

Project Report

NAMASTE 8.0

INCOMING GLOBAL VOLUNTEER
AIESEC IN AHMEDABAD
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PDPU PANDIT DEENDAYAL PETROLEUM UNIVERSITY



AIESEC is the largest youth run organisation 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 organisation. 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.

Neha Koka

Head of Social Sector
AIESEC in Ahmedabad

The grand success and final outcome of Project NAMASTE 8.0 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 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.

Neha Koka

Organizing and Core Committee President
Project NAMASTE 8.0

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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 & 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.

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.



Namaste 8.0, the legacy project of AIESEC in Ahmedabad in collaboration with Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University was aimed at working towards the United Nations- Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education and Cultural Exchange. 11 interns from 3 different countries participated in this cross-cultural exchange over the span of 6 weeks from 9th January 2020 to 23rd February 2020. 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 was hosted in collaboration with Little Angels School ,Sector 8, Gandhinagar where the interns were allotted to teach and educate the students of classes 3rd to 8th standard on regular weekly basis for the 6 weeks of their exchange





Project NAMASTE 8.0

Hosted 11 Interns from 3 different Countries

Job Description :

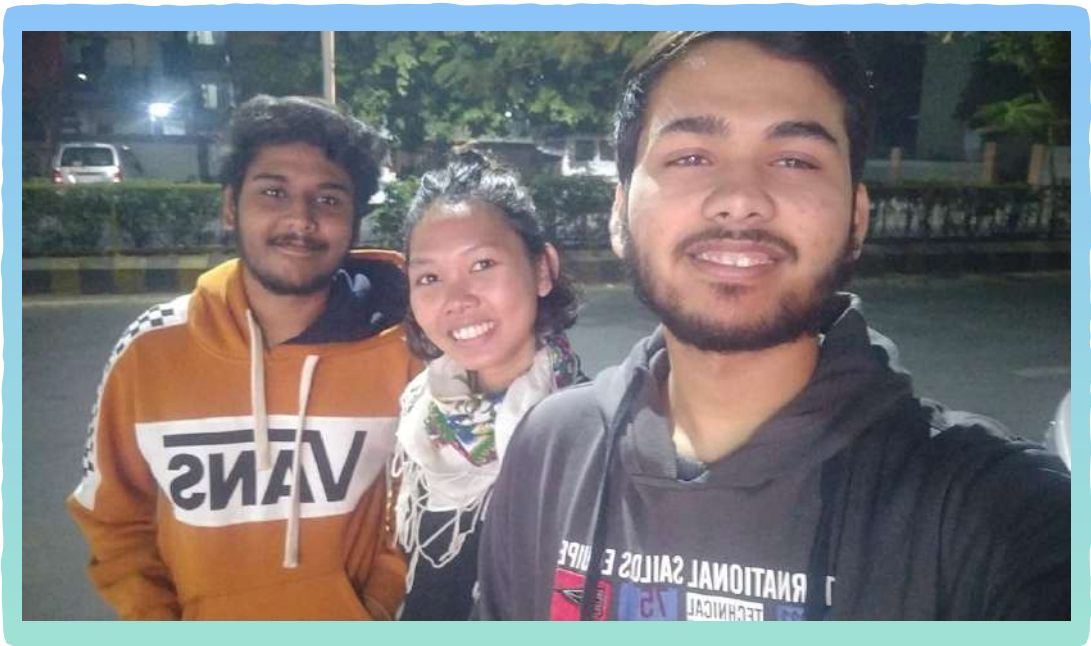
All the interns were provided with their job descriptions which were aimed towards spreading awareness about education, teaching students from classes 3-8th grade and organizing various engaging workshops. Besides teaching the students about various topics and subjects, the interns also got a chance to be a part of many different school activities.

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.



Name of Participant	Country
1.Jevicha Ramadanty	Indonesia
2.Avisa Azmi	Indonesia
3.Anisya Permata Gowa	Indonesia
4. Jane Panjaitan	Indonesia
5.Dhafin	Indonesia
6.Aqmal Maulana	Indonesia
7.Aprian Syah	Indonesia
8.Afif	Indonesia
9.Melati Pratiwidi	Indonesia
10.Marie Gembruch	Germany
11.Vendula	Czech Republic



13th January-19th January

The first week was all about briefing the interns about the Indian culture and making them familiar with the PDPU campus and Project Namaste 8.0 team.

The interns were lucky enough to acknowledge one of the major Indian festival "Uttarayan" in their first week itself along with the Incoming Preparatory Seminar which was to ensure the interns are well inducted about their stay for 6 weeks in Ahmedabad.

All the interns were warmly welcomed at the airport, showcasing our “Atithi Devo Bhava” culture, with garlands and tilak. Both the OC as well as CC engaged themselves in pickups, for the first 4 days.





On 19th of July, an Incoming Preparatory Seminar was conducted for the interns to brief them about AIESEC as an organisation, 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
- 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.



On 10th of January, the interns got a great chance to celebrate Uttarayan along with the local students in campus. They learned how to fly kites, ate festive food like “chikki” and “mamra na laddu” and the OC also taught them the meaning of phrases like “kai po che” and “lappet”.

After the celebration everyone danced on Bollywood songs and there was cross culture exchange where we taught them Garba and they taught us Indonesian dance moves.

The interns enjoyed the kite flying festival so much that they also visited the Riverfront kite flying festival later on 14th and 15th January.

First week was full of other cultural visits to places like Adalaj Stepwell, the famous Akshardham temple, Flower show at Riverfront and the Mosque in Gandhinagar.



20th January - 26th January

Workplace visits

The interns started working from the 2nd week. On their first day to school, an introductory session was organized so that the interns could be briefed about how and where they have to work along with getting to know all the students they were going to teach and also were introduced to the teachers.

Apart from that they had a meeting with OIR department where they were guided about their country presentation.

The interns started going to school regularly and each of them were dedicated into delivering their knowledge to the school students.

Along with their work, the interns never missed a chance to engage themselves in activities going around in college, be it attending the flea market of SPM fest or participating in fashion show, being a part of the cleanliness drive or attending football practices for Petrocup.



On 19th of Jan, the interns accompanied the school students in a picnic to Shanti Suman Resorts and Club where they danced and sang with the kids. It was a good bonding time for all the students with the interns.





During the weekends, the interns took off to Ahmedabad in order to explore the “pols” of the city and visited several malls like Alpha one and Ahmedabad Central mall.

On 17th of January, they attended an alliance event in Ahmedabad which was a stake- holders dinner organized by AIESEC in Ahmedabad. All the important stakeholders including clients, interns and university head came to the event







27th January- 2 February

Along with continuing with their work schedule, the interns visited the famous Kankaria Lake in Ahmedabad followed by street shopping at Fashion street, Law garden and Lal Darvaja. The teaching project interns were continued.

They had a day off from schools as they prepared for Global Village.

On 28th January Global Village was organised. The biggest International Cultural Fest of PDU where participants from 10+ countries participated and it was a night full of fun and excitement.



This was an event where the interns participated in a poster making competition.

The topic was 'Swachhta Pakhwada'. The interns made amazingly innovative posters.



This event was organised on 24th of January in collaboration with club Offbeat. Here, the interns bonded with the OC, CC and other local students by playing games like Antakshari, Karaoke, guess the song and chorus singing competition between girls and boys.





Global Village was the biggest event organized in the Project NAMASTE 8.0 timeline. The event was organized on 28th January on Mess Lawn and was hosted by Neha Koka. The event showcased culture from 10+ countries such as Indonesia, Egypt, Tunisia, Germany etc.

The event was decorated by Organising Committee of Namaste 8.0 and was covered by Sorriso.

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 timing fixtures but were able to overcome it eventually.

The hardwork of the interns and the committee was visible and a footfall of over 1000+ 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.





The interns participated in a marathon race whose aim was collecting funds for donation. Our inspired other peoples to participate as well.





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3rd February - 9th February

The teaching project that interns were a part of continued.

On the other hand interns participated in the event in which we had in collaboration with Zayka and Offbeat and we also started off with country presentations

We collaborated with Zaika and Offbeat where our EPs cooked and served food prepared with help of Zaika and Offbeat committee, they organized a musical eve where students and our EPs both had gala time by singing songs.

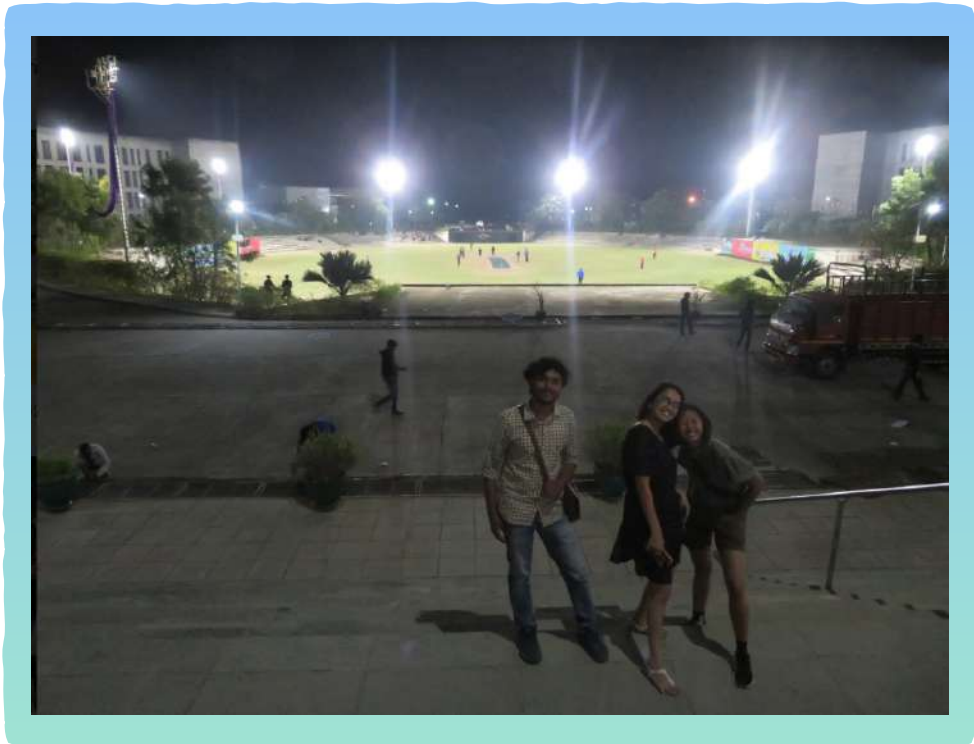
This event was organised at the Mess Lawn and our EPs and the PDCU students thoroughly enjoyed it.



Our EP Vendulla represented her country Czech Republic, where she talked about her country's history, languages and culture. She told all the attendees about her village and places to visit in Czech.

The purpose of the event was to promote cross culture diversity and understanding which was delivered successfully.







10th February - 16th February:

In this week our interns participated in Jashn - the intra dancing competition of our university where they wore Indian ethnic dress and performed an Indian dance.

The idea of country presentation is to impart deeper understanding of one's country, culture, people and all that there is to. It is an attempt to remove the barrier of borders. Country presentations are interesting, it gives people from different countries to know more about each other's country. 5th week witnessed the country presentation of Germany. The intern enlightened us about the famous places to be visited in her country, their culture, ethnicity, etc.



Jashn'20 was organized by the Soul Pepper Club of PDPU on the 19th of February 2020. It is an annual event where students perform various styles of dance and compete against each other.

The event was judged by Pankaj Sihag and SriLakhshmi, both from professional dance background and immensely talented. The interns participated in groups and individually too in the event. They had a ball of a time dancing and watching the other performances.

The thrilling and magnificent dance performances had everyone at the edge of their seats.







16th February- 22th February

In the last week the interns country presentation of Indonesia and as well as this week was the last week for the global goal project, 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.

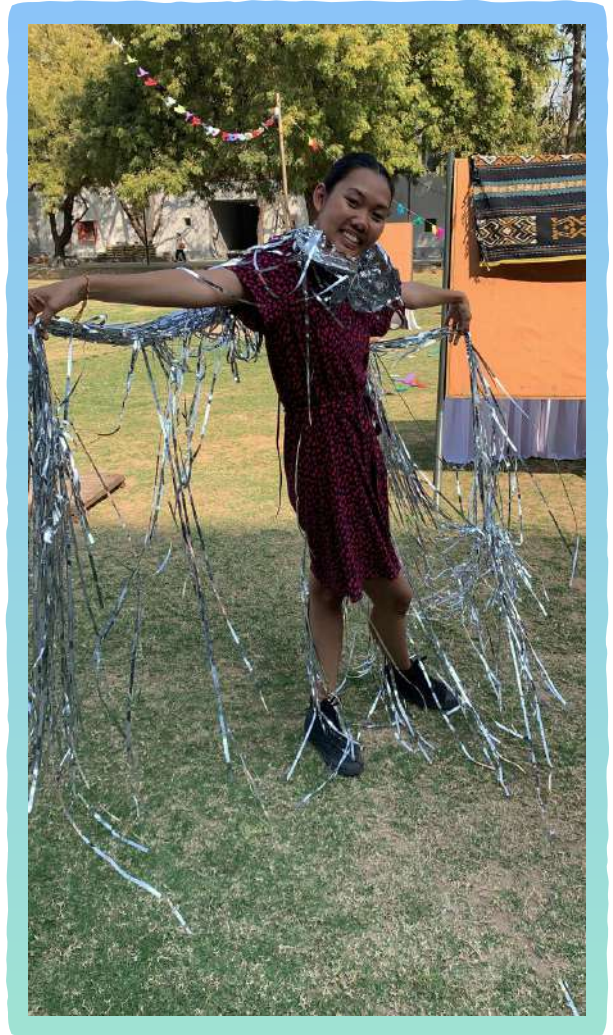
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A sugar-cube ceremony was conducted at the end of the project to help the interns reflect on their entire exchange and thank people who have been an important part of the same.

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.





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. Examine the nature of trust and responsibility in the context of Drama as a social art form.



The Club provides a platform for skilled and aspiring cooks and artisans to come forward and display their talents. The club holds workshops and tutorial sessions on organic farming, creative recipes, historical and traditional practices, and promoting veganism as a cause to cap climate change. Arrangement of food stalls during annual fests in the college, collaborating with different clubs on events to alleviate the food culture in the campus is also one of the areas zaayka aims to work towards.

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.



Offbeat is the music club focusing on providing platform to talented students at campus and create awareness on different genre of music. Music has the ability to reduce pain through release of endorphins which act as natural pain killers. One of the key objective of music is to increases self-esteem and self-confidence of the students..

Other Club Collaborations:

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



I had an amazing time in PDCU and India and we had a lot of fun in the project NAMASTE 8.0. We had to teach the children at pre-school and I enjoyed it a lot and I loved the children and teaching them was great. I also met a lot of great new people who I will never forget as we had a lot of memorable experiences. We also visited a lot of places and had a huge adventure and enjoyed the events and specially Global Village. I enjoyed the experience as a whole and I will miss all of these people and India.

Marie Gemburch, Germany
**(Exchange Participant,
Project NAMASTE8.0)**

Working for the Core Committee of Project NAMASTE 8.0 was one of the best experiences I have ever been a part of. This project provided me with the amazing opportunity of hosting 11 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 a great attachment with them. Organizing Committee for the project was also very helpful and was always eager to work and organize for the events. It was so great to see how quickly the OC and interns bonded and it felt like a big family! I am thankful to everyone who helped me throughout the project .-

Dev Karamchandani
Core Committee Vice President
Finance and Logistics





Being a part and working as a member of the organizing committee for NAMASTE 8.0 was one of the most memorable experience I have had during my college days till now. I was always interested in meeting new people and making new friends and this project provided me with just the right opportunity. Also by organizing the events for the interns and working with them I got to learn a lot of new things and developed my communication skills and leadership skills by a great extent. Hence I got to be a part of a whole new experience and also became a member of AIESEC by the end of the project and I would like to thank everyone who helped me throughout the project including the OC, CC, AIESEC members and the PDPU OIR office. Thank you for having me in the project.

Dhyey Shah,
Organizing Committee Member.

For me, working in the Organizing Committee for Project Namaste 8.0 was a great experience. It felt like I was always progressing, growing up with the people around me and making myself better. I have made many 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.. 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.



Kaushisk Jain,
Organizing Committee Member



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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 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 , 10+ local volunteers and 10 interns from 3 different countries.

THANK YOU