



## REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER EQUALITY AND DISABILITY

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## INTRODUCTION

Bal Kalyan Sangh (BKS), in collaboration with The Asia Foundation, organized a Regional conference on Gender Equality and Disability on 26th May 2023 at Hotel Green Horizon, Ranchi. The conference witnessed the presence of prominent personalities, including Shri. Kiran DM Sous – Sherpa C20, G20 India, Smt. Nandita Baruah, country representative, The Asia Foundation, Smt. Kajal Yadav, Chairperson, Jharkhand State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (JSCPCR), Shri. Gurusharan Prasad, Head, Sewa Bharti, and Shri. Sanjay Kr. Mishra, Founder, Bal Kalyan Sangh.

The regional conference was attended by over 125 civil society participants from Jharkhand, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, New Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar. The conference commenced with the welcome speech by Shri. Sanjay Kr. Mishra, followed by the lighting of the lamp and wreath to Bharat Mata and Lord Birsa Munda, respectively.

The conference also showcased a video presentation on Civil 20 India and Gender Equality and Disability to provide an overview of C20, India, for the delegates present at the conference. This conference was instrumental in creating awareness among the civil society participants and drawing the attention of policymakers and other stakeholders towards the issues of Gender Equality and Disability.

### **Shri. Sanjay Kr. Mishra (Founder, Bal Kalyan Sangh Jharkhand)**

Shri Mishra commenced his speech by thanking the Chief Guest, Special Guest, Guest of Honour, and all the delegates.

Shri Mishra briefly discussed the consultation conducted in other states such as Odisha, Bihar, and Uttar Pradesh. He highlighted the crucial role of Civil 20 (C20) as a platform for civil society organizations to discuss relevant issues that act as bottlenecks to achieving their goals in the path towards development. Shri Mishra emphasized that C20 provided a vital platform for different civil society organizations to showcase their work towards the betterment of society.



Moreover, Shri Mishra suggested that conclusion drawn from crucial issues relying on society would lead to finding the solution in this very conference. He emphasized that it was essential for civil society organizations to mark their work for the welfare of society on the platform of C20, a platform offered by the Indian Government.

Shri Mishra's inspiring speech resonated with the crowd present at the conference, highlighting the importance of collaboration amongst civil society organizations towards the betterment of society. His address was a clear indication of the need for constant engagement in such conferences and consultations to find solutions to the challenges faced by the Indian civil society.

### **Ms. Nandita Baruah, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation**

Ms. Baruah, reinforcing her appreciation for the efforts made by the Indian Government in reaching every corner of society, highlighted that such events serve as the perfect medium for gaining knowledge and information.

She emphasized the golden opportunity that the platform of C20 provides to develop new visionary thinking, guided by the Prime Minister and Sous-Sherpas of civil societies. She further mentioned that it was time for society to create their own development stories, influenced by their culture and traditions.

Ms. Nandita highlighted the critical role that civil society plays in linking the most vulnerable people with government schemes and sensitizing the government to crucial issues in the backdoors of the country. Ms. Baruah, while citing an example of the Indian Women's Movement, illustrated how people have now initiated talking about marginalized women, emphasizing that removing patriarchy from society is not a job for one day, and that men and women have to come together to abolish male dominance from our society.

Overall, the welcome address served as a great start to the conference, with the speakers providing inspiring insights into the critical role that civil societies and individuals play in creating a more inclusive and equal society.



**Shri. Kiran DM, Sous Sherpa,  
C20, G20 India**

Shri. Kiran DM, the Sous-Sherpa highlighted the significant efforts of Shri. Sanjay Kumar Mishra in working on the findings of the previous conference which was held on 17<sup>th</sup> April in Ranchi. He emphasized the crucial role of civil society in bridging the gap between the government and beneficiaries.



Shri. Kiran DM noted the difference in working groups between India and other countries. He illustrated that other countries had only five to six working groups, whereas India had fourteen working groups, including disability. He further stated that more than 200 Choupals had been conducted in India, and almost 300 people were sitting on the field discussing ground reality and issues. Additionally, more than a thousand workshops were already organized to discuss the different working groups.

The Sous-Sherpa explained that one group in India is working on research-oriented work, and the others are working with domain experts. From this collaboration, the conclusion will be recommended for policy. He highlighted "Jan Bhagidari," stating that "we are trying to reach the maximum number of people. The counterparts were taking India's efforts as challenges because India is working in a participatory approach where we bring academic experts, domain experts, and field experts under a single umbrella." In "Gender Equality and Disability," he emphasized that the problem would only resolve when we start thinking pragmatically to find a solution to these problems. He added that it is necessary to bring change in our thought process by considering eradicating inequality as a responsibility of society, not as a deprived right.

Shri. Kiran DM mentioned that Gender equality should start from home itself by giving similar types of work, opportunities, and punishment to both male and female members of the family. Initiative must be taken by the individuals of societies to ensure that every person will get equal opportunity.

**Smt. Kajal Yadav, Chairperson, JSCPCR**

The Chairperson of JSCPCR, Ms. Yadav, extended a warm greeting to everyone present and introduced the focus of their organization's work. She emphasized the importance of promoting gender equality, and how JSCPCR has been actively working towards this goal for children.

Ms. Yadav acknowledged that gender equality is an ongoing issue, but with education and awareness, change is possible. JSCPCR is committed to eliminating gender-based discrimination and stereotypes, and promoting equal opportunities and access to education, healthcare, and other essential services, regardless of a child's gender.



She emphasized the need to raise awareness about gender-based violence and provided support to victims of such violence. JSCPCR works tirelessly to encourage gender-sensitive policies and practices to ensure that children from all genders have equal opportunities to thrive.

She also highlighted that JSCPCR collaborated with various government agencies, NGOs, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to implement programs that foster gender equality and inclusivity for children.

She also underlined the importance of gender equality for children with disabilities and how JSCPCR is committed to working towards ensuring their rights and dignity along with all other children. She encouraged everyone to work together and join in JSCPCR's endeavours in promoting gender equality among children.

### **Shri. Gurusharan Prasad, Head, Sewa Bharti**

Shri. Gurusharn Prasad, initiated the proceedings by extending his deepest respect and gratitude towards all the chief guests and participants who had come from the six different states. He recognized the importance of the gathering and emphasized the significance of bringing awareness to the common people for the development of the nation.

Mr. Prasad mentioned the inadequacies in the system and how leaks in the system hinder the complete development of the country. He stressed the lack of awareness among common people which initiated the Civil Societies' efforts to bring best practices for the development.



While talking about the initiatives taken by the Civil Societies, he highlighted the illustrative stories shared during the choupal held in Johna Jharkhand. The stories he shared illustrated how little steps like spreading awareness can bring significant changes to our society. He noted that by taking such actions, society can indeed make a meaningful impact towards the country's development.

Mr. Prasad concluded by echoing the previous statements regarding the importance of spreading awareness among the roots of the country to bring about substantial changes for the betterment of the whole nation. He encouraged everyone in attendance to continue striving for the development of the country by spreading awareness about the issues we face and working towards solutions by taking small yet significant steps.

**Shri. Rajan Mohanty (Secretary, PECUC, Odisha)–**

Mr. Mohanty initiated his dialogue by discussing the findings from the Odisha State Consultation on Gender Equality and Disability under Civil 20 India, which was held on May 20th, 2023, organized by Bal Kalyan Sangh in collaboration with PECUC. The main focus of his speech was to highlight the importance of promoting equality among people with disabilities, emphasizing that it is a crucial goal that society must strive to achieve.



He mentioned that equality must be ensured for disabled individuals, which means they should have the same rights, access to resources, and opportunities as their non-disabled counterparts. Mr. Mohanty conveyed that promoting equality among people with disabilities involves several key aspects, such as accessibility, anti-discrimination laws, inclusive education, employment, and social inclusion. He also highlighted the significance of providing equal opportunities to the disabled individuals in representation and participation.

Furthermore, Mr. Mohanty recommended that Gender policies should be implemented in each organization to address the issue of gender inequality. Additionally, he proposed training programs for adolescent youths, women, young couples, panchayat functionaries, teachers, SMC Members, Asha workers, AWW women on Gender equality to facilitate the necessary awareness and understanding.

In conclusion, Mr. Mohanty suggested that sports intervention among women and girls could help in increasing their leadership qualities, which would play a vital role in empowering women and reducing gender inequality.

### **Shri. Y K Gautam (Secretary, Jan Jagran Sansthan, Bihar)**

Based on the findings of the State Consultation on Gender Equality and Disability under Civil 20 G20 India on 17th May 2023 in Patna Bihar, which was organized by Bal Kalyan Sangh in collaboration with JJS Bihar, Mr. Gautam initiated a dialogue to address the challenges faced by women and girls with disabilities in Bihar.

He stated that women and girls with disabilities in Bihar often face multiple forms of discrimination due to their gender and disability status, making it difficult for them to access essential services, education, healthcare, and employment opportunities. Strategies to promote social inclusion among disabled individuals and ensuring equitable access for all are of paramount importance.



According to Mr. Gautam, the civil society groups play an essential role in liaising with stakeholders in Bihar and facilitating the creation of a society where individuals, irrespective of gender or disability status, can thrive. He also emphasized the need for proactive efforts from the government and other stakeholders to address the challenges faced by women and girls with disabilities in Bihar and create an inclusive society.

In conclusion, Mr. Gautam stressed the importance of working collaboratively with stakeholders from various sectors to address the issue and increase access to opportunities for women, girls, and disabled individuals in Bihar.

### **Shri. Amar Singh (Vigyan Foundation, Uttar Pradesh)**

Mr. Singh extended a warm welcome to all the delegates present and highlighted the findings of the State Consultation on Gender Equality and Disability under Civil 20 G20 India which was organised by BKS in collaboration with Vigyan Foundation on 15th May 2023, challenges of gender inequality and discrimination faced by people with disabilities. He stressed that women and girls with disabilities encounter unique forms of discrimination that are compounded by barriers on the basis of their gender and disability. As Uttar Pradesh is one of the most populous states in India, there is a significant role to play in promoting the empowerment and inclusion of all individuals, irrespective of gender or disability status.

According to Mr. Singh, strengthening legal frameworks and their implementation is crucial in ensuring the protection of rights for women and persons with disabilities. The existing laws aimed at safeguarding the rights of these individuals should be enforced effectively. In addition, the active

participation of women with disabilities in decision-making processes is essential. They must have a voice in policies and programs that have a significant impact on their lives.

Mr. Singh called for the need to challenge social norms and stereotypes to resolve issues faced by individuals with disabilities and women. Civil societies must raise awareness and create a culture that celebrates diversity and inclusion. One that requires comprehensive public campaigns, engagement with the media, and community-based initiatives.

In conclusion, Mr. Singh emphasized the need for collective efforts to address the interlinked challenges of gender inequality and disability discrimination faced by individuals in Uttar Pradesh. Creating an inclusive environment that values diversity is a long-term process. It requires a sustained effort from stakeholders, policymakers, and civil societies to promote the empowerment and inclusion of all individuals in society.

### **Shri. Mukesh Kanchan, President, Divyang Cricket Control Board, India**

Shri. Kanchan emphasised that disability is a natural and diverse aspect of the human experience that affects individuals in different ways and to varying degrees. He stressed that it is essential to recognize the rights, dignity, and contributions of disabled individuals and to work towards building an inclusive society that embraces diversity.

He also highlighted the fact that disability is not an issue that needs to be overcome but rather a part of the rich tapestry of human diversity. By embracing disability and promoting inclusivity, societies can build an environment that values the inherent worth and potential of every individual, regardless of their abilities.



According to Mr. Kanchan, creating a world where disabled individuals are empowered, respected, and fully included in all aspects of life is possible through collective efforts. He urged everyone to work together towards creating a more inclusive society that ensures the participation of disabled individuals in all aspects of life.

In conclusion, Shri. Kanchan reiterated that disability is not a barrier to be overcome but a part of the rich tapestry of human diversity. By promoting inclusivity and embracing diversity, we can create a society that values the worth and potential of every individual. It is crucial to work together towards building a world where disabled individuals feel empowered, respected, and fully included in all aspects of life.

**Ms. Asha Puran, Professor, Department of Sociology, YBN University**

Ms. Puran extended a warm welcome to all the honorable guests and delegates at the conference. In her address, she highlighted the significance of quality education in promoting gender equality and addressing the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities.



According to Ms. Puran, education is a catalyst for empowerment as it equips individuals, including girls and women, with knowledge, skills, and confidence to make informed decisions, pursue their aspirations, and assert their rights. She emphasised that quality education is essential to ensure that everyone has access to equal opportunities and that their needs are met.

However, Ms. Puran pointed out that in many parts of the world, girls and women still face significant barriers to education that prevent them from asserting their rights. In some countries, cultural beliefs and practices perpetuate the idea that girls are not as valuable as boys, which denies girls opportunities for education and development. Additionally, in countries affected by fragility or conflict, girls are 2.5 times more likely to be kept away from education than boys. This is not only a violation of their human rights, but it also holds back their communities and countries as a whole.

Ms. Puran highlighted that educating girls and women is crucial as it leads to self-reliance and contributes to the reduction of gender violence. She emphasised that quality education provides a platform for their voices to be heard and promotes inclusive classroom environments to ensure that everyone's specific needs are addressed.

In conclusion, Ms. Puran stressed the importance of quality education in promoting gender equality and addressing the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. She urged all stakeholders to work together to ensure that everyone has equal access to quality education and that their rights are upheld. By educating girls and women, communities can become more self-reliant, gender violence can be reduced, and opportunities for all can be accessed with equality.

### **Mr. Surendra Tiwari, Dharohar Vikash Sansthan, Chattisgarh**

Mr. Tiwari expressed his gratitude for being a speaker at the conference and shared his experience of working with vulnerable communities in the tribal belt such as Gondi, Munda, Baiga, and Khonds. He highlighted the challenges of working in areas with limited resources and emphasized the need for collaborative efforts to address pressing issues. He raised concerns about the burning issue of human trafficking in the area of Chattisgarh and stated that his organization has been working in the area for a long time. He emphasized the urgency of the issue and pointed out that the lack of awareness and education among the tribes is one of the primary reasons for the prevalence of human trafficking. Many individuals, particularly those from marginalized communities, lack the necessary information and knowledge to recognize the signs of trafficking or protect themselves from becoming victims of it.

In line with a collaborative approach, Mr. Tiwari suggested that government agencies, civil society organizations, and citizens must come together to raise awareness, implement effective prevention strategies, and support survivors. By working hand in hand, we can create a society that is vigilant, informed, and intolerant of human trafficking.

In conclusion, Mr. Tiwari highlighted the importance of collaboration in addressing pressing issues like human trafficking. He urged all stakeholders to work together to raise awareness and prevent human trafficking, particularly among vulnerable communities. By providing education and information, these individuals can gain the skills and knowledge needed to recognize and protect themselves from the dangers of human trafficking.

### **Dr. Khaleeda Rehman, HOD, Department of legal studies, Jharkhand Rai University**

Dr. Rehman described her research on the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), which refers to specific tribal communities in India that face extreme socio-economic and developmental challenges. She explained that she had conducted her research in Bihar, an area that is home to several vulnerable groups, and focused specifically on the women in these communities.



During her research, Dr. Rehman recounted the story of the PVTG community, where she witnessed that when asked to study many of them would hide themselves. She identified this as a need for counseling amongst these communities about their constitutional and basic rights for their survival. Dr. Khaleeda highlighted a specific issue within the PVTG communities where disabled men have more opportunities compared to

disabled women, resulting in women being the sufferers of society. She provided data indicating that only 2.35% of women currently receive equality, suggesting that it is crucial to change our mindset and prioritize the education of women. Dr. Khaleeda pointed out that educating women can help to educate the whole family, resulting in positive cascading effects.

In conclusion, both Dr. Khaleeda emphasized the need to address the unique challenges faced by vulnerable communities like the PVTGs, particularly women who may have limited access to education and rights. They suggested that counseling and education could be important tools to empower these communities and promote gender and social equality.

### **Dr. Abha V. Ankichan, Member, JSCPCR**

During the event, Dr. Ankichan shared her background in social studies, expressing her sympathy for many issues faced in society. She provided the audience with an inspiring example of a disabled girl who, through hard work and determination, overcame her weaknesses.

Dr. Ankichan went on to explain that the key to winning over disability is not about erasing it, but rather embracing it as a part of your journey and using it to fuel motivation and strength. She emphasized the importance of embracing one's unique path, believing in oneself, and never allowing anything to hold one back from achieving their dreams. According to Dr. Ankichan, it is crucial to recognize the power that exists within oneself to overcome any obstacle that may come your way.

Overall, Dr. Ankichan's words were truly inspiring and served as a reminder to the audience of the importance of perseverance and inner strength when facing challenges. She encouraged everyone to embrace their differences and use them to their advantage, rather than allow themselves to be held back by their limitations

### **Shri. Ujjwal Prakash Tiwari, Member, JSCPCR**

During the Regional Conference, Mr. Tiwari extended a warm welcome to all the guests present. Drawing from his own experiences, he emphasized that disability does not make individuals weak. Rather, it is important to fight against one's disability and endeavor to lead a normal life.

Shifting the focus to Gender Equality, Mr. Tiwari cited the Right to Education policy, which mandates that at least 25% of BPL children be enrolled in schools, including 5% of children with disabilities. Mr. Tiwari, however, highlighted



that there is a significant gap in the actual enrollment of disabled children in schools.

To address this issue, Mr. Tiwari encouraged individuals within society to take responsibility for ensuring the enrollment of disadvantaged children in their communities, including those from amongst their drivers and household staff. Where children are unable to gain admission into schools, He further advised reaching out to government schemes available for underprivileged children.

In a final gesture of support for the cause of vulnerable children's welfare, Mr. Tiwari recommended that details of disabled children from across the region be forwarded to JSCPCR. This move would allow the commission to take suitable steps towards improving the welfare of these children.

### **BIHAR**

Recommendations from State Consultation on Gender Equality and Disability under C20 G20 India-

- CSO's need to work with full accountability to bring desired change. Capacity building for vulnerable groups is crucial for development of their decision-making skills. Community media and CSOs can play important role in raising awareness on women's rights and equality.
- Disabled people are often left out when we talk about equality, but they deserve a quality living too. We need to work on improving their quality of life.
- Government play an important role in ensuring basic necessities of life are provided to the people, and resources should be allocated with full equity and justice. Mechanisms for safety of vulnerable families need to be developed and strengthened.
- In Bihar, cases of child rights violations including child labor still prevail despite rescue efforts. Skill development provisions should be made for rescued children to prevent them from being re-victimized.
- There has been a lack of coordination in working between the government and CSOs. Collaborative efforts should be implemented in developing strategies for the development of the country.
- Transgender community should not be left out in programs for upliftment. Both government and CSOs should implement programs for their development.
- Equal participation of women should be ensured at the community level, and proper implementation of programs promoting women empowerment should be ensured.

- Education is a vital tool towards a better future for children. Education for disabled children should be prioritized and schools should provide convenience and quality education. Gaps in education system need to be addressed and education for girls should be promoted.
- Programs should be gender-centric for overall development and separate budget provisions for gender equality should be made, along with SMART tools for monitoring effective implementation.
- With One Nation, One Family, One Future theme, women empowerment through skill development programs should be prioritized.
- Disability centers should be developed to uplift the disabled and provisions for shelters should be made for children with disability.
- Strong provisions for women safety need to be made in Bihar.
- Infrastructural changes for accessibility of disabled like ramps should be made to ensure their equality.
- More provisions for reservation in employment opportunities should be made for persons with disability, along with revising disability pension according to current inflation.
- Provision under Right to Education for education of the disabled should be made

## **Orissa**

Recommendations from State Consultation on Gender Equality and Disability under C20 G20 India-

- Women with disability face numerous issues and barriers including: poverty, employment, housing, education and healthcare. Disproportionately there are poorer outcomes in these areas for women with disabilities that live in regional and remote areas.
- Ensure independent disability advocacy groups are funded and can work collaboratively with government.
- It is important to connect all people with services to ensure needs are met.
- Societies must be inclusive, free of discrimination and ableism, promote active participation, choice and control for women with disability. Workplaces must also be built on inclusion and not 'accommodation'.

- There is a critical need to have a co-design process and work with women with disability actively in the development, implementation and evaluation of the National Strategy.
- Action Required: Raised by participant
- Action needs to be coordinated and have buy-in across the whole-of-government and involve all the different government programs are areas relevant to women with disability.
- There is a need for better awareness and inclusion training, followed by sound implementation. Training should also be standardized and mandatory.
- There is a need for a gendered and intersectional lens in all areas to ensure inclusivity and accessibility. This includes areas such as research, training, design, services, and housing. An inclusion expert and specialist services in government for employment, and having people with disability represented in government would help achieve this.
- Non-government organisations that have a proven track record of outcomes should be recommended for block funding. Grant funding is time consuming and inhibits an organisations ability to support people long-term as needed. At a minimum there needs to be one state funded organisation for each state and territory.
- Participants recommended a gender strategy be developed to ensure that gender inequality is addressed and more women participate where needed.
- Services are often not accessible and women with disability are often turned away due to a lack of physical access, lack of interpreters, not accessible for culturally and linguistically diverse women.
- Participants noted that people with disability need to be consulted, but to be mindful that they are one of the most consulted groups.
- It is important to acknowledge that people with disability can and should choose their services and settings. People with disability need options and to be able to choose what suits them.

### **Uttar Pradesh**

- Recommendations from State Consultation on Gender Equality and Disability under C20 G20 India-
- Develop and implement comprehensive policies and programs that address the intersection of gender and disability. These policies should be designed to promote equal access to education, employment, health care, and other areas of life.
- Improve data collection and analysis to better understand the experiences of women with disabilities. This data should be used to inform policy development and implementation.
- Provide access to comprehensive health care services for women with disabilities, including sexual and reproductive health care.

- Promote the economic empowerment of women with disabilities through access to education, vocational training, and job opportunities.
- Develop and implement policies to prevent and respond to violence against women with disabilities, including sexual violence.
- Improve accessibility in all areas of life, including physical accessibility, communication accessibility, and accessibility in technology.
- Ensure that women with disabilities are represented in all decision-making processes, including in government, civil society organizations, and business.
- Raise awareness about the intersection of gender and disability, and promote a culture of inclusion and acceptance.
- Allocate resources and funding to support the implementation of policies and programs that address the intersection of gender and disability.
- Foster partnerships between government, civil society organizations, and business to promote gender equality and disability inclusion

### **Jharkhand**

**The following recommendations are made to ensure the promotion of gender equality and disability inclusion across various sectors in regional conference:**

- It is recommended that Gender policies must be adopted by every organization to promote equitable employment opportunities for men and women.
- Adolescent youth, women, young couples, panchayat functionaries, teachers, GP CPC, SMC Members, ASHA, and AWW women should be trained thoroughly in Gender equality and disability inclusion. They play a crucial role in promoting gender equality and disability inclusion practices within their communities.
- To promote leadership skills among girls, sports activities must be encouraged, and campaigns for women's girl's leadership should be organized.
- To achieve inclusivity, various sports and other activities must be promoted for differently-abled scholars.
- Encouraging sports among women is an effective way to foster leadership skills among girls.

- Training panchayat functionaries and promoting barrier-free structural change in the workplace can create a safer and more accessible environment for disabled employees.
- Advocacy for economic empowerment of Persons with disabilities must be conducted; inclusion in the workplace is the most effective way to do so.
- Enable persons with disabilities to take up technical job roles and empower them to lead successful lives independently.
- Organizations must follow "National Rights of People with Disabilities Act 2016" and ensure that at least 3% of jobs are filled by persons with disabilities.
- Disability inclusion training should be provided to all individuals associated with the organization.
- To provide Persons with Disabilities with a better chance at success, digital literacy training should be provided at a young age.
- Management must start an awareness campaign aimed towards resolving gender-based violence and promoting gender equality, actively targeting underprivileged individuals.
- Careful documentation of the best practices from the last 20 years must be done in collaboration with all relevant organizations.
- Gender equality must start from the home, with efforts equally distributed between male and female children.
- To ensure children facing financial issues can access education, it is essential to link the underprivileged with Government schemes.
- Everyone should consider the termination of gender inequality as their duty, and begin working towards the elimination of inequality and gender-based violence.

## GLIMPSES



Delegates in State Consultation Uttar Pradesh



Delegates in State Consultation Orissa



Delegates in State Consultation Bihar

## GLIM PSES of Regional Conference in Ranchi, Jharkhand



Guest inaugurating the program



Delegates' inclusive participation



Shri Kiran DM, Sous Sherpa C20 felicitating Shri Guru Sharan Prasad, Sewa Bharti along with Smt Nandita Baruah, CR, The Asia Foundation



Delegates on Regional Conference On Gender Equality and Disability

## सी-20 पुरे विश्व के सभी गैर सरकारी संस्थाओं को एक मंच प्रदान करता है : डा सुचिता



डॉ. सुचिता शुकला ने दीप प्रज्वलित कर कार्यक्रम का उद्घाटन किया। कार्यक्रम में उत्तर प्रदेश के गैर सरकारी संस्थाओं के प्रमुख लोगो ने भाग लिया।

कार्यक्रम में अतिथि डॉ. सुचिता शुकला ने अपने संबोधन में कहा की सी-20 पुरे विश्व का प्रतिष्ठित

सोसाइटी का अधिकारी संघ है जो सभी गैर सरकारी संस्थाओं को एक मंच प्रदान करता है। ऐसे गैर सरकारी संस्थाएं जो अपने क्षेत्र में उत्कृष्ट कार्य कर रहे हैं वेसे गैर सरकारी संस्थाएं इसमें भाग ले सकते हैं और वे अपने क्षेत्र के प्रमुखता से विश्व पटल पर रख सकते हैं। कार्यक्रम में उत्तर प्रदेश के विभिन्न जनपदों के 45 प्रतिभागियों ने प्रतिभाग किया। इसी क्रम में पूर्वी राज्यों की सी-20 के समन्वयक श्री संजय कुमार मिश्रा ने विज्ञान फाउंडेशन के सचिव संदीप खरे को सी-20 का झंडा दे कर उत्तर प्रदेश जिला स्तर पर सी-20 का बैक आयोजित करने हेतु संकेतितरित का प्रस्ताव रखा। श्री मिश्रा ने अपने संबोधन में कहा की सी-20 का आयोजन विदेशों में अनुदान देने वाले संस्थाएं करती आ रही हैं जिसमें 15-20 प्रतिभागी भाग लेते हैं। मगर भारत में छोटे-छोटे गैर सरकारी संस्थाएं विना किसी लाभ के चलती स्तर पर कार्यक्रम को करती हैं। श्री मिश्रा ने अपने संबोधन में कहा की हरा देश वसुधैव कुटुम्बक का देश है और हमें बहुत ही गौरवान्वित महसूस होना चाहिए की अब हमारे देश में भी एक ऐसा मंच तैयार हो रहा है की जिसमें हम सभी गैर सरकारी संस्थाएं अपनी आवाज को उठा

सकती हैं। इसका नेतृत्व उत्तर प्रदेश में विज्ञान फाउंडेशन के सचिव संदीप खरे करेंगे। द एशिया फाउंडेशन के सुधी नंदिता बरुआह ने बताया महिलाओं एवं दिव्यांग लोगों तथा छोटे बच्चों के मुद्दों पर कार्य करने वाली संस्थाओं का ये समूह निश्चित तौर पर अपना विचार इस सी-20 में रखने में कामयाब होगी। कार्यक्रम में संदीप खरे ने कहा की हम सभी जिलों में बच्चों एवं महिलाओं का तस्करी, बालविवाह, शारीरिक रूप से अछड़म लोगों को लिए जनजागरूकता के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश के हर जिलों में यह कार्यक्रम को आयोजित करने का प्रयास करेंगे जिससे की लोगों में जागरूकता फैलेगी का कार्यक्रम के दौरान एक्शन एंड के अरविन्द कुमार ने कहा निश्चित तौर पर आज समाज में गैर बराबरी जातपात, बालविवाह, कुपोषण जैसे मुद्दों पर काम करने की आवश्यकता है। कार्यक्रम में उत्तर प्रदेश के जिलों से गैर सरकारी संस्था के प्रतिनिधियों में ओकरनाथ चौधरी, अजहर भाई, मोती लाल, अजय पटेल, मो खालिद, मुकेश, अंकित, देवशुदान , सुर्यकान्त शुकला, जयवीर सिंह व सीता आदि ने अपना विचार व्यक्त किया।

## Meet on gender equality, disability held

CSOs' role emphasised

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Inclusiveness, proper implementation of laws, accessible support systems, making use of technology and above all behavioural changes and sensitive approach are essential for building an inclusive society where disability or gender will not be a barrier for leading a life of dignity, said eminent dignitaries joining a State level consultation on gender equality and disability.

The programme was organised under C20 India Programme on Gender and Disability here by Bal Kalyan Sangh (BKS), Ranchi in collaboration with People's Cultural Centre (PECC), Bhubaneswar with support from Asia Foundation.



Secretary, PECC Ranjan Kumar Mohanty gave the welcome address, sharing the

purpose of the workshop and chaired the opening session. Secretary, Bal Kalyan Sangh

Sanjay Kumar Mishra spoke on the role of civil society organizations (CSOs) in advancing gender equality and disability rights. He stated that the best practices and innovative strategies applied by the CSOs will be shared to the G20 groups.

It is an opportunity for the CSOs to showcase their work to the Government. Country Head, The Asia Foundation Nandita Baruah joined online and spoke about the various thematic areas to promote the gender equality and eliminate gender based violence and also bring forward the challenges and concerns.

A panel discussion on 'Intersectionality and Inclusivity: The Confluence of Gender Equality and Disability Rights in Empowering Marginalized Communities' was also held.

Prof Dr Narayan Chandra Pati from CHETNA moderated the session. Former Chairperson, OSCPCR and former Commissioner, Persons with Disability, Government of Odisha, Kasturi Mohapatra spoke. State Rehabilitation Officer Dr Subrat Dash discussed various initiatives taken by the SSEPD Department.

Gender Expert, NAWO Bisakha Bhanja spoke about the different challenges and discrimination faced by the disabled people. Secretary, Margdarshi and Regional Coordinator, Rehabilitation Council of India, Prof Dr Satya Mohapatra emphasized on adopting innovative cost effective technology to create a better life for persons with disability. CSOs from different districts shared their best practices and experiences.

## बच्चों एवं महिलाओं की तस्करी शारीरिक रूप से अक्षम लोगों के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश में हर जिलों में जनजागरूकता करने का प्रयास करेंगे: संदीप खरे



### रोजाना टाइम्स

#### ऑकार नाथ चौधरी

लखनऊ, जी-20 अंतर्गत सी-20 का पूर्वी राज्यों के गैर सरकारी संस्थाओं के साथ राज्य स्तरीय सेमिनार का आयोजन इंदिरा नगर स्थित होटल बेथिन इन में किया गया जिसके मुख्य अतिथि राज्य बाल कल्याण समिति के सदस्य डॉ सुचिता शुकला, ने दीप प्रज्वलित कर कार्यक्रम का उद्घाटन किया।

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### बाल कल्याण संघ

रांची, वरीय संवाददाता। दिव्यांगता और लैंगिक समानता पर रांची में शुक्रवार को बैठक हुई। बाल कल्याण संघ की ओर से आयोजित कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ राष्ट्रीय समन्वयक किरण डीएम ने किया।

उन्होंने कहा कि सी-20 और जी-20 का एक समूह है। इसके अंतर्गत स्वयंसेवी संगठनों द्वारा किए जा रहे कार्य को रिलिकेट कर उन्हें मदद दी जाएगी। एशिया फाउंडेशन की सदस्य नंदिता बरुआ ने कहा कि पुरुष व महिला को

लैंगिक समानता के लिए एक साथ काम करने और महिलाओं के प्रति सोच बदलने की जरूरत है। इसके लिए कार्य योजना बनाकर जी-20 में शामिल करने के लिए प्रस्ताव भेजा जाएगा।

मौके पर झारखंड राज्य बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग की अध्यक्ष काजल यादव, झारखंड, बिहार, ओडिशा, उत्तर प्रदेश व छत्तीसगढ़ से आए 70 स्वयंसेवी संगठनों के प्रतिनिधि के अलावा पांच विश्वविद्यालयों व दिव्यांगता के क्षेत्र में काम करने वाले विभिन्न संगठनों के सदस्य मौजूद थे।