

Nayi Dishayein (6 weeks) 2015

Nayi Dishayein Program (Summer Internship) 2015 brought together 15 young people from across India to introduce them to various issues and initiatives dedicated to questioning development. The participants mainly ranged from age 18-26. Engaged at different stages of higher education they belonged to diverse backgrounds of Humanities, Law, Engineering and Media.

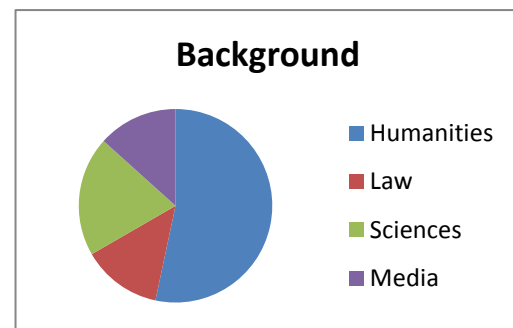
The workshop was spread over 6 weeks, with first 10 days spent at the Sambhaavnaa Institute exploring and understanding the critique of current development and its various socio-political, environmental and psychological impacts. The cohort then divided into pairs to travel to different parts of northern India on their internships with various activist organizations. The internship component provided them first-hand engagement with various issues surrounding ‘development’ and how change is being brought about through social action at multiple levels. These organizations are working in diverse fields of forests rights, education, organic farming, community journalism, rehabilitation and displacement issues and hydropower issues. The work at these organizations engaged the cohort into hands-on work of filing RTIs, preparing and filing court cases, alternative learning pedagogies, radio editing, farming, supporting public meetings and surveying status of government issues, impacts of chemical farming and status of state schooling system. In its last week the cohort returned to Sambhaavnaa Institute to learn from each other’s experiences and analyze the social actions being taken at different levels.

Sessions in first module

- Promises of India
- Idea of Development
- Why do we continue down the blind alley? (Economic History)
- Murder of Democracy
- Development impacts around Kandbari
- Energy scenario of India
- Role of Judiciary in Development



Participants Map



- Power matrix and Social identities
- Alternative education
- History of public movements



Internship organizations

MKSS, Rajasthan

Narmada Bachao Andolan, Madhya Pradesh

CGNET, Chattisgarh

AIUFWP, Uttar Pradesh

Eklavya, Bhopal

Sambhaavnaa Trust Clinic, Bhopal

Kheti Virasat Mission, Punjab

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