

Project Report

NAMASTE 7.0

INCOMING GLOBAL VOLUNTEER
AIESEC IN AHMEDABAD
2019



PDPU PANDIT DEENDAYAL PETROLEUM UNIVERSITY



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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.

*Shailaja Jangid
Head of Social Sector
AIESEC in Ahmedabad*

Acknowledgement

The grand success and final outcome of Project NAMASTE 7.0 required a lot of guidance and assistance from many people and we are extremely privileged to have got this all along the completion of my project.

Firstly, we would like to give our heart warming gratitude to Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU) for providing the opportunity to collaborate with AIESEC in Ahmedabad and helping us achieve the Vision of creating Impacting the society for a better future.

We owe our deep gratitude to the Office of International Relations (OIR) and the Team for helping us make the vision a reality. We would like to specially acknowledge the constant support of Prf. Nigam Dave, Mr. Maulik Shah and Mr. Neil Dave, for guiding us at each and every step of the Project as well as providing all the resources we needed to make this Project happen.

We would also like show our deepest gratitude to Office of Students Affair (OSAIL) Team and all the Student Clubs affiliated to the Project. The partnerships with the cubs made it possible for us to ensure all the Events were successful and the students as well as interns had fun and learning.

We heartily thank the Core Committee, the Organizing Committee, fellow AIESEC members and all the Local Volunteers for being the backbone of this project and fulfilling the promise of delivering their best to ensure the Project is a grand success.

We also thank to Just Blouses, Brut and Gujarat Tourism for partnering with us for various events.

We are thankful to and fortunate enough to get constant support and guidance from the whole staff of PDPU for directly or indirectly ensuring a smooth day to day functioning of the Project from its beginning till its very end.

Krisha Tank
Organizing and Core Committee President
Project NAMASTE 7.0

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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.

The University offers programs to address the need for trained human resources in the domains of Science, Technology, Management and Humanities. It intends to broaden the opportunities for students and professionals to develop core subject knowledge which are duly complemented by leadership training interventions, thereby helping the students to make a mark in the global arena.



The University 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

Contributing to the same vision and principles of international exposure and developing world citizens, PDPU launched its AIESEC chapter in April 2011, working out as a part of Office of International Relations (OIR).

PDPU has been supporting AIESEC financially as well as morally for all these years. Together AIESEC and PDPU has sent 300+ students for outbound exchanges and hosted 250+ internationals for inbound exchanges.



Project Overview

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



Project NAMASTE 7.0, organized by AIESEC in Ahmedabad in collaboration with Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, is based on United Nations **SDG 4 - Quality Education** and **SDG 5 - Gender Equality** whereby interns from all across the world were hosted in the Heritage City of Ahmedabad to volunteer under 3 different Projects:

(1) Teaching English,
(2) SDG Awareness and (3) Women Empowerment.

The main objective of these projects was to cater towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by promoting awareness as well as educate the Society through creative sessions, workshops, surveys and attending events as a part of the Project. Thus the project aims to contribute towards creating a powerful impact in the Society

The Projects were hosted in collaboration with **Astittva Foundation**, an NGO based in Gandhinagar. The workplace included Rural places in and around the city and Working in schools like Dholakuva, Kudasan, Raisan etc.



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Job Description

Project NAMASTE 7.0
hosted **21 Interns from 7 different
Countries** into **3** different projects with
different Job Descriptions:

A) Teaching Project - SDG 4 :

Help increase the literacy rates by the assistance of the interns who will be teaching the kids basic subjects like English, Maths and Science.

B) SDG Awareness - SDG 4:

Create awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals to school students, grooming leadership by personifying them as face of world's different cultures and making the students of school solution oriented by delivering sessions, workshops and campaign.

C) Women Empowerment - SDG 5:

Create awareness about Gender Equality and train Women and Girls to take leadership roles by developing their skills through delivering sessions, workshops and Campaigns for Public awareness.

Participants' Info

<i>Name of Participant</i>	<i>Country</i>
<i>Anastasia Gorbakon</i>	<i>Russia</i>
<i>Hajer Maaloui</i>	<i>Tunisia</i>
<i>Hang Hyugen Bich</i>	<i>Vietnam</i>
<i>Anna Kolovratnika</i>	<i>Czech Republic</i>
<i>Ekou Vandex</i>	<i>Cote D'Ivoire</i>
<i>Ange Marianne</i>	<i>Cote D'Ivoire</i>
<i>Yuijing Yang</i>	<i>China</i>
<i>Zanye Cheng</i>	<i>China</i>
<i>Chen Rongyang</i>	<i>China</i>
<i>Salma El Gammal</i>	<i>Egypt</i>
<i>Marwa Ali</i>	<i>Egypt</i>
<i>Mark Amir</i>	<i>Egypt</i>
<i>Fadi Ashraf</i>	<i>Egypt</i>
<i>Nadine Abdelgawad</i>	<i>Egypt</i>
<i>Imaculata Vinda</i>	<i>Indonesia</i>
<i>Siswantia Sari</i>	<i>Indonesia</i>
<i>Debby Rebecca</i>	<i>Indonesia</i>
<i>Imaculata Vinda</i>	<i>Indonesia</i>
<i>Salsa Bila Dian</i>	<i>Indonesia</i>
<i>Pingkan Safitri</i>	<i>Indonesia</i>
<i>Elisa Widhiana</i>	<i>Indonesia</i>
<i>Ryu Reinald</i>	<i>Indonesia</i>



15th to 22nd July: Cultural Awareness Briefing

The first week was dedicated towards briefing the Interns regarding the culture of India. Starting off with welcoming the Voluntary Participants to Ahmedabad in a grand Indian way, showcasing the “Atithi Devo Bhava” culture and organizing 2 major events like **World Cafe** and **Incoming Preparatory Seminar** to ensure the interns get acknowledge to the new culture and bond with each other well.

The interns also joined the events organised under the **induction** of new batch of **SLS**.

Airport Pick-ups

The first three days of the week went into picking up all the interns from the airport and welcoming them in an Indian way with garlands and tilak. It was the first touch-point the Interns had with the OC/CC members.



Incoming Preparatory Seminar

On 19th 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

Job Description- We invited the NGO head who briefed the interns about their Job Description in the schools.

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.



World Café

World Café is an event hosting conversations that matter. Organized in an attempt to raise questions and create awareness about what's happening in the world. This event was organized as a part of SLS induction for the 2019 batch. This was the first event of Project NAMASTE 7.0 and it did set up the bar for upcoming events.

The event observed a participation of over 400 participants actively taking part in the conversations and the feedback received for the same was heartwarming to read. The event was hosted by Abhinav Verma and Shashwat Shah while the OC and other AIESECers helped in the delivery of the event.

The support from admission committee was more than we could've asked for and over the course of induction, they really helped us out.

This event helped in raising 200+ opens for Outgoing Global Volunteer department and was very instrumental in making the new batch of students aware about what AIESEC as an organization is and what it is set out to achieve.



Glimpse of Week 1



Week 2



23rd to 31st July:

The Interns were introduced to the Workplace Office and visits to the Rural Schools. The NGO Head - Mr. Pankaj Mall, organised workshops and training sessions for the interns in order to ensure the interns got a deeper understanding of their job description and learn tools and techniques for better surveys.

Apart from that they had a meeting with OIR department and started working on their country presentation.

Workplace visits

In week two the work started where the inters started visiting different schools and communities in the villages of Gandhinagar and started and conducted various sessions for the school and college students as well as surveys with the rural women.



SLS & SOT Induction

The interns had an interaction with the new first year batch of both SLS and SOT and briefed them about their purpose of visit in India and also talked about AIESEC. It was the first introduction of the students with AIESEC.



Glimpse of Week 2





29th to 4th August:

On 29th July, Vartalaap was organised in association with South Block where they spoke about Indian stereotypes.

On 30th July along with Jharokha, had the story session with interns where they created a story working along the students and bonding as well.

On 31st July, Egyptian interns held a country presentation explaining the uniqueness about Egypt.

During this time we discussed about the upcoming big events along with the interns i.e Global Village and Indian Cultural Showcase.

We explained them the concept of these events and helped them prepare for the same.

The interns and the OC were really excited for the same and preparation for the same were started.

Country Presentation

The idea of Country workshops was majorly facilitating interaction of the university students with the interns and them making aware of different cultures. In Week 3 we had Egypt Country Workshop which was extremely beautiful. The Egyptians also sang their National Anthem which was the highlight of this workshop. The interns also developed presentation skills as they were delivering a session on their country in front of 30+ audience whom they had never met.



Creating Stories | Jharokha

This was another event done to promote interaction with the students where the local and international students collectively created stories based on different outlines during the event.



Vartalaap | South Block

Here the interns interacted and spoke about different stereotypes they have about India.



Glimpse of Week 3





5th to 12th August:

The teaching project interns were divided into 2 groups based on different schools they were going to teach in. Meanwhile the SDG Awareness and Women Empowerment interns continued their surveys.

On 7th they had a day off from schools as they prepared for Global Village.

On 8th August Global Village was organised. The biggest International Cultural Fest of PDPU where participants from 20+ countries participated and it was a night full of fun and excitement.

On 9th August AIESEC in Ahmedabad organised World's Largest Lesson. It was an event full of learning and fun. Exchange Participants along with university students visited different schools across Ahmedabad discussing about different Global Goals and explaining how to achieve them.

Following this they had a Saputara trip sponsored by Gujarat Tourism for the remainder of the week.

Global Village

Global Village was the biggest event organized in the Project NAMASTE 7.0 timeline. The event was organized on 8th August on Convocation Lawn and was hosted by Dhvani Shah and Tvishi Trivedi. The theme for the event was “World Comes Home” showcasing that culture from 10+ countries such as Indonesia, China, Egypt, Tunisia etc.

The event was decorated by Rang- The Fine Arts Club of PDPU and was covered by Sorriso. The event also observed a performance by Panache giving a sneak peak for Indian Cultural Showcase.

There was a constant support from Amenities, OIR department and Jaiswal Mess who helped us in every possible manner. We faced some problems due to the weather, but were able to overcome it eventually.

The hardwork of the interns and the committee was visible and a footfall of over 3000+ made it all worthwhile. The night before the Global Village, none of the interns/committee members could sleep due to the excitement that awaited them.

Seeing how the event unfolded, how everyone enjoyed their time there wasn't anything more we could've asked for.



Saputara Monsoon Festival

We sponsored a trip to all our summer Exchange Participants to a hill station Saputara. It was in Collaboration with Gujarat Tourism. They participated in the **Saputara Monsoon Festival** and witnessed different cultural programmes. Some of the OIR students also participated in the same.



World's Largest Lesson

It was an event organized by AIESEC in Ahmedabad under our flagship event Discover Ahmedabad Weekender wherein 200 students participated to spread awareness about Sustainable Development Goals. The interns along with the local volunteers went to three different schools in a day and taught about Sustainable Development Goals to the students from Class 1st to 8th. We reached to more than 2000 students on this particular day.



Glipmsee of Week 4





12th to 19th August:

After coming back from Saputara the interns had to prepare for another Global Village held at Ahmedabad University. On 13th they attended the Global Village and had fun at Manek Chowk which is one of the busiest streets of Ahmedabad. They continued their work for these days and on 15th they attended Independence Day Celebrations at Cricket Ground and celebrated Rakshabandhan with KSS security staff.

On 16th the interns had an early morning Yoga session along with Dr. Dhaval Rajyaguru.

The interns resumed work from 16th and continued with their practices for Indian Cultural Showcase. They had their costume fittings for the fashion walk and also the dance performances. They continued their daily work in Sargasan Village and Urjanagar.

Cultural Showcase Practise

The interns practiced regularly for 3 weeks with Panache and different dance clubs for the Cultural Showcase. Everyday they gave 2 hours for the practice and thoroughly enjoyed learning different Indian dance forms. It also helped them to make good friends from the university and made them even more excited to put up a good show on the Cultural Showcase.



Yoga Session

India is known for fitness and yoga. A lot of interns had this in their bucketlist to learn some basic forms of yoga in India during their exchange. Hence, a Yoga session was organized for them facilitated by Mr. Dhaval Rajyaguru where they thoroughly understood the importance of Yoga.



Rakshabandhan

The interns celebrated Rakshabandhan with the KSS security staff and understood the importance of this festival. India is known for its festivals and celebrations and making them experience this in its true essence helped them to tick off one thing from their bucketlist. It also made the KSS Staff feel extremely special as they were working on the day of festival as well.



Glimpse of Week 5





19th to 26th August:

On 19th August Cultural Showcase was organised and it was an amazing evening. It was organised on GERMI OAT and student clubs like Panache and dance groups of PDPU made it possible.

The interns also had their workplace farewell where they thanked the NGO partners and school students for such a wonderful time.

On 22nd August Rang organised a traditional hand bag painting workshop for the interns.

As the project came to an end, the interns had their closing ceremony. There were a lot of tears and a lot of sad faces as we realised that we had to bid each other a goodbye. Following the closing ceremony, the interns returned to their home country taking back a lot of souvenirs and memories along with them.

Indian Cultural Showcase

Indian Cultural Showcase was an attempt to take the Indian Culture to the interns and showcase it via them to the university. Organized on 19th August at GERMI OAT, the event was hosted by Kanishk Shah and Khushi Parikh.

Due to some issues, the event couldn't be conducted at the PDPU Auditorium but we made the best of what we had and put on a great show. Weeks of practice resulted in an evening full of fun, excitement and joy.

*The interns practiced for their fashion walk and dance performance since the 3rd week of the project and seeing them perform was really great. The clothes for the fashion walk were sponsored by **Just Blouses** and the walk was choreographed by Panache.*

The dance performances were taught by the dance groups of PDPU namely Adaa, Manav na Maliyara and Cammaradire. They had great experience working with the interns and were really happy to look at the final performance the interns put up.



Sugarcube & Closing

A sugarcube ceremony was conducted at the end of the project to help the interns reflect on their entire exchange and thank people who have been an important part of the same. They cherished the entire 6 weeks experience and had a gratitude space. Post this space, all the OC,CC members and interns along with the NGO people had dinner together.



Glimpse of Week 6



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 provides 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 PDCU 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.



Other Club Collaborations:

- 1) MindRipple - Quiz Club
- 2) Sorriso - Photography Club
- 3) Envirofreaks - Environment Club
- 4) South Block - International Relations and Current Affairs Club

Testimonials



I had the greatest time in PDPU! The campus itself is so quite and a pleasing place to stay. Honestly, I miss sitting outside the canteen for hours just petting the dogs and interacting with new students who become my quick friends. Leisure time aside, my exchange experience here was greatly satisfying. I believe my stay in India has helped me a lot in developing myself as an individual. I can see the change in me, be it my developing leadership abilities and my communication skills, to changes in my personality. Whenever

I needed help, the friendly and helpful volunteers here were always open for advices and help. I now understand that nothing is perfect, it is us who can make the most of any situation and this what I have learned from experience in India.

- Zhanye Cheng, China
(Exchange Participant,
Project NAMASTE7.0)



Working for the Core Committee of Project NAMASTE 7.0 was one of the best experiences I have ever been a part of. This project provided me with the amazing opportunity of hosting 21 interns and learning some key activities like communication, time management, leadership etc. The interns were pretty great and the university authorities always helped us in the time of need. There was so much to learn from the interns and I feel to have made an indestructible bond with them. Organizing Committee for the project was also one pretty fantastic in terms of readiness to work and help out those in need. It was so great to see how quickly the OC and interns bonded and it felt like a big family! Thankful to everyone who helped me along the way and looking forward to more such amazing projects!

- Kanishk Shah
Core Committee Vice President
Finance and Logistics

Testimonials



For me, working in the Organizing Committee for Project Namaste 7.0 was the best experience. It felt like I was always progressing, growing up with the people around me and making myself better. I have made tons of new friends and experienced many new things like how to embrace the cultural diversities among ourselves while living and working together, helping and organizing events like Global Village, World Café etc have been unforgettable experiences. Working as an Organizing Committee member, has made me learn how to be a solution oriented person. Working for the, I got the opportunity to know about AIESEC as an organization and become its member.

- Anchal Kalra,
Organizing Committee Member

Media Coverage



અમદાવાદમાં આવશે ગ્લોબલ વિલેજ

વિશ્વભરમાં વોલેન્ટિયરિંગ માટે જાણીતી સંસ્થા આઈસેક દ્વારા શહેરમાં પ્રથમ વિવિધ કાર્યક્રમોનું આયોજન કરાયું છે. આ કાર્યક્રમોમાં ઈન્ટરનેશનલ રન, ઇલ્ડર્સ વાર્ષિક લેસન અને ગ્લોબલ વિલેજનું આયોજન કરાશે. કાર્યક્રમમાં ચોખ્ખાગરી ઈન્ટરનેશનલ રનમાં પર્યાવરણ સંબંધિત મુદ્દાઓ પર વક્તવ્ય આપશે. વિવિધ દેશોમાંથી એક્સચેન્જ પાર્ટિસિપન્ટ્સ સહિત 2500 જેટલા પાર્ટિસિપન્ટ્સ આ રનમાં ઘોડશે. ગ્લોબલ વિલેજમાં 20થી વધારે દેશોનું સાંસ્કૃતિક દર્શન કરવા મળશે. આ કાર્યક્રમ સપ્ટેમ્બર મહિનામાં પીકેપીલુ અને અમદાવાદ યુનિવર્સિટીમાં યોજાશે.

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Abhishek Mulani



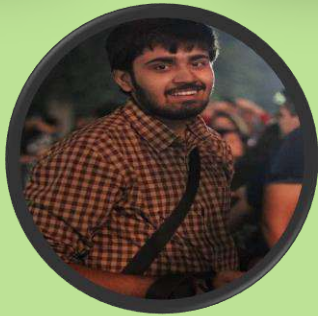
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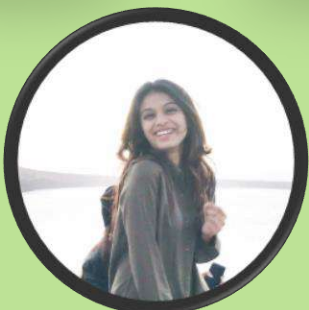
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Conclusion

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** , **20+ local volunteers** and **21 interns from 7 different countries.**

Thank You