accomplishments have made her a symbol of perseverance, courage, and the breaking of barriers, especially in a field historically dominated by men. She has consistently emphasized the importance of education, self-confidence, and the need for women to pursue their dreams without fear. By sharing her journey, she inspires countless individuals to challenge societal norms and strive for their goals, regardless of the obstacles they may face.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements and her pioneering role in women's empowerment, Santosh Yadav was awarded the Padma Shri in 2000. This prestigious honor celebrates her contributions not only to mountaineering but also to the empowerment of women in sports and beyond. Her legacy serves as a powerful reminder that resilience, dedication, and a commitment to one's values can break through barriers and create a lasting impact on society.

Santosh Yadav's life and career embody the spirit of adventure and the drive for social change. Through her extraordinary achievements and advocacy, she continues to inspire future generations of climbers and activists, proving that with determination and courage, it is possible to reach great heights and make a meaningful difference in the world. Her story is a testament to the transformative power of following one's passions and using that journey to uplift others.



Savitri Jindal- Leader of Jindal Group



Savitri Jindal, a prominent Indian businesswoman and politician, is best known as the chairperson of the Jindal Group, a vast conglomerate with interests in steel, power, mining, and infrastructure. As the matriarch of one of India's wealthiest and most influential families, she has made significant contributions to business, politics, and social welfare, particularly in her home state of Haryana.

Born on March 20, 1950, into a traditional Indian family, Savitri Jindal married Om Prakash Jindal, an industrialist and the founder of the Jindal Group. For much of her early life, she focused on her family, raising nine children while supporting her husband's growing business. Her life changed drastically in 2005 when Om Prakash Jindal tragically died in a helicopter crash. Despite having no prior experience in managing a business, Savitri Jindal stepped into the role of leading the Jindal empire, taking on the immense responsibility of overseeing the company's operations.

Under her leadership, the Jindal Group continued to grow, particularly in steel production and energy. Savitri Jindal, although relatively new to the corporate world at the time, provided strategic oversight and helped the company maintain its upward trajectory. Her ability to adapt and lead in the face of personal loss has made her an iconic figure in the world of business. Even today, she remains deeply involved in the company, guiding its strategic direction and representing the Jindal family in public matters.

Beyond the business world, Savitri Jindal has also carved out a significant role in Indian politics. Following in her late husband's footsteps, she entered the political arena and was elected to the Haryana Legislative Assembly, representing the Hisar constituency. Her political career is largely driven by her commitment to continuing her husband's work, as he was not only a successful businessman but also a politician and former minister in the Haryana government. In politics, Savitri Jindal has focused on key issues such as social welfare, women's empowerment, and rural development. Her dedication to improving the lives of those in her community has earned her considerable respect.

Savitri Jindal's influence extends beyond the business and political spheres. She has been consistently ranked among India's wealthiest individuals and is often listed as one of the richest women in the world. Despite her immense wealth and power, she remains dedicated to using her platform to advocate for social change, particularly in Haryana. Her efforts in advancing women's rights, improving education, and promoting rural development have had a lasting impact on her state.

Savitri Jindal's story is one of resilience, leadership, and transformation. From a homemaker to one of India's most powerful women, her journey reflects her strength and determination to not only sustain but also expand a massive business empire in the wake of personal tragedy. Simultaneously, she has made a significant mark in politics and social welfare, proving that true leadership lies in both business acumen and a commitment to social change. Her legacy continues to inspire, showing that success can be achieved through dedication and a vision for a better society.



Subhasini Devi: Advocate for Women's Education and Empowerment



Subhasini Devi, daughter of the renowned social reformer Bhagat Phool Singh, is a pivotal figure in the movement for women's education and empowerment in India. Born into a family dedicated to social reform, Subhasini has spent her life furthering her father's mission, particularly advocating for the education and empowerment of women and girls. Bhagat Phool Singh, known for his progressive ideals, founded BPS Mahila

Vishwavidyalaya, the first women's university in North India, setting a foundation for women's higher education. Subhasini Devi, inspired by her father's vision, has played an instrumental role in ensuring that women have access to the educational opportunities necessary for achieving independence and social equity.

After completing her education, Subhasini became deeply involved in various initiatives aimed at improving access to education for girls, particularly in rural and underserved regions. She has worked tirelessly to dismantle barriers that restrict women from obtaining quality education, believing that education is a fundamental right and a critical tool for empowerment. Her initiatives have focused on creating pathways for young women to pursue their potential, through scholarships, vocational training programs, and providing necessary resources. Her dedication to these efforts has allowed countless women to access opportunities that would have otherwise remained out of reach.

In addition to advocating for improved educational access, Subhasini has organized awareness campaigns and workshops to highlight the broader significance of women's education. She recognizes that educated women play a key role in the development of their communities and contribute significantly to the economy. For her, education is not just a means of personal advancement, but a catalyst for societal transformation. By empowering women through education, Subhasini believes that society as a whole can progress toward greater equality and prosperity.

Her advocacy extends far beyond education. Subhasini has also been a vocal proponent of gender equality, women's health, and social justice. She has worked with various organizations to address these pressing issues and has supported policies that advance women's rights. Her holistic approach to women's empowerment demonstrates her belief that true empowerment comes from addressing a range of challenges women face in society. Through her leadership, she has fostered an environment of growth and resilience for women.

Under Subhasini Devi's guidance, BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya has grown into a beacon of hope for young women across the region. The university, once a radical idea in a conservative society, now thrives as a place where women are encouraged to pursue academic success and personal growth. It continues to break stereotypes and challenge traditional norms, providing women with the tools to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

Subhasini Devi's contributions to women's education and empowerment are a testament to her unwavering dedication to her father's legacy. Through her advocacy and leadership, she has inspired countless women to chase their dreams and has played a vital role in advancing gender equality in India. Her life's work underscores the transformative power of education and the essential role women play in shaping a brighter, more equitable future for the country.



Sucheta Kriplani: A Pioneering Leader in India's Freedom Struggle and Politics



Sucheta Kriplani (1908–1974) was a pioneering Indian freedom fighter and politician, renowned for her immense contributions to India's independence movement and for becoming the first woman Chief Minister of an Indian state. Her life and legacy are marked by her dedication to public service, advocacy for women's rights, and crucial role in shaping India's post-independence political landscape.

Born on June 25, 1908, in Ambala, Punjab, Sucheta came from a Bengali family with strong intellectual traditions. She was educated at Indraprastha College and later at St. Stephen's College in Delhi, where she earned a degree in History. Initially pursuing a career in teaching, she became a professor at Banaras Hindu University. However, her desire to contribute to India's fight for independence soon led her to join the nationalist movement.

Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence and civil disobedience, Sucheta Kriplani became actively involved in the Indian National Congress and the freedom movement. Her leadership abilities were evident early on, as she played a significant role in organizing protests and mobilizing women to join the independence struggle.

During the Quit India Movement in 1942, Sucheta worked alongside other prominent leaders, often risking arrest. Her contributions during the partition of India in 1947 were particularly noteworthy, as she worked to maintain peace and assist refugees, especially in Delhi. Her tireless efforts to restore harmony in the capital city during this tumultuous period were widely acknowledged.

After India gained independence, Sucheta Kriplani transitioned into the political arena, continuing to break barriers for women in leadership. She was elected to the Constituent Assembly of India, where she contributed to drafting the Indian Constitution, advocating for women's rights and social justice, ensuring that the Constitution reflected these values.

In 1952, she was elected to the Lok Sabha, representing New Delhi, and later became a prominent member of the Indian National Congress. Her most significant political achievement came in 1963 when she was appointed Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, becoming the first woman in India to hold this position. During her tenure, she focused on social welfare, rural development, and labor reforms, and is remembered for her firm leadership during a 62-day strike by state employees.

Sucheta Kriplani's legacy as a trailblazer for women in politics and as a dedicated freedom fighter remains an enduring inspiration. She paved the way for future generations of women leaders in India and continues to be remembered for her contributions to nation-building and governance. Her life exemplifies resilience, courage, and an unwavering commitment to the service of the nation, making her a significant figure in India's history.



Dr. Sukama Acharya: A Beacon of Spiritualism and Women's Empowerment



Honored with the Padma Shri in 2023, Dr. Sukama Acharya has significantly impacted spiritualism and women's empowerment in India. Originating from Akupur village in Jhajjar district, Haryana, Dr. Acharya has dedicated her life to promoting the values of Arya Samaj, particularly in women's education and social reform. Her relentless efforts to uplift society through spiritual teachings and educational initiatives have garnered her recognition across the nation.

The Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian award, recognizes individuals for their distinguished service in various fields, including art, social work, and public affairs. Dr. Acharya's award, received in the spiritualism category, underscores her commitment to ethical values and empowering marginalized communities. Her life's work embodies the principles of Arya Samaj, a reformist movement founded by Swami Dayanand Saraswati that champions gender equality, education, and the elimination of social injustices.

Dr. Acharya's journey in advocating for female education is particularly noteworthy. Raised in a family that valued education and the teachings of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, she developed a passion for enhancing women's access to education, especially in rural areas. She understood that education is not merely a pathway to personal development but a powerful tool for women to transcend traditional societal barriers. Her initiatives to boost literacy among rural women have transformed lives, empowering them with the knowledge and confidence to pursue their aspirations and contribute positively to their communities.

Central to Dr. Acharya's mission is the belief that spiritual and societal growth are interconnected. She instills ethical values in her students, fostering a sense of responsibility and self-empowerment. Her work aligns with Arya Samaj's goal of societal reform, emphasizing education as a means to uplift marginalized groups. By providing rural women with educational opportunities, she has opened doors for them to improve their lives and those around them.

Dr. Acharya's dedication to women's education and spiritual upliftment has been recognized nationally with the Padma Shri. In 2023, she was one of 106 honorees, alongside fellow Haryanvi Bakshi Ram. This prestigious accolade not only highlights her personal achievements but also reflects the broader impact of her efforts in advancing social and spiritual reform. As a role model, she exemplifies how spiritual leadership can catalyze positive societal change.

Her work continues to inspire future generations in spiritualism and social work. By championing education, ethical values, and spiritual growth, Dr. Sukama Acharya illustrates that meaningful change arises from a commitment to both personal and community empowerment. Her legacy of resilience, service, and transformation leaves an indelible mark on the lives of many, particularly rural women.



Sumitra Devi Rewadi: A Champion of Women's Empowerment and Social Reform in Haryana



Sumitra Devi Rewadi is a prominent advocate for social reform and women's empowerment in Haryana, India. Hailing from Rewari district, her early experiences ignited a passion for addressing the challenges faced by marginalized communities, particularly women. Her journey is defined by courage, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to social justice.

Growing up in a traditional family, Sumitra witnessed the socio-economic hardships that women and children often endured. These experiences fueled her determination to advocate for change. Recognizing education as a powerful tool for empowerment, she pursued her studies diligently, which laid the groundwork for her future endeavors in social work.

Sumitra's commitment to social reform became evident as she engaged in community service. She founded initiatives aimed at empowering women in her region, prioritizing education, health, and economic independence. Her grassroots activism, combined with a focus on policy advocacy, aimed to create a supportive environment for women to thrive.

Understanding that education is pivotal for women's empowerment, Sumitra launched programs to promote literacy among girls and women. She organized workshops and awareness campaigns, urging families to prioritize education for their daughters. These efforts successfully broke down societal barriers and increased girls' enrollment in schools, enhancing educational opportunities in the region.

In addition to education, Sumitra has been instrumental in providing vocational training to women, equipping them with skills for economic independence. Her programs have taught skills such as tailoring, handicrafts, and entrepreneurship, enabling women to contribute financially to their households and become self-sufficient.

Sumitra has also prioritized improving health awareness among women and children. She has organized health camps, maternal health programs, and nutritional awareness sessions to tackle issues related to women's health. By educating women about their health rights and providing access to healthcare services, she has significantly impacted maternal and child health in her community.

Beyond her initiatives, Sumitra has been a vocal advocate for policy changes benefiting women and marginalized communities. Collaborating with government bodies and non-governmental organizations, she has worked to influence policies related to women's rights, education, and health. Her advocacy has highlighted critical issues such as domestic violence, child marriage, and gender discrimination, pushing for legal reforms and protective measures for vulnerable populations.

Her unwavering dedication has earned Sumitra recognition both locally and nationally. She has received numerous awards for her contributions to women's empowerment and social reform, inspiring others to engage in social work. Sumitra Devi Rewadi stands as a beacon of hope in the fight for women's rights and social justice, advocating for education, health, and economic independence, thereby fostering a broader movement toward gender equality in Haryana.



Sushma Swaraj: A Pioneering Leader in Indian Politics



Sushma Swaraj was a highly esteemed Indian politician known for her exceptional oratory skills, leadership, and dedication to public service. Born on February 14, 1952, in Ambala, Haryana, she made significant contributions to Indian politics, particularly as a prominent member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Growing up in a politically active family, Swaraj developed a passion for public affairs early on. She completed her schooling in Ambala and earned a Bachelor's degree in Arts from Panjab University, Chandigarh. During her college years, she became involved in student politics by joining the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), the student wing of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). She later obtained a Bachelor's degree in Law, which laid the groundwork for her political career.

Swaraj's political journey began in the late 1970s when she joined the Janata Party, quickly rising to prominence as a member of the Haryana Legislative Assembly. In 1980, she joined the BJP, demonstrating her commitment to the party's ideology and objectives.

Throughout her career, Swaraj held several important ministerial positions in both state and central governments. She served as the Minister of Information and Broadcasting in 1988 and later as the Minister of Health and Family Welfare, where she implemented initiatives to improve healthcare services and raise public health awareness.

From 2009 to 2014, Swaraj was the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, gaining respect across party lines for her articulate speeches and effective challenges to the ruling government. In 2014, she made history by becoming the first woman to hold the position of Minister of External Affairs in the Narendra Modi government. During her tenure, she played a vital role in strengthening India's foreign relations and enhancing its global standing, particularly known for her swift and compassionate responses to Indian citizens in distress abroad.

Sushma Swaraj's legacy is marked by her commitment to public service and her ability to connect with people. She was admired for her approachable nature and frequently used social media to address citizens' concerns, earning her the nickname "People's Minister." A strong advocate for women's empowerment and social justice, she consistently emphasized the importance of women's participation in politics, inspiring many to pursue careers in this field.

Married to Swaraj Kaushal, a lawyer and politician, Swaraj balanced her demanding political career with family life.

Her journey from a young activist to a prominent leader exemplifies her dedication and resilience in advocating for the welfare of the nation. Sushma Swaraj's contributions to governance, particularly in foreign affairs, along with her advocacy for women's rights, have left an enduring impact on Indian society. She is remembered as a pioneering leader and compassionate figure, inspiring future generations of politicians to embody the values of integrity, service, and dedication to the nation.



Saina Nehwal: A Trailblazer in Indian Badminton



Saina Nehwal, born on March 17, 1990, in Hisar, Haryana, is one of India's most iconic athletes and a symbol of resilience in sports. Her journey from a small town to the global badminton arena reflects perseverance and determination, making her a source of inspiration for many. As the first Indian woman to achieve several milestones in badminton, Saina has played a pivotal role in inspiring a new generation of players.

Saina's passion for badminton began at an early age, nurtured in a sports-loving family where her mother, Usha Nehwal, was a state-level player. After moving to Hyderabad, Saina trained under the guidance of Nani Prasad Rao and later the esteemed Pullela Gopichand, who was crucial in shaping her career. Her rigorous training and unwavering dedication led to significant early achievements, including winning the Asian Satellite Badminton Tournament in 2006 at just 16 years old, marking her as a rising star in Indian sports.

Her international career took off in 2008 when she qualified for the Beijing Olympics, reaching the quarterfinals. Although she did not secure a medal, her performance garnered international recognition and set the stage for her future success. The defining moment in Saina's career came in 2009 when she won the Indonesia Open, becoming the first Indian woman to win a Super Series title. This victory marked the beginning of her journey as a global contender in badminton.

In 2010, Saina further solidified her legacy by winning the gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi, which made her a household name in India and spurred greater interest in badminton. She continued to excel, winning the Swiss Open and reaching the semifinals of the World Championships that same year.

The crowning achievement of Saina's career arrived in 2012 when she won a bronze medal at the London Olympics, becoming the first Indian badminton player to do so. This historic win elevated her status among the world's best players and helped place Indian badminton on the global map. However, like many top athletes, Saina faced challenges, particularly injuries, which impacted her performance in the mid-2010s. Nevertheless, her relentless spirit led to notable comebacks, including reaching the final of the All England Open in 2015 and becoming the first Indian woman to achieve the World No. 1 ranking in badminton.

Saina Nehwal's impact on Indian badminton transcends her individual accomplishments. As a trailblazer, she paved the way for future athletes, inspiring players like P.V. Sindhu, who later became a world champion and Olympic silver medalist. Her success coincided with a surge of interest in badminton, helping to establish it as a mainstream sport in India, traditionally overshadowed by cricket.

Beyond her achievements, Saina has used her platform to advocate for fitness, health, and gender equality in sports. She has spoken out on the challenges faced by women athletes and encourages young girls to pursue their dreams regardless of societal expectations. In December 2018, Saina married fellow badminton player Parupalli Kashyap, and together, they have become a prominent sporting pair in India.

Saina Nehwal's journey from Hisar to becoming a global badminton sensation is a testament to grit and determination. Her achievements have not only made her one of India's most celebrated athletes but have also redefined what is possible for women in sports. As the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal in badminton and reach World No. 1, Saina has left an indelible mark on the sport, inspiring countless others to chase their dreams both on and off the court.



Rani Rampal: The Pioneer of Indian Women's Hockey



Rani Rampal, an esteemed Indian field hockey player, has made a remarkable mark on the sport, winning numerous international medals, including golds at the Asian Games and Commonwealth Games. Renowned for her scoring ability and versatility, Rani is a clinical forward who can also play as a midfielder. Currently the captain of the Indian women's hockey team, she led her squad to a

historic fourth-place finish at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, narrowly missing out on a bronze medal against Great Britain. This achievement marked the team's highest Olympic finish in just their third appearance.

Rani's journey began with her international debut in 2008, when she made headlines as the youngest hockey player to represent India at the Olympic qualifiers at just 14 years old. She further impressed the world by making her World Cup debut in 2010 at age 15, scoring five of India's seven goals in the tournament. Growing up in Shahbad, Haryana, amidst poverty, Rani had to persuade her traditional parents to let her pursue hockey. Her passion for the sport was ignited by her idol, legendary player Dhanraj Pillay, and she began training at a local academy at the age of six.

Her discipline and relentless work ethic have defined her career. "I hate living with regret," Rani has stated, emphasizing her belief in hard work and routine. Her commitment has led to remarkable achievements, including being named the 'Young Player of the Tournament' at the 2009 FIH Women's Champions Challenge II and contributing to the Indian team's silver medal at the 2009 Asia Cup.

Rani continued to garner accolades, receiving the same title at the 2010 World Cup and the 2013 Junior World Cup. She played a crucial role in helping India secure a bronze medal at the 2014 Asian Games, showcasing her talents even as she transitioned out of her teenage years. Although her first Olympic experience in Rio was disappointing—resulting in a 12th place finish—she remained a vital player and soon earned the captaincy of the national team.

Under Rani's leadership, India claimed a silver medal at the 2018 Asian Games and reached the quarter-finals at the 2018 World Cup, alongside a fourth-place finish at the Commonwealth Games that year. In 2019, she played a critical role in guiding her team to the Tokyo Olympics, scoring a decisive goal in the qualifiers against the USA, ensuring India's spot in the prestigious tournament.

At Tokyo 2020, Rani scored the first goal for India in their campaign, which began with a 5-1 loss to the Netherlands. Despite group-stage losses to Germany and Great Britain, India advanced to the quarter-finals with narrow victories over Ireland and South Africa. The Indian team stunned favourites Australia in the quarters before falling to Argentina in the semi-finals. In a nail-biting match for the bronze, India lost 4-3 to Great Britain, a heartbreaking conclusion to a magical campaign.

Throughout the Olympics, Rani Rampal was a pivotal figure in the team's success, showcasing her leadership skills and attacking prowess from midfield. As the women's Indian hockey team looks to build on this foundation for future success, Rani Rampal remains an integral part of their journey, embodying the spirit of resilience and determination that defines Indian women's hockey.



Vinesh Phogat: A Trailblazer in Indian Wrestling



Vinesh Phogat, born on August 25, 1994, in Balali, Haryana, is celebrated for her exceptional contributions to Indian wrestling. Coming from a family renowned for its wrestling legacy, she was introduced to the sport by her uncle, Mahavir Singh Phogat. Despite facing personal hardships, including the loss of her father at a young age, Vinesh found solace in wrestling and committed herself to continuing the family's storied legacy, alongside her cousins Geeta and Babita Phogat.

From an early age, Vinesh exhibited remarkable resilience and determination. She challenged societal norms that often discouraged women from pursuing wrestling, embarking on an inspiring journey in a sport traditionally dominated by men. Her breakthrough moment came in 2014 when she clinched a gold medal in the 48kg category at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. This achievement marked the beginning of a series of successes, including her qualification for the Rio 2016 Olympics after winning her Olympic qualifying event in Istanbul.

However, Vinesh's Olympic dreams were abruptly halted in Rio when she suffered a dislocated knee during the quarter-finals against China's Sun Yanan. The injury was devastating, yet Vinesh used this setback as motivation to return stronger than ever. She bounced back with an impressive performance at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, where she won gold, and followed it up with another gold medal at the Asian Games in Jakarta, solidifying her position as a top contender in women's wrestling.

In 2019, Vinesh transitioned to the 53kg weight category and achieved her first World Championships medal—a bronze—at the event held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. This victory also secured her a spot at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, where she entered as the number one seed in her category. Unfortunately, her campaign ended prematurely with a loss to Belarus' Vanesa Kaladzinskaya. Vinesh attributed this defeat to not being in optimal physical and mental condition at the time. After the Tokyo Olympics, she underwent elbow surgery, demonstrating her commitment to her sport and her desire to come back stronger.

Vinesh's comeback was marked by a strong performance in 2022, where she won a bronze medal at the World Wrestling Championships in Belgrade and followed it up with gold at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Her achievements during this period earned her the prestigious BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award in 2022, further highlighting her impact on Indian sports.

Though she missed the 2023 Asian Games due to injury, Vinesh's legacy in wrestling remains strong. With emerging talent like Antim Panghal in the 53kg category, Vinesh continues to inspire the next generation of athletes. As she prepares for her third Olympic appearance in Paris 2024, competing in the 50kg category, she has once again secured an Olympic quota for India.

Vinesh Phogat's career epitomizes perseverance and the breaking of barriers in Indian sports. Her accomplishments, resilience, and relentless pursuit of excellence continue to inspire countless athletes across the nation.





National Association of Professional Social Workers in India

THE PLEDGE

I pledge to step out of my area of comfort so I may meet people, listen to their lives, grow and remain open to their full humanity

I pledge to be critical and ask questions in order to cast doubt, inquire and prompt social change and transformation.

I shall self-reflect to examine my own biases, clarify my beliefs and take stances.

I shall strive continuously to advance knowledge about people, issues, and social work profession.

I pledge to contribute towards turning our institutions into genuinely transparent, accountable and fair communities of action.

I promise to defend freedom of expression, to being open always to dialogue and listening.

I shall be consciously inclusive towards all people and act to promote diversity, equality, mutual respect, justice and reconciliation.

I give a promise to walk with marginalized voiceless, and people who have been forced to silence.

I promise to myself to engage people and structures to address life challenges and enhance their wellbeing.

From this day I am aware that I am part of a community of change agents. I, thus, pledge to act ethically, in compassion, with thoughtfulness, conviction, passion, honesty, perseverance and humility.

That is the least I pledge for.....

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गोहाणा, 31 अक्टूबर (रामनिवास धीमान): गौरी कुलकर्णी द्वारा आयोजित कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित अतिथि व प्रतिभागी। गोहाणा, 31 अक्टूबर (रामनिवास धीमान): गौरी कुलकर्णी द्वारा आयोजित कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित अतिथि व प्रतिभागी। गोहाणा, 31 अक्टूबर (रामनिवास धीमान): गौरी कुलकर्णी द्वारा आयोजित कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित अतिथि व प्रतिभागी।

जो कि विभिन्न भी विभाग संस्था में उपस्थित नहीं है। 14 से 18 वर्ष के बच्चों को प्रेरित करने के लिए कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया है। कार्यक्रम का आयोजन गोहाणा में 31 अक्टूबर को किया गया। कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित अतिथि व प्रतिभागी।

लोकतंत्र की सबसे छोटी इकाई पंचायत : प्रो. सुदेश



पंचायत राज व्यवस्था को लागू किया गया था। उन्होंने कहा कि आज हरियाणा सरकार ने महिलाओं को भूमिगत प्रदान करने के लिए पंचायतों में महिलाओं को आरक्षण देकर उन्हें सशक्त किया है। जिसके अंतर्गत शक्ति का विकेन्द्रिकरण किया जाता है तथा सत्ता तथा प्रशासनिक शक्तियों को विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में विभाजित किया जाता है। कार्यक्रम में खानपुर कला, कैलाश व गामड़ी गांव की महिला सरपंचों के साथ समाज कार्य विभाग के अध्यक्ष व छात्राएं उपस्थित रहे।

राज्यती राज मानी गई है। लोकतंत्र सबसे कठिन चुनाव भी पंचायत राज दिवस घोषित किया था। ज में विकास के कार्य हर मंचे जा सकते हैं। ग्रामीण ध्यान में रखते हुए

महिला विकास के बिना समाज विकास की नहीं की जा सकती कल्पना : डॉ. विवेक

गोहाणा, 2 नवम्बर (रामनिवास धीमान): खानपुर कला स्थित भगत फूल सिंह महिला विवि के समाज कार्य विभाग द्वारा जन शिक्षण संस्थान सोनीपत के सहयोग से 'कौशल विकास व उद्यमशीलता' विषय पर विस्तृत व्याख्यान का आयोजन किया जिसकी अध्यक्षता समाज कार्य विभागाध्यक्ष डॉ. मंजू पवार द्वारा की गई तथा बतौर वक्ता जन शिक्षण संस्थान के निदेशक विवेक उपाध्याय महिला एवं बाल संरक्षण अधिकार सोनीपत श्रीमती रजनी गुप्ता, विधि विभाग से डॉ. प्रमोद मलिक छात्राओं को सम्बोधित किया। डॉ विवेक उपाध्याय ने फील्ड वर्क के महत्व को बताया तथा महिलाओं के विकास के लिए चलाए जा रहे कार्यक्रमों के विषय में जागरूक किया। उन्होंने व्यवसायिक प्रशिक्षण व कौशल विकास प्रशिक्षण के महत्वपूर्ण बताते हुए कहा कि आज का दौर स्व रोजगार का है अर्थात् कौशल का विकसित करना एकमात्र विकल्प है।

छात्राओं को नशीली दवाओं के दुरुपयोग के खिलाफ प्रतिज्ञा

गोहाणा, 12 अगस्त (रामनिवास धीमान): भगत फूल सिंह महिला विश्वविद्यालय के समाज कार्य विभाग द्वारा नशा के खिलाफ कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया जिसमें कन्या गुरुकुल विद्यालय तथा विश्वविद्यालय के विभिन्न शैक्षणिक विभागों में छात्राओं को नशीली दवाओं के दुरुपयोग के खिलाफ प्रतिज्ञा दिलवाई गई तथा नशे से परिवार व समाज को होने वाले नुकसानों के प्रति जागरूक किया। इस दौरान उन्होंने छात्राओं का आह्वान किया गया कि नशा मुक्त भारत अभियान में ज्यादा से ज्यादा युवा जुड़ें और समाज को नशा मुक्त बनाने में सहयोग करें। उपस्थित सभी छात्राओं एवं शिक्षकों ने देश को नशा मुक्त करने के लिए शपथ ली। इस अवसर पर कन्या गुरुकुल की प्राचार्या सुमिता सिंह, समाज कार्य विभाग की अध्यक्ष डॉ. मंजू पवार, शिक्षक एवं छात्राएं मौजूद रही। इस अवसर पर महिला विश्वविद्यालय के विभिन्न शैक्षणिक विभागों में भी छात्राओं को नशे के विरुद्ध शपथ दिलाई गई तथा

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मोबाइल का 44 फीसदी प्रयोग सोशल मीडिया पर करते हैं बच्चे

प्रतिभागी बच्चों की उपस्थिति का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित अतिथि व प्रतिभागी।

डिजिटलीकरण से बचना असंभव, साइबर दुनिया के बारे में अधिक ज्ञान प्राप्त करने की जिम्मेदारी लेना अनिवार्य : कुलपति

गोहाणा, 3 नवम्बर (रामनिवास धीमान): भगत फूल सिंह महिला विश्वविद्यालय के डेटनल कालिटी एक्सपर्ट्स सेल ने सामाजिक कार्य विभाग, कानूनी सहायता केंद्र, कानून विभाग और विश्व युवा केंद्र, दिल्ली स्थित पनजीओ के सहयोग से डिजिटलीकरण और साइबर सुरक्षा पर एक दिवसीय सेमिनार का आयोजन किया जिसका मुख्य उद्देश्य था साइबर अपराध की रोकथाम सुनिश्चित करने के लिए छात्राओं को ज्ञान और जागरूकता को बनाना था। वर्तमान समय में यह एक बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्र है। विभिन्न विभागों की 350 से अधिक छात्राओं ने इस सेमिनार में भाग लिया। विवि की कुलपति प्रो. सुदेश ने अपने अध्यक्षीय भाषण में बताया कि डिजिटलीकरण से बचना असंभव है और इसलिए प्रत्येक व्यक्ति के लिए साइबर दुनिया के बारे में अधिक ज्ञान प्राप्त करने की जिम्मेदारी लेना अनिवार्य है। सेमिनार में बतौर

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उत्वन विश्वविद्यालय के साथ एम.ओ.यू. का नवीनीकरण

गोहाणा, 16 दिसंबर (रामनिवास धीमान): भगत फूल सिंह महिला विश्वविद्यालय के समाज कार्य विभाग और उत्वन विश्वविद्यालय के प्रमुख प्रोफेसर भाषण ने कहा कि सहयोग के लिए महिला विश्वविद्यालय का धन्यवाद दिया और उन्होंने आभारप्रिवक्त, महिलाओं पर कोविड-19 के प्रभाव और विकास से संबंधित अन्य क्षेत्रों में महिला विवि के साथ काम करने की इच्छा व्यक्त की। बैठक में 'डेटन एंजलिक अकेडमी प्रोफेसर संकेत विव, ऑफिस ऑफ इंटरनेशनल अफेयर्स में निदेशक प्रो. सुदेश व अन्य।

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- Multy Campus University with Regional Centres at Kharal, Jind and Krishan Nagar, Rewari.

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