

Rhythm Rastogi

Social Impact | Climate Action | Design Research

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Junior Associate – GTM & Engagement The/Nudge Institute Support engagement strategies and executed programming for high-impact convenings (2000+ participants) across the social sector. My work involves researching and writing session briefs, liaising with internal and external stakeholders, and ecosystem-building across the government, social enterprise, and corporate sectors to support thriving and resilient livelihoods.	July 2024 - Present
Founding Member Savitri Social Labs Social design lab working on projects related to social innovation and sustainability in Vadodara. Currently growing an urban permaculture green space where I research and experiment with circular use of resources. Projects include curriculum development for student-led greening of unused school plots and managing Be Here Now, a two-year-running eco-arts and music festival.	2021-Present
Interim Program Manager Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University Coordinated the internal operations of the Saxena Center, including handling administrative tasks, logistics for visitors, and managing lectures and events between scholars, practitioners and public intellectuals in research and teaching in modern South Asia	2023
Documentary Intern Surabhi Tandon (Filmmaker and Video Journalist) Remotely supported research and creative development for documentary storytelling on urban Indian issues. Contributed to sequencing, pitch materials, and thematic research.	2021
Digital Intern SRISTI (Society for Research and Initiatives for Sustainable Technologies and Institutions), Ahmedabad Laid the foundation for a digital rural technology database by cataloguing two decades of grassroots knowledge through video, audio, and interview sources	2020
Research Intern Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS), Rajasthan Collated primary and archival documents to track the trajectory of labor laws originating from the National Advisory Council I also conducted on-ground fieldwork and surveys related to the Forest Rights Act in Rajasthan.	2019

RESEARCH

2019-2022

Social Audit Toolkit (with Prof. Patrick Heller, Brown University) Developed a digital archive of India's RTI, NREGA and other labor rights laws for public accessibility and awareness. This included tagging and cataloguing over 2000 historical documents, simplifying terminology and building a searchable interface hosted at Brown University's Library.	
Citizenship Index (with Prof. Ashutosh Varshney, Janaagraha) Literature review on the history and quality of public services in Vadodara and Ahmedabad as part of a national urban citizenship study with Janaagraha.	

EDUCATION

Brown University
B.A., Honors in Sociology, 3.67 GPA
Providence, USA | 2018 – 2022.5

- **Thesis:** To Grow: Community Ecosystems (Qualitative study on socio-ecological networks)

Navrachana Higher Secondary School
Humanities Track, 92%
Gujarat, India | 2014 – 2018

SKILLS

Excel (Advanced), R (Basic), GIS (Basic), Gephi, Tableau, Google Suite, Canva

COMMUNITY & ENGAGEMENT

Curating, The Climate Party Bangalore Organise and curate community gatherings to build a collective genius for climate solutions	
Core Team, Vadaavaran Collective (Gigatonne Challenge) Formed a youth-led climate action collective for community composting of food-waste which offset over 44 tons of CO2e in 4 months and tested waste-to-wealth livelihood strategies	
Community Engagement Chair, Better World by Design Led volunteers and the community experience at an annual student-led design conference on pressing social issues	