

Policy BootCamp

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THE CHANGE STARTS WITH

Vision India Foundation is a non-profit initiative in the domains of Public Policy and Governance and an ecosystem for aspiring public leaders. It was founded by faculty and alumni of various IITs in 2014. Our mission is to bring systemic reforms in India which align with the nation's current aspirations and ethos, while also using the past to inform the present.





Policy BootCamp

Policy BootCamp is a 21-day residential program focused on public policy, social leadership and nation- building. 150 delegates from around the country and the world come together and stay in one campus.

The program is graced by 50+ speakers including union ministers, bureaucrats, parliamentarians, grassroots reformers, social leaders, academicians, impact investors and young achievers.



Highlights



21-day immersive residential program in Delhi/NCR



Engage with politicians, bureaucrats, academicians, social workers, thinkers, policy entrepreneurs and more. Experience the spirit of India with workshops, community interactions, group exercises, ideation workshops, and field work.



Learn from India's leading minds through seminars, interactive discussions, one-to-one interactions and implementation modeling.



Connect with future co-workers, peers, ground workers, policymakers, and various stakeholders of democracy.

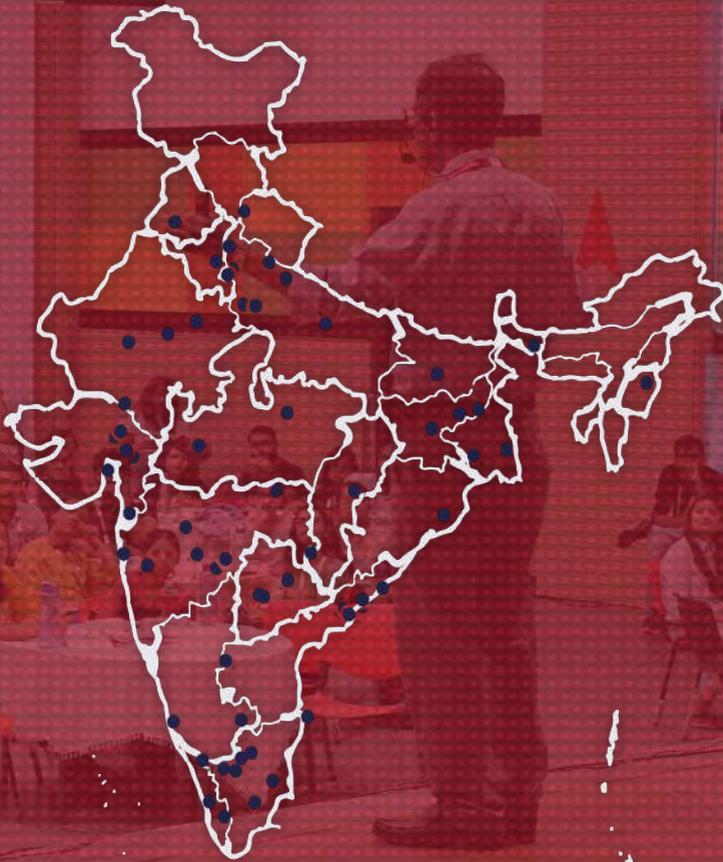
Then, till the evening we had a line up of amazing speakers who were at the forefront in their respective fields. The day would end with a games session, basketball, in particular, for me. We had one cultural night where the VIF team and the delegates together sang, danced, recited, cried, laughed and ate. These 21 days gave me some amazing friends from different walks of life with whom I am definitely going to be in touch with

Aditya Patoliya,



Deepening Democracy & Gearing-up Governance

POLICY BOOTCAMP





Field Visits

The delegates are taken through some models of local governance and public systems in the second week of the BootCamp. This element brings in an immersive experience and hence creates room for empathetic community interaction.



Case Studies

Towards the end of the second week of the BootCamp, the delegates are divided into smaller groups of 10 members each, to work on case studies. This gives an opportunity to apply the learning in real life scenarios and to develop problem solving skills.



Keynote Lectures

These are attended by all 150 delegates in an auditorium setting. Average duration is 2 hours, including 45 minutes for Q/A. The session is delivered by subject experts and is planned with the curriculum coordinator at VIF keeping the flow of the BootCamp and delegation profile in mind.



Video Making

The delegates are divided into groups of 10 members each and are asked to prepare a short video on a particular topic within 72 hrs. This activity takes place in the first week of the BootCamp. It brings a good mix of creativity and rigorous team work, and hence has been observed to be an effective ice-breaker. The videos are then screened in front of all 150 delegates, who vote for the best video based on various parameters.



Peer-to-peer Sessions

When 150 delegates from diverse backgrounds come together; there is immense knowledge to be shared. Various peer-to-peer sessions are scheduled during the course of the BootCamp.

The topics can range across the spectrum. Slotting is based on relevance of the topic to the cohort, expertise of the delegate on the subject, structure of the session. They are reviewed by the curriculum coordinator at VIF.



Yoga/Meditation

The day at Policy BootCamp begins with a short yoga and meditation session. This aligns the body and mind to enhance learning experience, reflect with mindfulness, and make optimum use of their time at the Policy BootCamp. In the first week of the BootCamp, a self-awareness workshop is organized focusing on tools to optimize energy and make the best use of the Policy BootCamp.



Debriefing in Classrooms

The entire cohort of 150 delegates is divided into 4 classrooms keeping a balanced representation of gender, educational backgrounds and interest areas. Each classroom is assigned a moderator from VIF. The classrooms meet once a day to reflect on the various sessions, to discuss different viewpoints, and to incorporate learnings into personal journeys.



Electives

Apart from the core content that is delivered at the Policy BootCamp, several electives are also offered. Each elective spans itself over four sessions of 1-hour each. The delegates can pick up to three electives. The topics of electives keep evolving in every edition depending upon the flow of curriculum.



Idea Haat

In the final week of the Policy BootCamp, the delegates are asked to brainstorm on ideas towards which they would want to commit themselves. They have to capture the 'Why, What, How and When' of these ideas. The ideas can once again range across the spectrum - right from entrepreneurial ideas to academic projects, from grassroots intervention to policy changes at the macro level.

The essence is for the delegates to be able to articulate their ideas, align career trajectories with life goals, as well as identify the different stakeholders.



Evening Games

A range of group evening games are organized to stimulate the energy levels of the delegates. These games are organized to facilitate physical activity, to inculcate team spirit and to develop a level of belongingness among delegates from different backgrounds, gender and age. Lesser known games from Indian grassroots have been very successful in the previous editions.



Recruitment Opportunities

The Policy BootCamp provides opportunities to various public as well as private organizations working in relevant areas to recruit delegates from the BootCamp. VIF has also partnered with various state governments in the past to engage delegates on projects post the program. The recruitment sessions take place in the last week of the Policy BootCamp.



Mentorship Sessions

During the second half of the Policy BootCamp, various slots are provided where the delegates can approach members of the VIF team on a one-to-one basis or as a group for mentorship sessions on career and life trajectories, as well as to explore possible support and collaboration. Members from the VIF team may also engage some delegates with relevant people, in its network.

In addition, the VIF team also conducts a separate session on possible career trajectories in the nation building space. The mentorship sessions help the delegates gain clarity and exposure on the same.



Policy BootCamp is not an event in a point of time but a journey of life whose impact goes much beyond the boot camp hours.

Its a platform to learn and challenge oneself to think beyond boundaries and assumptions we have for our life.

3 weeks you be surrounded by the best of brains which makes it not only intensely competitive but also helping hands and peer learning take you to a different trajectory of holistic thought process towards a problem.

Its a once in a lifetime moment and ultimately you learn to compete and collaborate together for making a pie bigger for all. I am happy to make friends here for life to learn and grow together.

Priyanka Kumari

Engineer, Entrepreneur



Highlights

Purva Paksha Model of Debating

To nudge and inculcate a learning environment at BootCamp, the delegates were introduced to Purva Paksha model of learning. This model requires one party to articulate the thoughts of another, in their own words, before stating their point of view, whether in agreement or disagreement.

This workshop included hands-on exercises to practice listening, absorbing, and finally, articulating the other's perspective in their own words. The key rationale agreements and disagreements that define their conversation.

Stay engaged with trans-domain networks

Staying in Touch with a vast and ever-growing network is challenging, especially when one wants to create lasting bonds that can change the future of our country to achieve its highest potential. VIF presented its engagement graph, on how to make the best use of the VIF ecosystem and play a role in nation-building movement, based on their time commitment and local networks.

Policy Bootcamp was a platform for me to explore what I want to do in life. Listening to speakers who are experts in different fields has enriched my knowledge. Interacting with delegates that represent the diversity of India and learning from each other has enabled me to look at various issues from different perspectives. Vision India Foundation is doing a great job in creating future leaders thereby contributing to Nation Building.

Samartha Pai T

Pursuing MBA at National Institute of Technology Karnataka



Highlights

Careers in Public Policy

VIF presented its unique 3-D career matrix that considers career decisions to be hinged on four dimensions: nature, market needs, skill and finances, and presents the delegates with a framework to analyze their future careers and understand the policy ecosystem.

Fun-Nights

A casual fun-night where the delegates don the hats of the VIF team, organise a talent evening, complete with dance performances, music, and songs, with a theme of their choice.

P.S. The only event in the PBC to which the VIF organising team is 'invited' to. The VIF executive team, then, graciously agrees to sit on the hot seat(s) for any questions (as candid as can be) about each person in the team, that the delegate wants to know.

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 **3 weeks**  **12 electives**



Isms and Ideologies: A Toolkit for the Critical Thinker

by Raghav Krishna



Education models in Contemporary India

by Shivsankar



Technology, Society and Government

by Shobhit Mathur



Emerging trends in India's International Relations

by Arunima Gupta and Paras



Economics in Public Policy

by Anuva Agarwal and Raghav Krishna



Ecocentric development- a mainstream approach

by Sanjeev Sirnoorkar



Understanding Civilisational India: Society & institutions

by Shyam Krishnakumar



Indic lenses for Modern life

by Shyam Krishnakumar



Gramonmukh, samagra gram- vikas ki aur

by Suryabhan Jadhav and Supriya Patil



Case Studies in Good Governance

by Kumar Subham



Societal Leadership and Ethics

by Ashutosh Harshvardhan



Urban Governance

by Apula Singh

Speakers



Sh. Ram Madhav

National Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party; Writer; Journalist



Sh. Devender Yadav

Mayor, MLA Bhilai, Chhatisgarh



Amb. Asoke Mukerji

IFS (Retd.); Former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations



Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan

Founder, Lok Satta Party & Foundation for Democratic Reform (FDR)



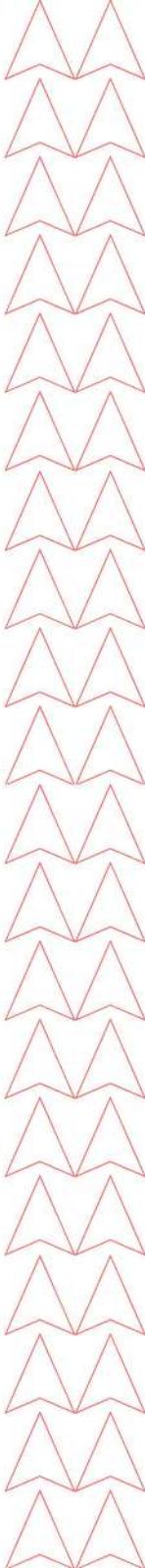
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Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarti

Author; Dean, Jindal Global Business School, Jindal Global University





Sh. Adinarayanan Venkatachalam

Founder, Anaadi Foundation



Sh. Apurv Mishra

Editor-in-Chief, India Law Journal;
Faculty, Ashoka University



Sh. Pradeep Gandhi

Ex MP; Founder, The Prithvi Foundation



Smt. Phoolbasan Bai Yadav

Padma Shri Awardee (for her work in women
Empowerment); Founder, Maan Bamleshwari Janhit
Kare Samiti



Prof. Satish Modh

Author; Director and Professor of Strategy, VESIM



Sh. Mahesh Sharma

Tribal Activist & Founder, Shivaganga Gram, Vikas
Yojana



Sh. Milind Thatte

Founder Vayam;
Expert Member Maharashtra State Tribal Advisory



Sh. Sankrant Sanu

Language Policy Expert; Entrepreneur



Sh. Vikramjit Banerjee

Addl. Solicitor General of India and
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court



Sh. VV Lakshminarayana

Retd. Addl. Director General of Police (Planning &
Coordination) Maharastra Cadre.



Sh. Shantanu Gupta

Author; Founder - Yuva Foundation



Smt. Smrithi Adinarayanan

Co-Founder, Anaadi Foundation



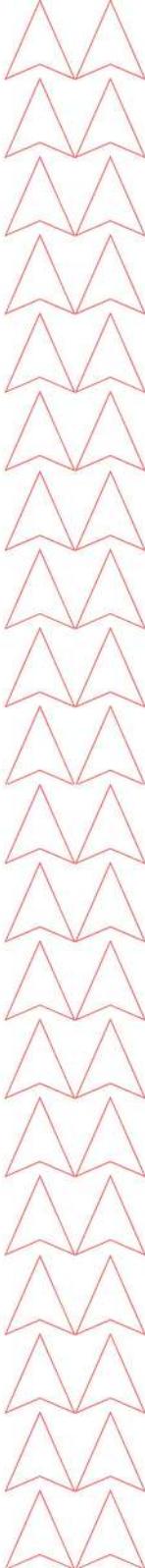
Sh. Sujeet Kumar

OSD, to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha



Sh. Raghava Krishna

Consulatant, Vision India Foundation





Sh. Gautam Chikermane

Vice president, ORF; Observer Research Foundation /



Sh. Mrugank Paranjpe

Managing Director and CEO, Multi Commodity Exchange



Sh. Ashwin Shroff

Chairman and Managing director, Excel Industries



Sh. Varun Jhaveri

OSD to the CEO, Ayushman Bharat, GOI



Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan

Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of



Sh. Arun Maira

Former Member, Planning Commission of India;
Former Chairman, BCG



Sh. Ratan Sharda

Author; Chief Consultant, Eastern Software Systems Pvt. Ltd



Sh. Ashwin Mahesh

Social Technologist/ Writer



Sh. Rakesh Gupta

PD, CM's Good Governance Associates (CMgGA) Program; Director General, Secondary Education; Nodal Officer, Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao



Sh. Prafulla Ketkar

Editor - Organiser Weekly



Dr. Madhu Kishwar

National Professor, ICSSR; Founder, Manushi



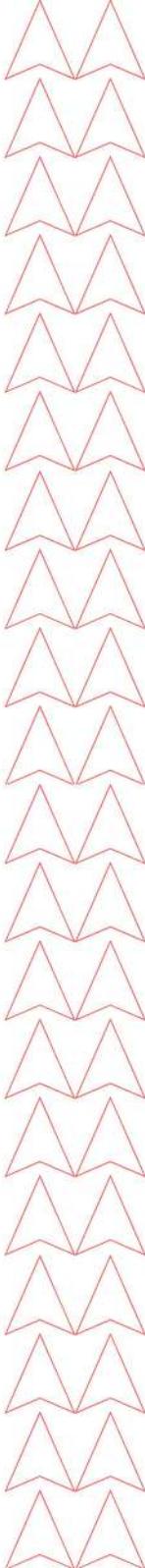
Sh. Jigar Inamdar

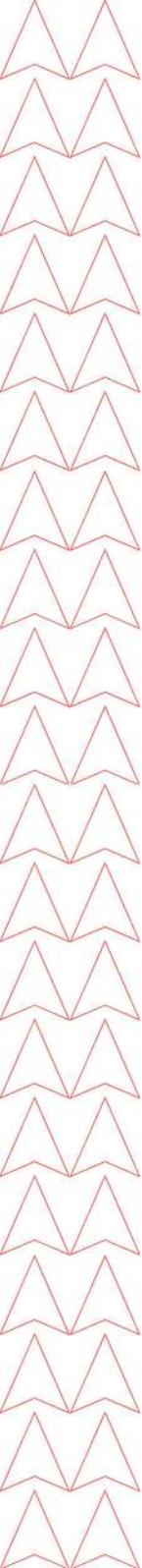
Syndicate Member, Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda



Sh. Gopi Shankar Madurai

Equal rights activist; Interest representative; Executive Member ILGA (Asia)





I always believe in learning by doing and activities like policy making, idea haat, video making helped in learning policy-making from the grassroot level.

Policy canvas, working on e-Nam gave me an idea about policymaking deeply taking in consideration of every stakeholders and policy's implementation.

Idea haat made me realize how important it is to believe in your idea and it just takes one step and bit hard work to turn your idea into reality.

Video making was the best activity given to us. From learning teamwork to realizing what it actually takes forming a political party. It actually changed my outlook towards politics and broadened my perspective.

These are some memories I will cherish all my life which helped me in gaining a realistic approach towards my ideas.

Isha Tyagi
Bachelors in Science



WorkShops

RTI workshop by



Sh. Abhishek Modak
Consultant, Vision India Foundation

Language Policy Workshop by



Sh. Sankrant Sanu
Language Policy Expert; Entrepreneur

Article writing workshop by



Sh. Shyam Krishnakumar
Consultant, Vision India Foundation

Policy Research Workshop by

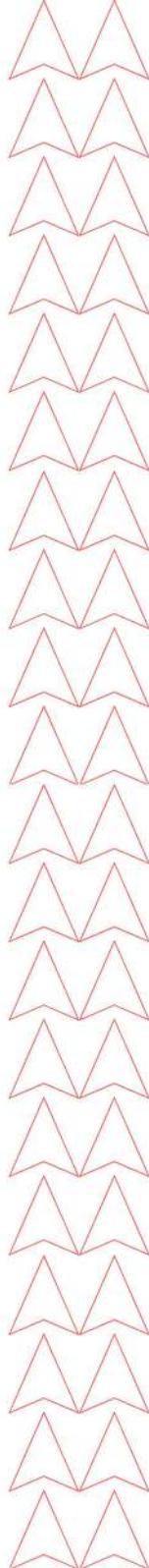


Sh. Prahmarsh Patel
Policy Researcher, IWMI

Understanding Self Workshop by



Sh. Satish Modh
Professor and Director at VES Institute of Management Studies



Governance Solutions by



Sh. Gaurav Goel
Founder, Samagra

Activism Workshop by



Sh. Milind Thatte
Founder, Vayam

Networking in Social Sector workshop by



Sh. Gaurav Shah
Founder at Indian School of Development
Management

Design Thinking Workshop by



Smt. Deepti Bora
Works at Riverside School

Personal Efficiency Tools In Daily Life Workshop by



Sh. Sahil Agarwal
Hon. Director Vision India Foundation

Panel Discussion

Panel discussion: India's strategic priorities in the Indo Pacific and ASEAN Centrality



Smt. Preeti Saran

Former Secretary (East), MEA and Member, Economic and Social Council



H.E. Sidharto Rezo Suryodipuro

Indonesian Ambassador to India

Panel discussion: Social Entrepreneurship*
Catalysing social change



Sh. Ashutosh Kumar

Founder Jagriti Yatra



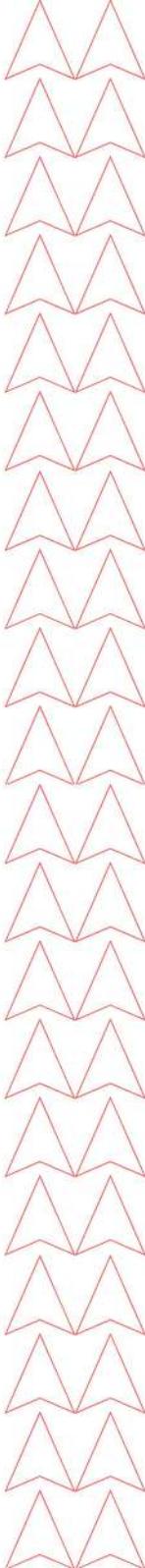
Sh. Manmohan Singh

Kaivalya Foundation



Sh. Amitabh Soni

Abedya Foundation





Sh. Manish Kumar

B2V, Utopia Ville

Panel discussion: Policy Landscape in India



Sh. Gaurav Goel

Founder, Samagra



Sh. Debanshu Mukherjee

Founder, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy



Sh. Milind Thatte

Founder, Vayam



Sh. Shantanu Gupta

Founder, Yuva Foundation

Panel discussion: Youth For Impact: International Knowledge for building India



Sh. Vanshica

Policy professional and a Good Governance Yatra alumni

Panel discussion: Youth for Systems: Driving Change by Governments



Sh. Pragya Bhartiya

VIF alumn working in Maharashtra Administrative Services



Sh. Darshan Shah

VIF alumn working in Gujarat Administrative Services

Panel discussion: Youth in Politics: Needs, Opportunities and Challenges



Sh. Donthineni Narasimha

Alumnus, Policy BootCamp 2016
Political Enthusiast, Activist



Sh. Sidhartha Namburi

Alumnus, Good Governance Yatra 2017
Manager at JD Foundation



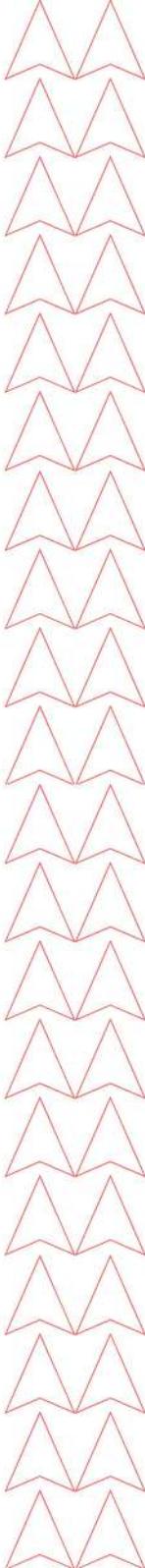
Sh. Sarath SR

Alumnus, Policy BootCamp 2017



Sh. Akshat Gandhi

Alumnus, Policy BootCamp 2017
Political Consultant



Panel discussion: Social Entrepreneurship*

Catalysing social change



Sh. Bhaarath Varma

CA & coordinator with Women and Child Welfare, wing of govt of Telangana



Sh. Parvati Jangid

Grassroots social worker and connecting BSF Jawans with local families



Sh. Anoop Maurya

Bharat Navodaya Abhiyaan



Sh. Ashwini Laxman Shelke

Education and Educational quality - research

Panel discussion: Youth for Education



Sh. Syed Kamaruddin

Education research in Azim Premji Foundation



Sh. Pradeep Karturi

Education, travel on environment



Panel discussion: Youth in Agriculture: Challenges and Opportunities



Sh. Abhinav Jain

Alumnus, Policy BootCamp 2015
Agroecologist, Natural Farmer, Social Entrepreneur



Sh. Mayank Jain

Alumnus, Good Governance Yatra 2015



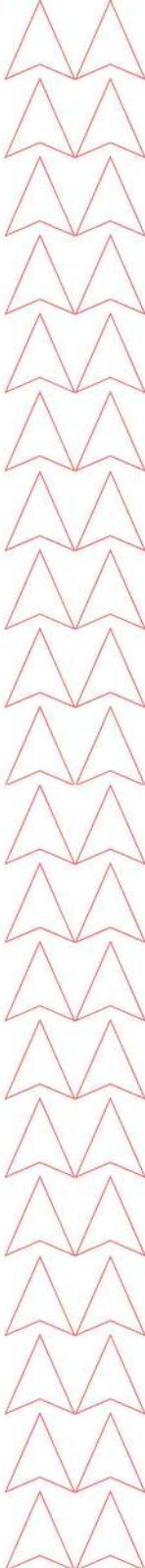
Sh. Gondi Mahesh

Alumnus, Policy BootCamp 2016
CEO of The Timbaktu Collective, Social Worker

PBC is an enriching experience for me. I got to understand the minds of the policy makers, MPs and young entrepreneurs. It was never enough. The camaraderie that was developed during many activities gives me hope that this can be implemented all over the world despite of our differences.

Romilla Akham

Law graduate, From Manipur, Experience in rural development.



Peer to Peer Sessions

Unheard Voices - Culture, Economy and the History of Manipur



Sh. Romila Akham

Delegate at Policy BootCamp 2019

Distant Indian Family of Suriname



Sh. Seema Manbodh

Delegate at Policy BootCamp 2019

Social Innovation



Sh. Revant Soni

Delegate at Policy BootCamp 2019

Control your Digital Life



Sh. Rijul Arora

Delegate at Policy BootCamp 2019



Securing Funding for Education Projects



Sh. Tilak Rajpal

Delegate at Policy BootCamp 2019

Participatory Research at the intersection of Technology, Governance and Policy Dialogue



Sh. Kandarp Talat

Delegate at Policy BootCamp 2019

Agricultural Models Managing Finances, Maximizing Output, Avoiding Loans



Sh. Amruth Kulkarni

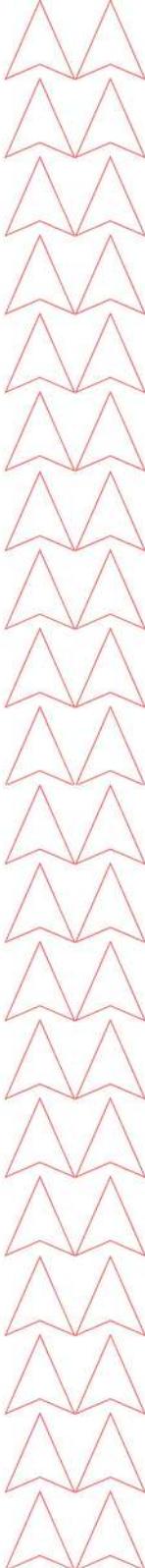
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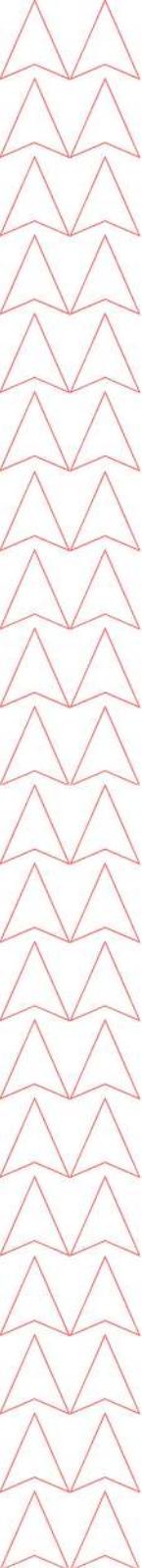
Life of a development professional: Opportunities, Challenges, and aspirations



Sh. Shubham Verma

Fellow at Vision India Foundation





“Infinite power of the spirit, brought to bear upon matter evolves material development, made to act upon thought evolves intellectuality, and made to act upon itself makes of man a God. First, let us be Gods, and then help other to be Gods. Be and Make. Let this be our motto.”

—
Swami Vivekananda





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