**Final Report**

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I thank Atypical Advantages for providing me this golden opportunity to give my valuable points on course of "Social Internship”.

Atypical Advantage is the planet's first Talent Platform for people with Disabilities (PWD) where you can hire Talent, Buy Product or Painting or commission Artwork.

We would like to map skills of people with disabilities across the country and match it with potential employers. Our Talent needs a chance and an opportunity based on their skills. We aim to empower PWD’s across our country by highlighting their Abilities.We host some of the finest paintings made by PWD and aim to democratise jobs /freelancing.

The Objective of the organisation are to generate and develop livelihood opportunities for individuals with disabilities by showcasing their talent and not their disability.

1. How the course has changed you and your perspectives.  What are some of the highlights of your internship- the people you met, the stories you heard and the practical experiences you had. What are some of the challenges you faced and overcome?

The course of social internship was a wholesome experience which changed my perspective 180 degrees. I have always been open to learning new things and I have heard earlier about how NGO’s work and how they contribute to the society and Atypical Advantages is not only an ngo it’s an organization that work for the benefit of people with disability . I always wanted to have an experience of working for a noble cause so that I could understand the various problems in other people’s life and help them deal with it. I was very excited when I heard about our Srijan social internship . I got to experience an aspect of social internship. We got our mentor Sai Prasad Sir who is very helpful and polite as he knew this is our first internship he help us in every step and every possible way. In the starting phase, I experienced some difficulties while communicating with people, but later we again had meet with our mentor and he show us a path which we should follow to approach an unknown person that I needed to keep in mind in order to communicate better. Our first task was to bring together more people with disability and spread awareness about our noble cause for which we came forward and tried to contact with individual person, ngo, an organisation and some person who have done research over people with disability or volunteered before to connect with more people. For me talking to these people and knowing their views and specially trying to communicate with PWDs was the best part of my entire course because although they have some disability but their willingness and their talents make them special. I not only connected with them on professional grounds but personal grounds as well while they are very conservative with whom they allow to enter their space. I saw the level of intellectual capacity they had, as some quotes says don’t judge a book by it’s cover like that only without communicating and knowing them well we cannot guess how much talented and also kind they are. We have also been given the task to collect the data of firms regarding their Talent and diversity head. And our last task was to verify the previous collected data for which we have to contact the given details and check for the authenticity of data and provide any information or people who wants to connect. These weeks of my experience with Atypical Advantages have taught me a lot and I will keep these learnings with me lifelong and sure try to always aware people about this wonderful platform of Atypical Advantages.

1. Your understanding of the focus area of your internship (For instance health, primary education, environment, sustainability etc.). In this part you will share what have you understood and how

My area of internship focused on communication with People with Disability. It mainly involved spreading awareness about the platform and connect with more people like them to make their life comfortable and make them more independent while keeping in mind things like we had be first make them comfortable to communicate with us. Founder of Atypical Advantages Vineet Saraiwala who is also a person with disability saw the lack of connectivity and opportunities for PWDs and he founded this organisation to help people and make society a better place to live. This internship has for sure made us more empathetic, more grateful towards everything and improve my perspective of life. The things that I admired most in these people was that they worked hard, they didn’t let their disability made them look helpless or be hopeless infact they unknowingly inspires many. Everything that I did during the social internship was a lesson for me . Every mistake taught me a new way to solve the problem in which our group leader Asmita Singh and our mentor Sai Prasad has helped me. Every achievement taught me a new meaning of happiness because I was gaining blessing everytime I connect with them and explain them the work this organisation is doing for them. Every road block showed me that there were some people willing to learn how to move past the stops that they saw in their life and it is really inspiring.

1. How do you see yourself making a difference, immediately and in the long term?

Being the reason for people’s happiness and trying to make world a better place for everyone was the best difference we made as a team with Atypical Advantages. In my life I have seen people be sad over small things and maybe sometimes I also become and yet I saw the people living with disabilities living joyfully while accepting their flaws and discovering their talents, I have felt the emotions while spreading awareness about the organisation and platform where people are willing to know the authenticity and get hope for betterment with the happiness that someone is taking the initiative, they are willing to grow they just need a little nudge in the right direction and they can be the changer of their world as well as ours. Awaring people about the organisation who work for them and connecting them while trying to be of help as much as possible are some tasks I will still continue to do even after end of my social internship. Also, my internship might have finished but in the future also I see myself working with as many NGO’s and organisation as I could. One thing that I have explored about myself is that working with NGO’S, organisation and for the society makes me a lot happier and more satisfied in life because it felt like having a meaning in life. As I have heard my whole life helping someone who is not as privileged as you is the best thing you can do to enrich the world around you. I have started seeing things differently. Now instead of getting rid of a problem I try to think of a solution .I also see many improvements in the person that I am today as I definitely became more polite, more empathetic, more passionate about everything I do and which better communication skill. I am looking forward to help people more and more in the future whether it is by raising awareness for which are useful or helping in anyway I could.