

Workshop Report

Workshop Title	Nayi Soch ki Khoj: Vikas aur hum
Workshop Dates	27th Feb- 5th March , 2015
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Facilitators	Neeru and Hano

1. Overview and Summary

The group exposure at Sambhaavnaa Institute in Palampur was a three way partnership between Pravah, Sambhaavnaa Institute and Himdhara. The mobilization was done by Pravah, while the design and facilitation was jointly done by all three organizations.

The exposure was also a partnership with NSS IIT Delhi. The group consisted of 16 students currently studying in IIT and the rest 4 (open participants) were from different backgrounds. Most of the participants had never been to such an exposure before and the expectations were varied for the entire group.

The collaboration between the three organizations was an experiment. Regular exposures at Sambhaavnaa institute are mainly sessions taken by academicians and activists on politics and policy making; their target audience are young people who are interested in such issues and want to broaden their understanding. This workshop – Nayi Soch Ki Khoj, gave an opportunity to intersperse the sessions on development and energy crisis with one's own personal stand on the issue and how my position in society will affect the way I respond to the issue of energy and development.

The whole design was created in a way where the sessions taken by the experts at Sambhaavnaa were followed by or layered with along Pravah self reflective sessions which gave the volunteers a space to absorb the learning and connect it with their own lives.

List of facilitators:

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Kesang	Himdhara
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Prakash	Himdhara
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Hano john	Pravah
Neeru malhotra	Pravah

2. Analysis

Activity	SMILE In-turn-ship (Group)
Design Overview	<p>The workshop was designed to have a balance of both self reflective sessions layered deeply with session on hydro power, politics, law and globalization. The idea was to give the volunteers a societal view of the issues and help them reflect on the learning and make choices for themselves.</p> <p>Day one session at sambhavaanaa was 'Who am I? This set the tone of the whole workshop it was done with the objective of starting the process of reflection and also building the trust in the group.</p> <p>Day three of the workshop was majorly around the idea of development, its history and the issues around it which was layered with systems thinking so as to show the</p>

	<p>interconnections in the system and also bring out how their action also do effect the system in one way or another.</p> <p>Day four had a hydro power visit planned and then there was a session on the issues of small hydropower dams being built in rivers. The session systematically and in detail put forth the perils of these small dams and the issues that unfold at different levels and how much of destruction it causes to nature and the villagers in and around that dam. Evening there was a power walk session which beautifully brought out the whole idea power, privilege and how different people are powerless at different stages in life based on their identity. The discussion was really nice to see as volunteers asked really thought through questions which were readily answered by the facilitators</p> <p>Day Five was all about the effects of globalization and how the a large part of the wealth is accumulated by very few corporation and also how profit making is the only motive of these big MNCs regardless of the damage caused by the them to the environment. Also there was a session by Himansu Ji who shared his experience with State and Judiciary while working in Chattisgarh.</p>
Outcomes	<p>Conducting this workshop was an enriching experience as it being a first of its kind experience there was immense learning for facilitators. One of the major things which was missing or would really have added value to the whole process was more reflective sessions because there was a major chunk of session taken by external facilitators of Sambhavanaa there was very little time do that.</p> <p>For a few of volunteers this was a life altering heavy experience, but what this exposure really managed to do for these volunteers is to take them question their own stand on issues. Their whole notion that if development needs to be there then someone has to pay the price of it was really challenged they got a real life idea of who is this development actually for and what's actually at stake.</p>

3. Feedback

Overall the volunteers were really pleased with the whole workshop and for many it being a first of a kind experience that too at a critical junction in their life where their college life and they too are going to be part of the corporate workforce gave them a lot of insights. Overall the session by Ravi Chopra was one session everyone really liked , they could really connect to his story as he too was a IITian back in the 1940's.

Overall Rating = 4.5/5

"Back in Delhi we are living in a concrete jungle we are living in creating pollution and waste, as a result of which mother nature is dying. All we care about is ourselves, our greed is just growing and growing and it might destroy us completely.. In schools, in colleges sometimes we are made aware of the social issues but that way it did not affect us much. But here I saw it for myself and it has permanently affected me, it has forced me to think on issues and do something about it.. One day people like us are going to become the policy makers. We need to understand what are the hidden screws and make policies for the benefit of all." Mayank Siddharth, IIT Delhi

"I went to Sambhavanaa and I am sharing my experience. My country is developing but it is very important to observe who is paying the cost of this development. There are some innocent people who are heavily paying for this so called development. I request you one thing, whatever you decide to do ever in your life always question yourself – is there any innocent paying the price for this. Please keep on looking for alternative models of sustainable development" Rahul Kumar, IIT Delhi (in a letter he wrote to himself)

"I am in Palampur, sitting on a rock and listening to a gentle stream. This place is beautiful but 30 years from now this might not be true. We the people of this world are responsible for it. Our

arms have become so long that we cannot see what our hands are doing. It's not that I wasn't aware before but you cannot really feel the stuff unless you see where the real stuff is happening.. Hope you can change your ways after reading this. You don't have to become radical.. Just some small but basic changes are enough to start with.. And it is up to you what that change would be." Aman Sharma, IIT Delhi (in a letter he wrote to himself)

4. Conclusion / General Comments

The exposure was a great addition to the sessions being held by Pravah as there was a lot of issue focus that was brought about by Himdhara and Sambhaavnaa. The focus on community building was missing as there was less time in planning for the entire exposure but if this can be planned from before hand with Sambhaavnaa then community focus in the exposure can be a great value addition to the entire experience.

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