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World Humanitarian Day

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#WomenHumanitarians
#MakeWayForHer

**“WHATEVER
YOU DO WILL BE
INSIGNIFICANT,
BUT IT IS VERY
IMPORTANT THAT
YOU DO IT.”**

- Mahatma Gandhi

MD SPEAKS



Dear IPEans,

The concept of 'freedom' and 'liberty' is often idealised as a life without restrictions or constraints. But is it that what freedom actually is?

As Harold Laski, the celebrated English political theorist said, "Liberty does not mean absence of all restraints; it rather means the presence of rational restraints in place of irrational restraints." A tree is free to grow in all directions, to bear flowers and fruit, to provide shade and to dance in the wind - but only if it accepts the condition of having its roots firmly in the ground! Similarly, it is only when a person is fully free, learns the importance of love and care for its fellow beings, to help them in crisis- humanitarian crisis being the urgent of all.

An organisation, a family - even a country - can grow freely all around - only if it's people and systems are anchored in the right values, morals and principles. Through this, not only we help each other in inculcating the value of working together but also living together in peace.

At IPE Global, our values of 2IPL (Integrity, Innovation, Passion, Perseverance and Learning) define the spirit and morale for us all. Each one of us personifies this and that is why, we experience the freedom to create, the freedom to achieve, the freedom to be!

Wish you all a very Happy Indian Independence Day and World Humanitarian Day. I hope that our combined values towards "being free" and "being human" drive us ahead - in IPE Global group and beyond.

Best wishes,
Ashwajit Singh



OVERVIEW

Women make up a large number of those who risk their own lives to save others. They are often the first to respond and the last to leave. These #WomenHumanitarians deserve to be celebrated. They are needed today as much as ever to strengthen the global humanitarian response.


The World Humanitarian Day (WHD) designated on 19 August by The United Nations General commemorates the 2003 bombing of the UN Headquarters in Iraq in which Sergio Vieira de Mello and 21 of his fellow humanitarians died. The day gives special recognition to all humanitarians, UN and personnel who have worked in the promotion of the humanitarian cause.

IPE Global commemorates World Humanitarian Day to rally support for people affected by crisis around the world and to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service. We work with international funding agencies in some of the conflict-affected regions to foster development and peacebuilding.

For WHD 2019, let us come together in solidarity to honor the work of women in crises throughout the world and focus on the unsung heroes #WomenHumanitarians who have long been working on the front lines in their own communities in some of the most difficult terrains. We salute the efforts of women aid workers from across the world, who rally to people in need.




QUICK FACTS ON HUMANITARIAN CRISIS



According to UN report 2019, Humanitarian crisis in Yemen remains the worst in the world with an estimated 24 million people – close to 80 per cent of the population – in acute need of assistance and protection.



Approximately 35 per cent of women worldwide have experienced physical or sexual violence, and gender-based violence increases in conflict settings.



(Source: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/humanitarian-action/facts-and-figures>)



Disasters such as droughts, floods and storms kill more women than men due to structural gender inequalities.



Adolescent girls in conflict zones are 90 per cent more likely to be out of school when compared to girls in other, conflict-free, countries.

Only 0.5 per cent of funding for humanitarian action went to Gender Based Violence support in 2015.

**Let us all empower our
#WomenHumanitarians
and bring the
world together to
#MakeWayforHer**



KEY PROJECTS:

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



DFID: Independent Evaluation for Gender Based Violence (GBV) Response Services, Afghanistan, (2018-2019)

DFID's Programme to address Gender Based Violence in Afghanistan focuses on the provision of response services to survivors in six provinces, provincial & district hospitals, and community health centres. The services are designed to help health workers to respond to GBV and facilitate survivors' access to immediate physical, psychosocial and legal support services or referrals to these. The programme also works with communities and religious leaders to enhance the acceptability of the services and shift social norms to decrease the acceptability of violence. In the context of very limited capabilities within the health system in Afghanistan, the role of IPE Triple Line as an independent evaluator is to assess the programme's performance in strengthening the health delivery system and referral mechanism for GBV responses in six geographically and ethnically diverse provinces. The evaluation will assess what works and what does not.

DFID: Ethiopia Safe Space Programme (ESSP), Ethiopia (2016-2017)

Ethiopia Safe Space Programme (ESSP) contributed to improved personal, social, health, safety, education and financial outcomes for 2,000 adolescent girls in Amhara and Oromia regions of Ethiopia – building girls' confidence, skills and knowledge as they progress through adolescence. ESSP was a pilot programme designed to test an approach for national scale-up. ESSP contributes to achievement of SDG-5 'Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls'. IPE Global completed design of the programme, with Federal Government of Ethiopia (GoE), (MoH, MoE, MoWCA) and other stakeholders, and developed an implementation plan for a nationwide Safe Spaces programme.

GOVERNANCE



DFID || Project Completion Review (PCR) of the Hunger Safety Net Programme (HSNP) II, Mandera, Wajir, Marsabit, Turkana Counties, 2019

The PCR aims to review the progress of the second phase of the HSNP programme against the outcomes and outputs set out in the approved Business Case and against the current log frame. The recipient and primary beneficiaries of the service will be DFID, Government of Kenya (GoK), the programme implementing partners and wider development partners such as the Australian Aid (AusAid), the World Bank and relevant UN agencies and research institutions. HSNP aims to reduce poverty, hunger and vulnerability in Kenya's four poorest counties. HSNP Phase 2 expanded to reach up to 100,000 HHs (600,000 chronically poor people). HSNP provides regular, timely electronic CTs (c.£40 every two months), paid directly into the fully functioning bank accounts of almost 100,000 of the poorest HHs (reaching up to 600,000 people).

Bureau of Crisis Prevention & Recovery (UNDP HQ), Sweden, UK DFID and Norway / UNDP Kenya || End-term Evaluation for the Deepening Foundation for Peacebuilding and Community Security in Kenya (12 counties), 2018

The overall objective of the evaluation is to assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the programme, including the extent to which cross cutting issues (human rights, gender, SDGs) have been mainstreamed. The evaluation will also assess the mechanisms put in place to enhance coordination and harmonization between UNDP, Implementing Partners, and state and non-state actors in peacebuilding and community security initiatives.



Women and their contribution towards Global Humanitarian Development

'Women', the word that speaks of a thousand sacrifices, is in itself an epitome of love and reform. Since ages, the nations have been progressing through the significant role women play in the development of the society and its ecosystem. Certainly, as the 2010 Census population discovered that women comprised of 50.8 percent of the global population, the contribution of women in the world's transition is undeniable. From being a mother and a wife, to being a sister, a friend or a colleague, their roles vary, and so do the way these women have been conquering the world with their power of optimism.

As William Shakespeare popularly quotes, "The world would be imperfect without the presence of the woman", it would be nowhere wrong calling females as the global driving force. Their contribution as educators and caretakers had been helping the societies in efficiently overcoming the biggest challenges, while remaining at the front end of the chain of improvements. The traditional and stereotyped approach towards women as wives and just reproducers of generation is extinct, where gender equality has become a major concern of the urban and rural civilizations.

With regard to 2030 Agenda for UN Sustainable Development Goals, recognizing the economic contribution of women towards development isn't feminism, but equality. Thus, achieving gender impartiality and women empowerment is integral to each of the 17 goals, which if fulfilled, can definitely create better economies, flourishing in a healthy environment.

In the context of global humanitarian development, women have been equally playing a central role in the survival and resilience of families and communities during the times of emergencies. After-all, when crisis occur, they affect the entire humanity, regardless of any bias. In such times when social structures get disrupted, women play a notable part towards decision-making and contributing in preparing for, and responding to the crises. A significant example of such contribution of women in global humanitarian development can be depicted through the post-crisis conditions in Yemen, where the males have eventually transformed their fixed norms of women employment, and are thus open to accepting contributions from their wives in supporting their families. Similarly, in Syria, the war led to a reversal of roles between men and women, where now gender empowerment is improving as women are being allowed to shoulder responsibilities apart from the usual household ones, while increasingly participating in decision-making on income and expenses.

To sum, this is a clear indication of how the existence and growth of women itself gives space to the development of the society as a whole.



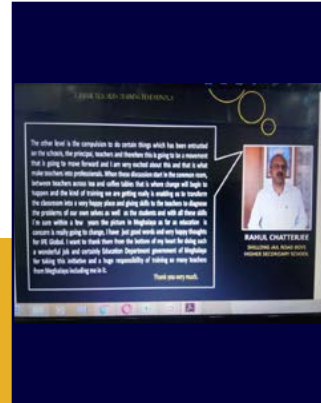
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Jagan Reddy's 75% Job Quota for Pradesh in the Long Run
 Andhra Pradesh CM Jagan Reddy recently passed a legislation sector, have to be reserved for local youth.
 Ashwajit Singh | News18.com | Updated: July 27, 2019, 12:16 PM IST



Ashwajit Singh featured in News18 in the article "Jagan Reddy's 75% job quota for Local Youth in Andhra Pradesh".

IPE Global Tumakuru Smart City Project featured in 10 media coverage focusing on "Amanikere Lake's Revival - A boon to recharge groundwater levels in water scarce Tumakuru".



IPE Global receives admiration from Rahul Chatterjee, the only teacher under Teacher Training Programme from the country to be selected for the "International high school teacher program" fellowship at CERN Geneva.

Neha Saigal gets featured in Orissa Post under the article "Economic growth eludes the poor".



multinational consultancy firms to carry out studies across key areas of the government

Rao Indrajit Singh said appropriate monitoring mechanisms are in place in NITI Aayog, including oversight committees to ensure timely completion of the assignments and quality thereof.

By Vinayak Saini Sharma, ET Bureau | Jul 17, 2019, 06:43 PM IST



Representative image

The key firms include the BCG India for sustainable action for transforming human capital education with project cost at Rs 6.5

IPE Global gets mentioned under the key firms by NITI Aayog for developing detailed master plan for the holistic development of nine islands; featured in Economic Times dated July 18 2019.

Ashwajit Singh's opinion piece on Andhra Pradesh's recent move on reserving 75% jobs for local youth published in Financial Express on July 27 2019.

Andhra's locals-quota hurts federal spirit

State barriers against migrant workers are an unwise economic decision, and adversely impacting investment, production efficiency, and profitability

ASHWAJIT SINGH



THE DRAFT NATIONAL Employment Policy (NEP) for 2017-18 proposed an employment target of 10 million in 2017-18 and 14 million in 2018-19, a year high that has to be achieved against a total of 10 million in the Indian states. It had come up earlier from the National Council for Skill Development in 2017-18.

The Economic Survey 2017 revealed that the annual average job creation in India has been 1.1 million per annum since 2009. The Economic Survey 2017 also revealed that the annual average job creation in India has been 1.1 million per annum since 2009. The Economic Survey 2017 also revealed that the annual average job creation in India has been 1.1 million per annum since 2009.

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the move to which they work. Andhra Pradesh (AP) Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu said that the state government will continue to work on the job creation target. He said that the state government will continue to work on the job creation target.

While it could work in a developed state, in the long run, it may lead to a disparity of income and opportunities amongst the poorer states, especially the BIMARU states.

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How 100-day work scheme is helping deal climate change

MNREGA Dams, ponds dug under have helped villagers cope with floods/drought

Jayashree Nandi



KONDAKURU (CHHATTISGARH): It rained for a few days in the first week of July and since then, no drizzle has witnessed the parched land of Kondakuru, a village in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district, where farmers are bracing for their crops to fail for the second year in a row.

The only resource that's helping them tide over the crisis is a large earthen dam, 4 km long and 10 m high, that the villagers built for months last summer to build. The dam, which captures the flow from ridge to valley, stores water and arrests erosion. It has helped them survive the drought. There are only the hand pumps, every-thing else has run dry," said Thiru Bal, who belongs to the Isaiga tribe that lives in the remote village devoid of employment opportunities.

Kankerda recorded a one-degree temperature increase between 1961 and 2011, according to data from the India Meteorological Department. The average work days per household increased during climate-proofing works from 56 in 2010-16, to 79 in 2016-19.

Sriparna Sanyal Iyer featured in Hindustan Times for IPE Global's work in Climate-proofing under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in Chattisgarh.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Md. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury,
Country Head - Bangladesh on
receiving the Movers & Shakers
Award of the Asia HRD Awards
2019 for his outstanding contribution
in the people development space.



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The Eagle Eye

Frequented by foodies, Murthal in Haryana (the place I spy from, oh...the place I come from) is a delicacy haven. But my preferences surely vary from "Just Hogging around." Police investigations and global issues have always amused me for some reason, so far so that my eagerness took me to *The Pursuit of Forensic* and *Anti-terrorism Study*.

Apart from having closely worked with India's apex investigation agency CBI (and I swear I don't have a gun 😊) I have had some amazing experiences with identifying and assessing risks to assets and operations in South Asia and MENA, producing in-depth micro and macro-level threat vulnerability assessments, in the creation of due diligence and Geopolitical intelligence, as well as site security audits. It certainly IS not the end of the matter, the investigation still continues!

Training session on KAP research studies in Tashkent, Uzbekistan



Learning and Development Training at IPE Office, New Delhi



Workshop on Optimising European Union (EU) Investments in Waste Management Sector, New Delhi





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