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## About Me:

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Hello, I'm Mihir!

A Self Designed Learner,Blogger and Sustainability Enthusiast. I am trying to make my own paths of 'learning and living'. I have a dream of 'World Peace' and I believe that 'Education' is the one of the most powerful tool to achieve that.

My current explorations are as a Self Designed Learner and building ‘*Swapathgami*’ (self designed learner) Community. With the help of my mentors, I designed curriculum to understand different ways of knowledge building and learning. Exploration of learning webs like Alternative Education , Environmental Sustainability, Community living and Social Justice are also part of my learning journey.

## Skills

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Alternative Education Methods, Creative Learning, Design Thinking, Linux, MIT Scratch, Child Psychology, Hands-on learning, Experimental learning, Marketing, Communication Design, Open Source Development, WordPress, Joomla, Blogging, Git, HTML, CSS

## Interest Area

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Alternative Education, learning new languages, Music, Creative Learning, Learning Sciences, Multiple Intelligence, Child Physiology, Learning Methods for Disabled, Sustainable Development, Alternative Lifestyle, Technology for Good, Social Enterprise

## Education

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### **Mechanical Engineering - ' Walk Out '**

I attended 3 years of engineering college, But Some of my most powerful learning experiences have been shaped by Meeting people from different backgrounds, Making Projects, Volunteering and Interning at different places.

### **Online Courses**

edx.org: Programming in scratch

edx.org: Child Psychology

edx.org: Design and development of Educational Technologies

## Internship

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2011 -2012

**Pathak Technologies** : Pathak Technologies is the Web Development Firm.

**Role** : Founder

Exploring and applying new technologies is one of my interest which adds to my knowledge. Nowadays founding tech start-up is very common news but before 2-3 years, It was very adventurous experience. We made 50+ websites with the team of developers and designers for the clients like schools, tuition classes, small local businesses etc.

**Live Web pages Pvt Ltd** : Live Web pages Pvt Ltd. is the Web Development and technology solutions firm.

**Role :** Marketing Executive

Helped in Concept Marketing of softwares products like ERP, CRM, HRM, CMS, LMS, etc.

2012 - 2014

**Multi Color Idea inc.:** Multi Color Idea inc. is the brand building and creative solutions firm.

**Role :** I was Part of Service Design and Communication Design team in project called Hyperlocal E-Commerce. Contributed in concept design and execution from the very initially level of project.

**Information Works System and Solutions :** Tech startup trying to bring together art, pedagogy, and technology to build the most attractive and innovative learning systems.

**Role :** Contributed in content development for the flagship project called LearnAPT.com  
Learnapt is an Advanced Personalized Learning System based on theory of Multiple Intelligence. Developed lesson plans and educational comics for various subjects like Science-Tech and Social Studies.

## Volunteering

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Volunteering is the best way to explore new learning webs. At the age of 16, I started volunteering at different NGOs like Ramakrishna Mission and Community Science Center, Vadodara.

2014 - 2015

### [Make India movement](#)

**Role :** I was a part of learning team and helped in development of innovative teaching-learning methods for students of primary school.

### [MIT Media Lab - Design Innovative Workshop](#)

**Role :** Helped organizing team to manage hospitality during 7 days long design innovation workshop.

### [Maker Fest 15'](#)

**Role :** Helped organizing team to manage hospitality during 3 days long event.

### [World Possible](#)

**Role :** I am a part of executive team of India chapter of world possible. Currently I am helping to deploy the different learning technologies by world possible in rural areas near Vadodra - Gujarat IND.

### [Muni Seva Ashram](#)

Muni Seva Ashram is well known NGO working in areas like Healthcare, Education, Sustainable development, Renewable energy, etc.

**Role :** Starting as volunteer, I had this great opportunity to work on various projects in areas like education and training.

- Helped students of vocational training center to learn computer skills.
- Co-ordinated the training workshop about Solar Thermal Technologies with the 300+ participants from various backgrounds under the guidance of Mr. Deepak Gadhia.
- Contributed in development of computer lab and educational content management system for primary school - part of Muni Seva Ashram.
- Directed student volunteering camp in year 2015 for undergrad students from USA.

- Organized community gathering like Gujarati Wikipedia Meetup.
- Performed as 'learning lead' for An initiative to build model schools by using integrated manner of innovative teaching-learning methods.

### **Vadodara Home Schooling Group**

**Role :** Helped home schooling kids to ignite creativity with various workshops like Creative Ad Making, Creative Problem Solving, Comic Making, Drama, etc.

## Projects

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### [LearnLabs](#)

An initiative to build model schools by using integrated manner of innovative teaching learning methods, that will become a benchmark of excellence for educating underprivileged children.

**Role** : Learning lead - Researching and developing different alternative teaching-learning methods to make holistic learning possible.

### [Evidyalay.net](#)

Evidyalay is a Gujarati first online learning portal. designed for early childhood education via multimedia, and encourage inbuilt creativity of kids.

**Role** : Part of 'learning team' - helping to design content strategy and learning aids.

### [Prayog Ghar](#)

Prayog Ghar is a Gujarati first Sci & Technology blog.

**Role** :Writer, Content curator, Editor - Writing articles on science and technology for the kids of age 10 to 16yr. Helps to understand science with storytelling, hands on experiments and more practical ways.

### [Learn and Fun Camp \(LnF\)](#)

Learn and Fun Camp is an initiative to ignite creativity of kids via hands on activities. completed 50 LnF camps in rural areas near by Vadodara.

**Role** : Co-ordinator - performed various hands on activities and experiments like toys from trash to ignite creativity of kids.

### [Bodhi](#)

Bodhi is an open source project to access all the useful open source educational content at the one stop.

**Role** : Content curator - contributing in curation open source educational content.

Team : Mihir Pathak, Samyak Bhuta

## Learning Journey

Meet and learn from innovative thinker-doers in different places.

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2014-2015

### Learning Journey to Swaraj University, Udaipur.

Swaraj University is the alternative university based in udaipur- Rajasthan.

I visited Swaraj University for 3 days. It was great learning experience. Read [blog post](#) to learn more about it.

### Learning Journey to IIT B GBF, Goa.

I attended Global Business Forum organized IIT Bombay Alumni Association. Read [blog post](#) to learn more about it.

### Learning Journey to Alternative Schools, Bangalore.

I visited 2 alternative schools in Bangalore. 1. BeMe school - based in Indiranagar, Bangalore.

Run by Namrata and Vishal Bhatt. 2. Aarohi Life Education - based in small village of Kerumangalam, Bangalore. Run by Adit and Ratnesh Mathur.

Read [blog post](#) to learn more about it.

## Membership

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- People's Union for Civil Liberties
- Vibrant Gujarat Linux User Group
- Sustainable living India
- Swapathgami Networks

## Media

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Inspiration is the most powerful tool to push up your efforts for your Draem. I read lots of stories and inspired to take one step more. I also shared my story with people, so they can learn, give feedback, collaborate and inspire next.

[19 year old village lad drops out of college, starts an alternative education centre](#) by **Jubin Mehta**

Thank You