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from ideas to action

The annual panel discussion by the Bansidhar & Ila Panda Foundation brings together experts across sectors with an aim of spreading awareness, advocacy and to ideate the way forward by which stakeholders can converge to contribute towards pressing social issues.



'Sports for Development-Education & Life Skills' was the topic in 2017 which was organized in partnership with **FICCI Odisha State Council**. Sports is a means of bringing about social change. Panelists engaged in deliberations and discussions on issues and challenges in streamlining

sports as part of the development agenda, sharing research-based knowledge & information, Government policies, role of development organizations and communities to promote a comprehensive approach to sports. On the panel were Mr Ranjib Biswal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and renowned Cricketer, Mr Vishal Kumar Dev, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Sports & Youth Services Department, Govt of Odisha, Mr Moncho Ferrer, Program Director, Rural Development Trust, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, Dr Abhijeet Barse, Chief Executive Officer, Slum Soccer-Krida Vikas Sanstha, and Nagpur. Ms Meha Bhardwaj, Associate Editor (Sports), CNN IBN was the Moderator. International Karate Ka, Ms Valena Valentina, shared her experience with the audience.

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'Immunization for All: Improving Child Health' was the topic in 2016 which was organized in partnership with **Global Health Strategies (GHS)**. The objective was to discuss & highlight the importance of immunization in improving child health, explore

the challenges faced for vaccines uptake at the grassroots level & explore the role that Civil Society Organizations (CSO) play in ensuring all children are able to access simple interventions such as immunization. It also aimed to find ways in which vaccine awareness can be raised and how interventions can become more accessible across all levels of society.

The panel discussion was moderated by Dr Supriya Bezbaruah, Senior Director, Global Health Strategies. On the panel were Dr T Jacob John, Emeritus Professor, Christian Medical College,

Vellore, Dr Hemanta Kumar Mishra, Additional Director of Child Health, State Expanded Program of Immunization, Government of Odisha, Mr Joe Madiath, Founder, Gram Vikas, Dr Rajiv Tandon, Technical Director - Maternal Neonatal and Child Health and Nutrition, PATH and Dr Amir Ullah Khan, Policy Advisor, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

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'Education for All: Prospects & Challenges' was the topic in 2015 which was organized in association with **FICCI Odisha State Council**. The RTE Act has made education a fundamental right and provides for all children between the ages of 6-14 to get free education. Rural India suffers from issues like



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inadequate infrastructure, shortage of teachers and behavioral challenges. Children from marginalized homes do not have access to affordable quality education. Experts from different educational organizations came together to deliberate on this critical topic of **"Equity Education for All"**.

On the panel were Prof Marmar Mukhopadhyay, Chairman, Educational Technology & Management Academy, New Delhi, Mr Mahendra Kumar Mallick (IAS), State Project Director, Odisha Primary Education Programme Authority (OPEPA), Dr Banchhanidi Panda, President Vidyabharti, Odisha, Mr Gopinath T Menon, Chairperson, Sparsh Centre for Participatory Learning, Mumbai & Mr Purnendu Hota, Head & Project In-Charge, Hole-in-the Wall Education Project, NIIT, New Delhi.

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'Rural India to Skilled India: Unleashing the Avenues' was the topic in 2014 which was organized in association with **FICCI Odisha State Council**. The objective was to discuss how stakeholders can contribute to the skilling ecosystem by raising awareness among people, creating skilling & employment opportunities and facilitating



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bridging of the skill gap – all of which are integral aspects of providing employable skills which lead to India's development. On the panel were Mr RCM Reddy, Managing Director & CEO, IL&FS Cluster Development Initiative Limited, Mr Pramod Kumar Panda, OAS, Director, OSEMS & DTET, Odisha, Mr N Arulselvan, Director & COO, Nettur Technical Training Foundation, Bangalore, Mr Ratnesh, Programme Analyst, UNDP and Mr B P Pant, Advisor, FICCI.

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'Water & Sanitation: Foundation for Improved Health' was the topic in 2013 which was organized in association with **FICCI Aditya Birla CSR Centre for Excellence**. On the panel were Mr Brecht Mommen, WASH Specialist UNICEF, Odisha State Office, Mr Arumugam

Kalimuthu Country Director, Water for People, Mrs Tuhina Roy, State Consultant, IEC & HRD, Odisha State Water & Sanitation Mission, Government of Odisha, Dr Suvendu Das, Vice

President – HR, Paradeep Phosphates Ltd and Dr B B Samanta, Independent Consultant, WASH.

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'Maternal & Newborn Health'

was the topic of our 1st panel discussion in 2012, which was organized in partnership with **Pathfinder International** to generate a public awareness about the issue. On the panel



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were Dr Pramila Mohanty, Joint

Director, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Odisha, Mr Hemant Dwivedi, Head of UNFPA in Odisha, Dr Satish Saluja, renowned Pediatrician and Fellow National Neonatology Forum, Dr Sujata Kar, eminent Gynecologist of Odisha. The Discussion was attended by people from sectors like Industry, Government, NGO, INGO, Civil Society, Education institutions and Media.

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