

Rhythm Rastogi

Social Impact | Futures Research | Regenerative Systems and Sustainability

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STRATEGY AND PROGRAMMING

Junior Associate – GTM & Engagement

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The/Nudge Institute

Designed engagement strategies and ecosystem building efforts for the future of livelihoods in India. Worked across research, programming, and stakeholder engagement to curate dialogues between policymakers, funders, and grassroots leaders for high impact national level convenings (2000+ participants) across the social sector. Produced insight decks, briefs, and strategic content that translated multi-stakeholder conversations into actionable narratives

Founding Member

Savitri Social Labs

2021-Present

Co-founded a social design lab and urban permaculture greenspace experimenting with circular and regenerative practices. Developed ‘Plantship’, a hands-on ecological learning program for schools, integrating curriculum design and reflection-based facilitation. Led “Be Here Now,” an eco-arts and music festival and workshops on permaculture practices.

Program Manager

2023

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

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH AND FIELDWORK

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 This included tagging and cataloguing over 2000 historical documents, simplifying terminology and building a searchable interface hosted at Brown University’s Library.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)

Contributed to a comparative study on urban citizenship through literature review and analysis of public services in Vadodara and Ahmedabad as part of a national urban citizenship study with Janaagraha.

Digital Intern

SRISTI (Society for Research and Initiatives for Sustainable Technologies and Institutions), Ahmedabad

Laid the foundation for a digital knowledge repository by cataloging two decades of grassroots innovations and rural technologies.

Research Intern

Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS), Rajasthan

Conducted participatory action research, collated primary and archival documents and carried out field surveys to track the trajectory of labor laws originating from the National Advisory Council and Forest Rights Act in Rajasthan.

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

Qualitative Research & Analysis: ethnography, participatory methods, content analysis, scoping research

Insights & Strategy: project management, market research, ecosystem & stakeholder mapping, cultural analysis

Design & Facilitation: futures thinking, foresight methods, workshop facilitation, curriculum prototyping

Storytelling & Communication: insight decks, reports,

long-form writing, editorial work, public speaking

Systems & Tools: Excel (Advanced), R (Basic), GIS (Basic),

Gephi, Tableau, Google Suite, Canva, Miro

STORYTELLING AND DESIGN

Curator, The Climate Party Bangalore

Curate and facilitate experimental public formats for climate dialogue, bringing together citizens, researchers, and practitioners to build a climate scienus.

Core Team, Vadaavarana 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

Documentary Development

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.

Community Engagement Chair, Better World by Design

Led volunteers and the community experience at an annual student-led design conference on pressing social issues

Section Editor & Staff Writer, The College Hill Independent

Wrote on climate and tech topics; promoted to Section Editor for Science+Tech and Global News