

## **Report on Workshop: "Bridging the Gap – Participation of Vulnerable Sections in Policy Making"**

**Date: August 1, 2024**

**Organized by: Department of Public Policy**

**Event Title: Bridging the Gap: Participation of Vulnerable Sections in Policy Making**

**Chief Guest: Ms. Vanessa Peter, (Member of the Supreme Court appointed State Level Committee to Monitor Shelter for Urban Homeless in Tamil Nadu)**

**Venue: Seminar Hall, Crescent Innovation and Incubation Cell**

### **Introduction**

On August 1, 2024, the Department of Public Policy organized a workshop titled "Bridging the Gap: Participation of Vulnerable Sections in Policy Making." The workshop aimed to address the challenges faced by vulnerable sections in the policy-making process and highlight strategies to improve their participation. The session featured Ms. Vanessa Peter, a distinguished member of the Supreme Court, as the resource person.



## Opening Address

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. R. Radhai, Head of the Department of Public Policy. Dr. Radhai introduced Ms. Vanessa Peter and set the stage for the workshop with her presidential address. She emphasized the significance of inclusive policy-making and the need to bridge gaps between policy makers and vulnerable communities.

Following Dr. Radhai's address, the Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Dr. Ayub Khan Dawood, delivered a speech that underscored the importance of effective policy-making. Dr. Dawood highlighted the crucial role of policies in addressing the needs of various sections of society and set the tone for the workshop.

## Keynote Presentation by Ms. Vanessa Peter

Ms. Vanessa Peter delivered the keynote address with a presentation focused on the challenges and solutions related to policy-making for vulnerable sections. Key aspects of her presentation included:

**Challenges in Policy Making:** Ms. Peter discussed the various obstacles encountered in policy formulation and implementation, particularly concerning vulnerable groups. She highlighted systemic issues and barriers that impede effective policy-making.

**Rehabilitation and Resettlement:** Drawing from her extensive experience, Ms. Peter shared insights into her work on the rehabilitation and resettlement of communities. She detailed the difficulties faced by urban residents in accessing basic amenities and the steps taken to address these issues.



Case Study of Perumbakkam: Ms. Peter presented a case study of Perumbakkam, where she had been actively involved in rehabilitation efforts. She introduced two individuals from Perumbakkam, Mercy and Maithili, who shared their personal experiences and the challenges they faced during the resettlement process.

Mercy and Maithili's Testimony: They described the hardships encountered, including inadequate housing, unemployment, deteriorating educational opportunities for their children, and health issues due to unhygienic conditions. They recounted their persistent efforts to seek assistance from government offices and their eventual success in gaining improved living conditions with the help of Ms. Peter.



Ms. Peter's Impact: Ms. Peter elaborated on her compassionate approach to addressing the needs of the Perumbakkam residents and the positive changes achieved through her intervention.

### **Open Discussion**

Following the keynote presentation, an open discussion was held where students had the opportunity to raise questions and engage with Ms. Vanessa Peter. The discussion provided valuable insights into practical aspects of policy-making and the importance of involving vulnerable communities in the process. Ms. Peter addressed the students' queries, offering further clarity on the complexities and strategies of effective policy-making.

### **Conclusion and Vote of Thanks**

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Nidha Babu. Nidha expressed gratitude to Ms. Vanessa Peter for her enlightening presentation on urban rehabilitation and resettlement. She also thanked all the distinguished guests, faculty members, and students for their participation and contributions to the success of the event.

## **Feedback and Recommendations**

### **Participant Feedback:**

The workshop was well-received, with attendees appreciating the practical insights shared by Ms. Peter and the real-world examples provided.

The personal testimonies from Mercy and Maithili added a powerful dimension to the discussion, making the challenges faced by vulnerable sections more tangible.

### **Recommendations:**

Future workshops could benefit from incorporating interactive case studies or simulations to enhance engagement and understanding.

Providing follow-up resources or materials on policy-making processes and strategies for involving vulnerable communities could further support students and professionals in the field.

The workshop on "Bridging the Gap: Participation of Vulnerable Sections in Policy Making" effectively highlighted the importance of inclusive policy-making and provided valuable insights from experienced professionals. The event successfully addressed the challenges and solutions related to involving vulnerable sections in policy processes, offering a comprehensive learning experience for all participants.

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# **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC POLICY ORGANISES A WORKSHOP ON BRIDGING THE GAP**

**Participation of Vulnerable  
Sections in Policy Making Process**

**Venue : Incubation centre (Seminar hall-1)  
Date : 01/08/2024 Time : 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**



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