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Summary

A postgraduate student of Social Work with specialisation in Community Organisation and Development Practice, with interest areas in educational inequalities and social inclusion. Previous research experience through master's dissertation on adolescents and their experiences of social exclusion. Prior work experience of working with National Rural Livelihood Mission in Rajasthan.

Education

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

2021 - 2023

Master in Social Work (Community Organisation and Development Practice)

7.3 CGPA

Worked on master's dissertation under supervision of Dr. Helarius Beck on 'Perspectives of Adolescents on Social Exclusion: Struggles with Identity and Role of Society' exploring The research examines factors contributing to exclusion, emphasizing societal influence on intergenerational learning. It explores socialization's role in shaping narratives of segregation, marginalization, and discrimination, linking adolescent understanding with identity struggles and coping mechanisms.

Hansraj College, University of Delhi

2018 - 2021

Bachelor of Science (Honors) in Mathematics

9.257 CGPA

DSB International Public School, Rishikesh

2018

Class XII

92.8%

Omkananda Saraswati Nilayam, Rishikesh

2016

Class X

92.2%

Certifications

Qualified UGC-NET and JRF in Social Work (December 2023)

Work Experience

Block Project Manager, Rajasthan Grameen Aajeevika Vikas Parishad (Rajeevika), Jaipur

Jul 2023-Mar 2024

- Periodic project monitoring activities and identification of intervention areas.
- Aid in financial inclusion of grassroots institutions.
- Working closely with project facilitation team and community cadres by visiting grassroots institutions.
- Implementation of 11 kitchens under Indira Rasoi (Rural) Yojana in the Block Project Management Unit, Paota.

Fieldwork Experience

LEARN Mahila Kamgar Sangathan, Nashik

Dec 2022-Jan 2023

- Researched and curated a user-friendly support directory of social security schemes for women informal workers and their families.
- Documented case studies of home-based workers to be published on the blog of HomeNet South Asia through home-visits.
- Monitored and evaluated two projects- the Grandmother Adoption Project and Basic Zoom Training.

Vasundhara Odisha, Nayagarh

Sep 2022-Oct 2022

- Conducted a needs assessment study to understand socio-economic conditions of two tribal villages
- Mapped potential of minor forest produces collected in two tribal villages.
- Prepared case studies of women and an Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFD) village to ascertain the implementation status of the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

Pravah, New Delhi

Apr 2022-May 2022

- Conducted preliminary research on corporate volunteering opportunities.
- Engaged in application process for the GROW Project by the Grant Thornton Foundation.

Internships

ImpactDash

Jun 2022-Jul 2022

Junior Researcher

- Worked on a social impact assessment study of the YES Foundation Grant and Accelerator Program, impacting 22 social organisations.
- Prepared data collection tools, and primary data collection through interviews of beneficiaries and staff from organisations.
- Engaged in data analysis along with writing of the final report.

Society for Empowerment and Welfare Activities (SEWA)-THDC, Rishikesh

Jan 2022

CSR Intern

- Drafted success stories to publish on the website.
- Conducted field visits to homeopathic clinic associated with SEWA.
- Campaign for PM-KUSUM Yojana in three blocks of Haridwar District, Uttarakhand.

Positions of Responsibility

- Member of the Peer Support Group by the TISS Counselling Center, Mumbai (2021-23)
- Head of Logistics (2019-20), Department of Mathematics, Hansraj College
 - Delegated a team of 32 members in the cultural fest 'Identity-2020'.
 - Member of the Sponsorship team.
 - Organized Shri Shanti Narayan Mathematics Conclave 2020 as the first academic fest of Department of Mathematics at Hans Raj College.
- Member of Creative Team for the cultural fest in Hansraj College.

Extracurricular Activities

- Mentored underprivileged children for a year at 'Padhaku' wing of NSS Hansraj College (2018-19).
- Winner of Regional Level CBSE Science Exhibition, 2016 (Food Production and Security), co-headed the team at the National Level CBSE Science Exhibition, 2017.
- State representative at Northern India Science Fair, 2017 held at National Science Centre, New Delhi.

Skills

MS Office | Canva | Google Applications | Quantitative and qualitative research | R programming (beginner) | GIS (beginner)