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#### **Educational Qualifications**

- M.Sc. Anthropology and Development, London School of Economics & Political Science (2011-2012)
  - Graded: 57%, Pass Class
  - Anthropology: Theory and Ethnography; Development Management; Anthropology of Politics; Anthropology of Industrialization and Industrial Life.
- B.A. Sociology & Anthropology, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, India (2007-2010)
  - Graded: 68.5%, First Class (Ranked 4th in Mumbai University in Sociology & Anthropology)
  - History of Sociological Thought; Gender and Society; Agrarian Societies; History of Anthropological Thought; Pre-literate Religion; Anthropology and Development.

• Higher Secondary Certificate Examination, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, India (2005-2007)

- Graded: 70.3%, First Class
- English, Marathi, Economics, Political Science, Psychology and Mathematics.
- Secondary School Certificate Examination, John 23<sup>rd</sup> High School, Virar, India (2005)
  - Graded: 85.33%, Distinction

## **Skills**

- Languages: Can read, write and speak in English, Hindi and Marathi fluently.
- Communication: Excellent communication and presentation skills enhanced through undergraduate and postgraduate studies, theatre, and volunteering and internship opportunities.
- Leadership: Experienced in managing and motivating teams, organizing events, raising necessary resources and achieving set goals.
- Computer: Efficient with Microsoft Office and Tally.

# **Work Experience**

- Programme Coordinator with Vikas Adhyayan Kendra, Mumbai (January 2013)
- Research and Communications Intern with Global Campaign for Climate Action, London, United Kingdom (July 2012 to October 2012)
  - Assisted research and writing of communications reports about climate change issues and news stories from the energy sector in Europe and North America.
  - Lead researcher for an independent pilot study of the influencer mapping in the passage of a certain pending environmental legislation in the European Parliament
  - Undertook desk research, participated in telephonic interviews and liaised with several other organizations in Europe and Northern America functioning for a similar cause.
- Student Consultant with International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), Geneva Branch (December 2011 to April 2012)
  - Worked as part of a team of consultants, coordinating with the Geneva Office from London.
  - Conducted desk research and compiled report: Climate Risk Management in the Caribbean.
  - The report summarizes the vulnerabilities and the impacts of climate change in the four Small Island Developing States of the Eastern Caribbean region.
- Research Assistant with Disaster Management Unit and Central Complaint Redressal Centre under the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM), Mumbai, India (August 2010 to December 2010)
  - Research assistant to the Project Officer and Local Knowledge Expert for the Disaster Risk Management Master Plan (DRMMP).
  - Collecting structural and organizational data of all schools, colleges and hospitals in Greater Mumbai.
  - Organisation and updating of data in a specific convenient format ensuring ease of access during emergencies.
  - Ensuring active involvement of senior bureaucrats such as Collector of Mumbai, Assistant Commissioner of Police and Head of Security of Mumbai International Airport in the DRMMP.

# **Volunteer Experience**

- Bharat Jodo Abhiyan (Unite India Campaign) (May 2009 to June 2009)
  - Volunteered as part of a team for labour donation in Chandrapur, a drought prone district in Central India.
  - Engaged in manual labour for the construction of ponds and wells in various villages of the region to assist in collecting and conserving rain water.
- Mahan Trust (December 2008)
  - Patient management of a medical camp in Melghat, infamous as malnourishment capital of India.
  - Assisting doctors in ensuring that the patients are physically and psychologically fit to undergo medical procedures.
  - Co-ordinating with patients overcoming language, social and cultural barriers.
- Committed Communities Development Trust, Mumbai, India (June 2007 to February 2008)
  - Worked at Ankur Asmitha, a day care shelter for children in especially difficult situations in Kamathipura, Mumbai.
  - Taught Mathematics, Geography and Marathi on a weekly basis
  - Supervised the children on outdoor trips.
- Centre for Study of Social Change, Mumbai, India (May 2007)
  - Assisted in organizing a summer camp for impoverished children of daily wage migrants.

#### Research Papers

- 'Enlightenment thought as reflected in the analysis of farmer's suicides in India' Conducted secondary research on the Anthropological conceptions of individual and reason derived from Enlightenment thought; and its inherent implications on the development policies in India. This paper was presented as my post-graduate dissertation.
- 'Naxalite Movements' Desk research
- 'Reservation for Women in Panchayati Raj Institutions' Primary and desk research
- A qualitative study of 'Land Reforms in Talasari', a tribal village near Mumbai, India using naturalistic observation, participant observation and individual interviews.

## Co-Curricular Activities

- Co-editor-in-chief and Head of marketing of 'Eidos', an annual journal of the department of Sociology and Anthropology at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, India – managed a team of 20 people.
- Organiser of the annual Sociology and Anthropology seminar at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, India ensured the smooth functioning of the seminar attended by 60 students.
- Participated in the Honours Programme under the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, India.
- Active participant in the Marathi Vangmay Mandal (Marathi Literature Society) at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, India.

**Personal Interests** 

Books, Films, Treks, Travel, Vipassana

References – Available on request

Desired Job Profile - Research Associate, Programs Officer, Programs Manager.

Expertise – Researching, Reading and Writing Social and Developmental Policy.