

PROJECT REPORT

NAMASTE 6.0

INCOMING GLOBAL VOLUNTEER
AIIESEC IN AHMEDABAD
2018



Message from the Vice President

AIESEC is the largest youth run organization present in 126 Countries with more than 1,00,000 active members. With the vision of peace and fulfilment of humankind's potential, we in AIESEC want to develop responsible and entrepreneurial global leaders by delivering a practical self led learning experience to empower the youth to become the change agents who can bring about a positive change in the society.

We at AIESEC in Ahmedabad want to make AIESEC much more relevant to the youth of this city by providing them a practical learning experience that can complement their academics. With that we want the youth to be globally and socially aware as they are the future leaders of this country, they are the people who can bring about a change in our surroundings by taking a first step. We are looking to partner with a lot of NGOs, companies, educational institutions and government organizations to make ourselves heard in this city to do something for this city and for the people in this city.

We are here to create valuable and memorable experience to all our stakeholders in the years to come. With this aim and motive, I consider your contribution to be of immense value to this organization. We believe that AIESEC in Ahmedabad will achieve new scales and heights with your support and cooperation. I take this platform to also thank all our current supporters and partners for believing in us.

Jay Bhandari
Head of Social Sector
AIESEC in Ahmedabad

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Overview of the Project

Project Name: **Project NAMASTE**

6.0

Duration: **12th July 2018 to 24th August 2018**



SDG:



Project NAMASTE 6.0, by AIESEC in Ahmedabad, in collaboration with Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University is based on United Nations SGD 4 - Quality Education. Interns from all across the world will be coming to the Heritage City of Ahmedabad and teaching basic subjects to kids, like health and Hygiene, Sanitation and Environment. Moreover, they will also be taking session on soft skills like communication skills, presentation skills and conducting workshops about their culture and spreading awareness about Education in society.

Overview of the Project

**Partner Institution: Office of International Relations
Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University**



Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (or PDPU) Gujarat, established through PDPU Act, a legislature passed by Gujarat state assembly in 2007. The university is located at Raisan village of Gandhinagar city in an area known as the Knowledge Corridor, and it is near the upcoming GIFT City.

The university is ranked 55th in India and 1st in Gujarat by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

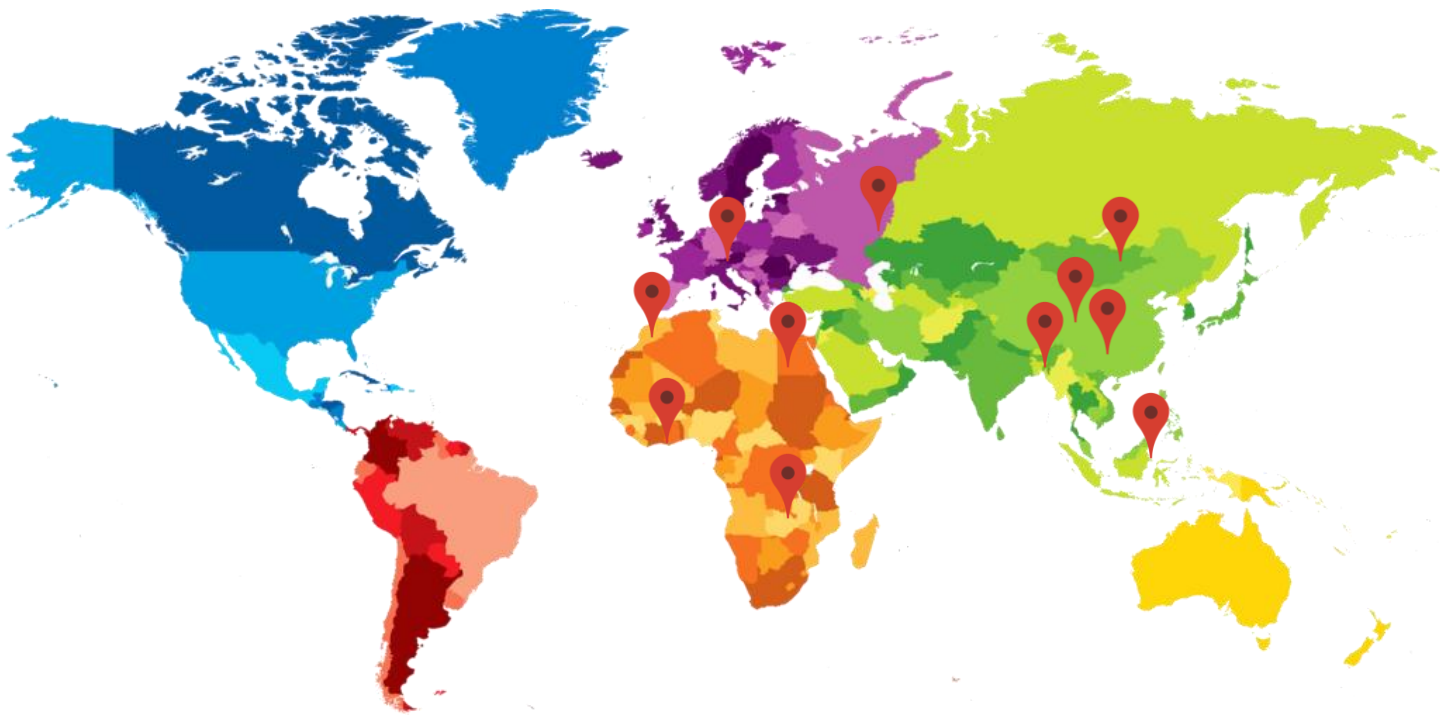
Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU) established Office of International Relations (OIR) to develop global professionals by providing international educational exchange to university students and to create visibility of university in global educational scenario by collaborating with other reputed institutions and student exchange programs.

AIESEC and PDPU

Launched in April 2011, AIESEC PDPU is the AIESEC chapter working out of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University - Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

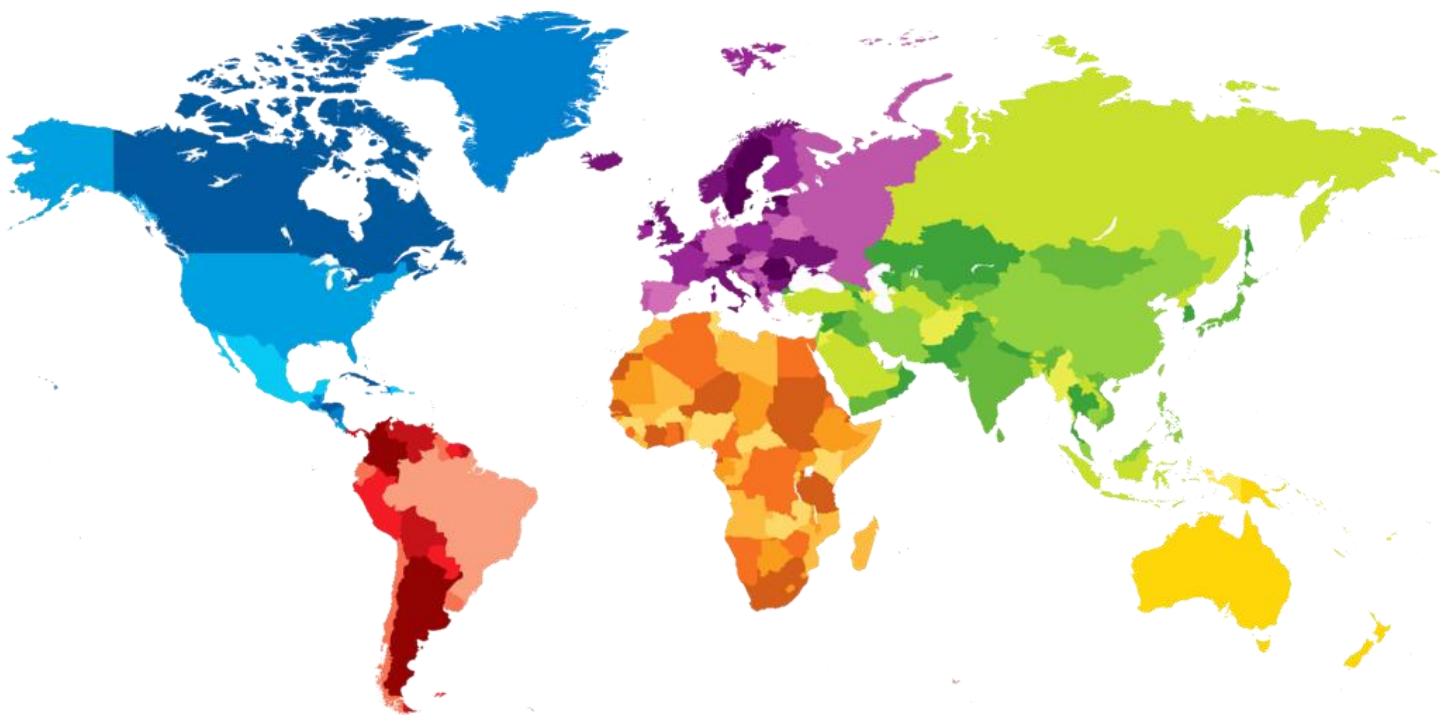
AIESEC and PDPU share the same principles of international exposure for developing world citizens. Hence AIESEC in Ahmadabad collaborated with PDPU in 2012. AIESEC works with the Office of International Relations in PDPU. PDPU has been supporting AIESEC financially as well as morally for all these years. Together AIESEC and PDPU has sent 250+ students for outbound exchanges and hosted 200+ internationals for inbound exchanges.

Participants' Info



Name of EP	Country
Umu Kulsum	Indonesia
Safaa Albebawy	Egypt
Wang Sijing	China
Chein Peixin	China
Valentina Asri	Indonesia
Evelyn Cheung	China
Bilge Gunu	Turkey
Merve Aydın	Turkey
Pei-Yu Lien	Taiwan
Tang Jin	China
Andrea	China
Ichrak	Tunisia
Rose Githinji	Kenya
Hsu Hsu Khin	Myanmar
Andi	China

Name of EP	Country
Amro Gharbi	Tunisia
Geary Sirait	Indonesia
Bahagita Cinandi	Indonesia
Cheng Lin	China
Zeynel atman	Turkey
Miguel	Portugal
Konan Camille	Ivory Coast
Htet Paing	Myanmar
Danu	Indonesia
Hugues Boris	Ivory Coast
Aliya	Azerbaijan
Namiq Agayev	Azerbaijan
Christine Kerubo	Kenya
Sow Mamadou	Ivory Coast
Nony Ayu	Indonesia
Andreas	Indonesia



Name of EP	FRRO Number
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Evelyn Cheung	2607181US74M
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Pei-Yu Lien	120718369305
Tang Jin	160718OY452D
Andrea	1107189Z5VXU
Ichrak	110718246977
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Hsu Hsu Khin	160718EWP8UW
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Name of EP	FRRO Number
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Bahagita Cinandi	120718UXX518
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Zeynel atman	1607188WW27M
Miguel	1207185L9A8K
Konan Camille	2607189C3Z51
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Danu	I110718W813NJ
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School and Job Description

31 Interns had come for the Project and were divided into 2 groups of 15 each for both the schools.

Two teaching periods were

A) 16th July to 30th July

B) 13th August to 20th August

*Dates decided keeping in mind School's Exam Timeline

16th to 30th July

Week 1- 16th to 20th

Cultural Awareness

Interns taught the language of their own country and shared about their festivals and culture. They also told them about their history and political leaders.

Week 2 - 23rd to 27th

Environment Awareness

Interns taught the kids about Global Warming and Pollution and spread awareness about the importance of environment and how can the school students use environment friendly measures in their everyday life.

13th to 22nd August

Week 1- 13th to 17th

Cultural Awareness

Interns taught the kids the language of their own country and shared about their festivals and culture.

School and Job Description

The Interns with the help of school teachers planned activities for the students which helped them for overall development on Saturdays for 2 hours after normal school hours.

Weekend 1 - Balkalakar

A painting competition was organised for all the students to promote Art and Craft and the importance of the same.

Weekend 2 - Cultural Song

Interns taught the students a cultural song of their own country which proved to be really fascinating for the kids as it was a new and different language for them.



Airport Pick-ups

The start date of the Project was 12th July but Interns started coming from 8th of July itself. The Core Committee and the Organising Committee went to pick up all the interns and welcomed them to Land of MajjaNiLife with open arms and a lot of hospitality.



WEEK 1

School Induction Visit

On 13th July the interns had the Induction Visit at the school wherein they interacted with the faculties there, interacted with the students and got a brief idea as to what they were supposed to teach and where they were supposed to teach.

They were also divided into the groups according to their country as the first week Cultural Week. The Induction visit helped the interns to settle in the school environment and get familiar with the students. So it becomes easier for them to teach to the students in the coming weeks.



Incoming Preparatory Seminar

On 15th of July an Incoming Preparatory Seminar was conducted for the interns to brief them about AIESEC as an organization, an overview of the entire project, and so as to how these 6 weeks will look for them, to tell them about the purpose of their exchange and to tell them about our motherland so that they can settle well in the new atmosphere and get a brief idea about their coming journey.

The following sessions were delivered in IPS

***Ice Breakers** - So that interns get a chance to know one another better.*

***AIESEC Way** - The basic understanding of AIESEC through Golden Circle*

***Personal Goal Setting** - understanding their purpose of coming for the exchange and how we can work together for achieving those.*

***AIESEC Hierarchy and Culture** - The Organisational Structure of AIESEC and its Culture*

***India and Indianness** - About the History, culture, traditions , food and festivals of India*

***Code of Conduct** - About the basic behaviour and etiquettes of Indian Culture*

***Cultural Shock** - The initial shock they might get because of coming to new country all alone and how can they deal with it.*

***Closing** - A reflective space to help them realise the purpose of their exchange.*



WEEK 1

Trip to Mahatma Mandir , Adalaj Stepwell and Agora Mall

The interns visited Mahatma Mandir and Akshardham Temple to see the rich heritage of the city and know more about the Father of our Nation. They also went on a nature walk at the bridge behind PDPU and witnessed the beautiful Sunrise.



The interns also visited famous places like Adalaj Stepwell and Science City. They also went to Alpha One Mall and experienced the local transport while travelling in BRTS.



WEEK 1

School Days – Cultural Week

From 16th of July, the interns started teaching in the school. The school hours were from 3.30 to 5.30. The first week was Culture Week wherein interns taught the students about the following topics:-

Heritage and History of their country

Language and basic phrases

Culture and Festivals

Food Habits

The kids were from 5th to 8th grade and were fascinated by the interns. This helped them get an exposure to the international world and get a cross-cultural experience.



SLS Induction

On 19th July, AIESEC had a small session with the freshmen wherein we introduced the interns to them and they talked about their country, culture and traditions. We talked about all the AIESEC activities that are going on currently in PDPU, the incoming as well as Outgoing exchanges and the events like Global Village, Cultural Showcase and International Run.



School Days – Environmental Week

Week 2 in the school was the Environment Week where in the Interns taught the students topics like

- Introduction to Environment
- Pollution - Air, water, land , noise
- Prevention of Pollution
- Global Warming – Causes, effects and Solutions



Jharokha Event

On 25th July, an event was organised in association with Jharokha which had activities like, 4 pics - one word, Pictionary and Heads - Up. There were around 50 students along with 30 interns who participated for the event. Through this the university students got a chance to interact with the interns and know them.



WEEK 2

Trip to Kankariya and Law Garden

On the weekends, the interns went to explore the city. On Saturday they went to Law Garden and Riverfront. They bought some traditional clothes and accessories. On Sunday they went to Kankaria Lake and enjoyed the rides and the light show.



Rang Event

On the weekend an event with Rang was organised where in the interns learnt traditional Matka Painting art called Varli Painting. They learnt it with the help from the members of Rang.



Global Village Ahmedabad University

Global Village was organised on 1st of August 2018 in the Ahmedabad University where the interns showcased the culture of their country to the students and interacted with them. The footfall for the event was around 2000+ college going students.



Saputara Trip

On 3rd , 4th and 5th August interns went to attend the Saputara Monsoon Festival that was organised by Gujarat Tourism. The interns participated in a parade and attended the official function done by the government of tourism Gujarat.



WEEK 4

Global Village PDPU

On 7th of August, interns started preparing for their food for the Global Village in PDPU that was held on the 8th of August. The Global Village was organised in PDPU and 60+ interns from 25+ countries showcased the culture of their country to the whole university and externals.

They prepared traditional delicacies of their country and served it to the local students of the university.

Also externals were invited for keeping their stalls for the event. There were food stalls and a stall for energy drink as well.

The interns got a chance to interact with the university students, also there were fun competitions between them and we ended the night with Karaoke. More than 2500+ students visited the event.

The events was covered by Gujarati media houses like Navagujarat Samay and Divyabhaskar.

Business houses like IndextC and ONGC sponsored for the event. The photography and videographer was done by Abhishek Enterprise.





Yoga Day

On 10th of August a Yoga session was organised for the interns by Mr Dhaval Rajyaguru, Asst Mangaer Sports (OSAIL) who taught them the basics of Yoga and how it is beneficial for physical or mental health. The session was held from 7.30 onwards in PA room.



Heritage Walk

On 11th August interns went for the Heritage Walk in the old city of Ahmedabad and explored the other side of the city. They got to know about the rich heritage and history of city and visited monuments, Jama Masjid and Gandhi Ashram.



International Run

On 12th August, AIESEC in Ahmedabad organised an International Run where in all the interns along with 900+ participants ran for a social cause : Stay Green, Stay Fit.

There was a 5km and 10km Run and interns ran along with the youth of the city for a better India.

The event started around 5.30 pm with Zumba dance to energise the participants and then the run began around 6.00pm. The Ex Minister of Child and Women Development came for the flag off of the event.

Corporate houses like Gujarat Tourism, KD Hospital, True Revo, Navagujarat Samay, Adani, Uber eats, Hyundai, Concept etc. sponsored for the event.

All the participants who completed the run were given finishers' medals for encouraging them and the three top winners in male and female categories were given gift vouchers.



WEEK 4



School Days – Hygiene Week

On 13th, the interns again started teaching in the schools. The topic they covered included personal hygiene, cleanliness, diet habits, first aid and sanitation.



Independence Day Celebration

On 15th August, Interns celebrated Independence Day with the students at the school. They got to know about our Independence struggle through various acts performed by the students and they also participated in flag hoisting.



Mandir Sthapna

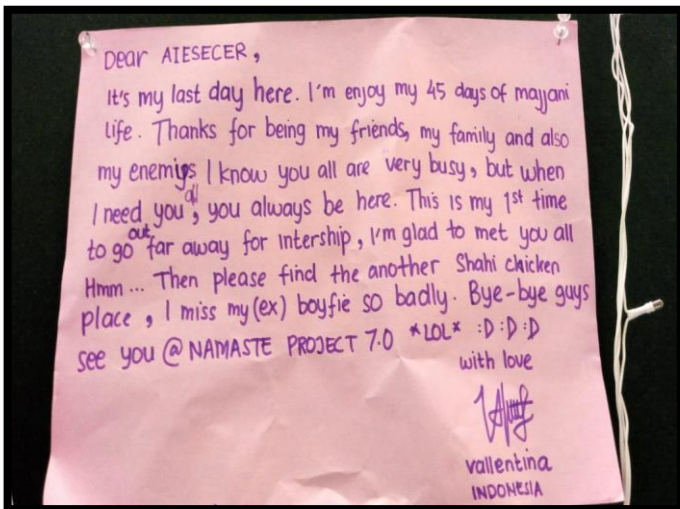
On 16th August the interns were invited to another branch of the same school at Kadi to participate in a religious ceremony of Mandir Sthapna where they got a chance to witness the religious rituals and their significance.



WEEK 6

Sugarcube Ceremony

On 18th of August, we organised a SugarCube ceremony for all the interns where in they reflected back upon their entire experience, the inner and outer journey they had undergone and the impact they had created through it on just the society but on each other as well as themselves. It was an emotional space as the interns shared their memories and wrote letters for each another.



WEEK 6

School Farewell

On 20th August, the interns had their last day at school where in they had a small celebration with the school students and were awarded by school with certificates for the work they had done. They had a cake cutting ceremony as well for farewell.



Cultural Showcase

On the 21st of August, we had Cultural Showcase where the interns performed various Indian dance forms like Garba, Bhangda and Bollywood. They also entertained the audience with music and an ethnic Fashion Walk which set the stage on fire.

The Fashion Club of PDPU, Panache choreographed the whole fashion walk for the interns. TWT and TWM were our Costume Partners.

Bhangra Club and few University students volunteered for teaching dances to the interns. They prepared the whole dance in 10 days and presented it amazingly on the stage. Along with it there were 4 music performances by the interns.

The purpose of the event was to give exposure to the interns about Indian Art Forms and Indian Culture so that they could represent India in their country and make their experience more memorable.



WEEK 6



Worlds' Largest Lesson

On 24th of August, World's Largest Lesson was organised for the second time in India, where in the Interns along with the local volunteers spread awareness amongst the kids about the Sustainable Development Goals so that they can contribute to the society and Make A Difference.

The event was delivered to build a bridge between the children and Global Goals that will make an Impact.

The event was conducted in 4 schools in Ahmedabad, 3 branches of St. Kabir and one school of ASEA. 5th to 8th standards were included for the programme. At the end the students signed Promise notes mentioning the steps they will take to solve a particular SDG.

Around 1800+ students were impacted and 200+ volunteers carried out the whole event with the interns.

Organisations like GEDA and Elixir Foundation sponsored the event. The photography and videography was done by Abhishek Enterprise. Media houses like Navagujarat Samay and Divyabhaskar covered the event.





WEEK 6



Rakshabandhan Celebration

26th of August, few interns who were present in the city, celebrated the festival of Rakshabandhan with the members of Organising Committee who were localites. They got a chance to experience the hospitality of Indian families and how we celebrate different festivals. The significance of these festivals was also known and shared.



Club Partnerships

Soul Pepper is a dance & dramatics club started by students. Its objective is to demonstrate and understand the nature of basic voice production, modulation and delivery.



Jharokha provide an open forum for ideation, discussion, and deliberation on literary pieces, current and social issues, or any other idea under the sky.

The club arranges workshops on creative writing and drawing.

Rang "The fine arts club" is the proposed title for fine arts and crafts club of PDPU which has been functioning to bring out the hidden creativity of students and provide a platform for those who want to show their creative and designing skills.



Panache would be entitled to develop the inner stylist and fashionist in every student. Modelling, Grooming, Training and the overall personality skill development would be managed over the workshops and several events by the club.

EP Testimonials

“ When I first came to India, I realized I was born. When I first came to the university for the project, I realized that we would learn a lot here. Warm friendly people. People connected to culture. I liked that very much. This excited me more. It's really exciting to meet people from 10 different countries in a country I've never been to before. The events organized for us further tied us to the Indian and Indian people. It is very exciting to speak common language with people from other countries and share the same feelings. I can't describe the time we spent on the Namaste project. I learned a lot from the Indian people. My heart will always be with India. I love India. I will not forget India.”



**Zeynal Atman
Turley**

**Danu Ibrahim
Indonesia**



“My experience in Namaste 6.0 project was amazing. The OC is so nice and easygoing people they helped me a lot when I had some trouble, the project is also fantastic teaching in the school was something new for me before I went to India, and I enjoyed a lot doing it. Step by step I started to learn how to deal with kids and how to teach them. Having a lot of new friends from different countries is also amazing we could share our culture and our story, and I had a lot of great time exploring the city of Ahmedabad and it's culture. I learned a lot in this project. I learned to be calmer, I learned to be open to people about what I feel, and the biggest lesson I learned is believe in myself .The last point giving me a big impact I feel for me right now. “

EP Testimonials



Hsu Hsu Khin
Myanmar

“Project Namaste is not only about India. People from more than 10 Countries around the world came to India for the same project. So I’ve learnt different cultural of respective countries. Some of the country is that I have never know where exactly they are. But after the project, I became familiar with their culture and a little bit of their language, which erased some of my old stereotype thinking. The program is mixture of cultural exchange and volunteering in school as part time teacher. All six week is full of programs, classes, trip, Marathon, Dance Practice for Cultural Showcase, Global Villages and activities. The team members from AIESEC Ahmedabad is amazing. They help us not only in the project and also in our daily life settlement. They protect us, worry about us, accompany us, bargain for us, drive for us, take care of us and stay awake for us so many nights. It was one of the quality time of my life. Project Namaste gave me so many unforgettable memories and lots of new and nice friends around the world. It was one of the right decision that I’d made. It makes me to know more about the world and connected better with it. Thank you! “

Media Coverage

All the major events organised during the whole project were covered by media houses in order to showcase the impact created by this programme to our various stakeholders and the society at large. This will help in spreading awareness about such social events in the city so that more and more participation from the youth can be encouraged.

A Press Conference was held on 11th August in AMA where the interns along with our Local Committee President interacted with the reporters about the exchange programmes, their job description and their ideas about India and Ahmedabad. All the events were also promoted in the conference.

Ahmedabad Mirror
12th August

Navagujarat Samay
13th August

We are a youth Leadership Movement : AIESEC

"About AIESEC: AIESEC was established in 1948 after World War II, where seven youth across seven countries had a dream of building cross-cultural understanding across nations. They hoped to change the world, one person and one internship at a time. By 1977, AIESEC was present in 50 countries across six continents! To this date, over 40,000 young people around the world had participated in a leadership development experience. In 2010, AIESEC crosses 10,000 experiences delivered in one year alone for the first time. By now, over 230,000 experiences have been provided, all facilitated by youth for youth. In 2015, AIESEC's youth leaders from 126 countries and territories in collaboration with the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth gathered at the United Nations Headquarters to promote and drive youth participation in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). (19-8)

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विमेन राईडर्स शहरनी मुलाकात लेशे

पर्यावरण बचावका देश-विदेशना लोको दौड्या

Media Coverage

Divyabhaskar
25th August



Ahmedabad Samay
12th August



Navagujarat Samay
9th August

Core Committee

The Core Committee for delivering the Project consisted of 5 members with different portfolios i.e. Events, Logistics and Finance, Business Development and External Relations, Customer Experience and Organising Committee President. The name of the team was DILWALE.

The team underwent the three phases i.e., Building - where in they planned the whole project, Performing where in they executed the whole process and Closing where in the team reflected on the whole experience, reflected and reviewed its on performance.

The team worked really hard from the month of January till the end to invite the interns to the projects and deliver them a MajjaNiLife experience along with making a difference for the society.



Core Committee



Jay Bhandari
Vice President
Incoming Global Volunteer



Anjali Manek
Organising Committee President
Project Namaste 6.0



Himanshu Joshi
Core Committee Vice President
Events



Krunal Gajera
Core Committee Vice President
Business Development



Nalini Gupta
Core Committee Vice President
Customer Experience



Mihir Naik
Core Committee Vice President
Finance and Logistics

Organising Committee

The Organising Committee for the Project was selected in June who would help the Core Committee to execute the Project at ground level. There were around 15 individuals who were selected for different portfolios like Marketing, Business Development, Customer Experience, Finance and Logistics and Events.

The OC work mainly included assisting the interns with their school work and facilitating their experience in the city as well as helping the Core Committee with the organising of different events and activities.

Letter of Recommendation and attendance will be provided to the OC Members for the project.



Organising Committee



Anshee Mowar



Aneri Pandya



Hitakshi Karval



Disha Joshi



Parisha Patel



Kalpak Shah



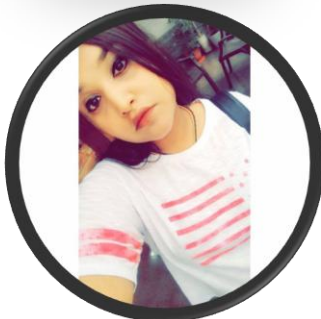
Parth Patel



Shalini Chhabaria



Rahul Patel



Mahima Rajesh



Pinkal Patel



Rushit Sejpal



Dhruvi Shah



Raghav Lakhani



Nissarg Panchal

Conclusion

To sum up, the Project was successful in providing the interns a chance to work for the betterment of the society by educating the students and helping them develop a better future. Moreover the project also provided a cultural exposure to all the interns through various events like **Global Village** and **Cultural Showcase** that **facilitates a cross cultural exchange**.

It helped the interns break stereotypes about India and at the same time helped the university students break stereotypes about other countries. It developed **leadership qualities** amongst the interns as well as the volunteers of the Project. The project impacted the lives of more than **1000+ students** , **25+ local volunteers** and **31 interns** from **12 different countries**.



Thank You