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One of the biggest things that drew me to the India Project Center was the fact that my grandfather had gone through a similar experience back in the 1960s as a researcher from Iowa State. After hearing his stories about experiences with the people and the culture, I knew I immediately wanted to go there. It holds such an important part in my family's life, and I want to be able to share in that. Through my time in Mandi, I hope to learn about Eastern culture by being fully immersed in it. However, my number one reason for wanting to go to Mandi is the fact that I want to be pushed far out of my comfort zone. I've always lived by the idea that you don't learn the important lessons until you do so, and India would give me that exact opportunity. I want to see how other cultures live and I want to develop a greater appreciation for what I have and how I live. Lastly, I hope to develop a greater understanding about how small actions can make big waves. I want to be able to make someone else's life that much easier by something that my team worked on.