

SUMMER INTERNSHIP 2019: LEARNING EXPERIENCES OF SLS STUDENTS AT IHD, NEW DELHI

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3 – 28 Jun. 2019: The Institute for Human Development is one of India's major research think tanks at New Delhi. It is a not-for-profit organization that aims and work towards the welfare of the society. It is a diverse organization with researchers working extensively in the fields of ICT, Employment, Education and many more. The team of Lead-researchers themselves come from varied and diverse fields of social sciences. It was a major opportunity for us to work under such dynamic and intellectual mentors.



Aaizaz Patel, Shagun Tatia and Kshitij Shah were selected from School of Liberal Studies, PDPU to work as research interns at Institute for Human Development, Delhi. Our tenure for this internship was from 3rd of June 2019 to 28th of June 2019. We were delighted to know that we were the youngest interns at their institute till date. During our induction week we were introduced to different projects that required help. Thereafter, based on their understanding of our core interests and capabilities we were assigned to different projects. Despite being the youngest interns, we had an added advantage of knowing the basics of Econometrics and data analysis software SPSS which helped us during the course of the internship.

Role in the internship:

Aaizaz and Kshitij were assigned to aid in the research conducted by Dr. Balwant Singh Mehta. He has done extensive work in the fields of ICT and Employment. We helped him with literature review for his upcoming research paper on the *Multiplier effects of ICT sector in India with the help of Input-Output Matrix*. We further helped him with his other projects on the *women unemployment* and *Economic vulnerabilities in the state of Jharkhand*. He was a truly inspiring man with a huge repertoire of knowledge.

Shagun was assigned to aid in the ongoing research of Dr. Tanuka Endow. She assisted her on the project of *Multiplier Effect of increasing female Employment: Assessing impacts in the urban center*. She performed field work for this project and understood the tactical problems

one might face while collecting data from primary means. She further worked on organizing data in the SPSS software for another project titled, *Tribal People Chanter on Education*.

The overall experience at the institute was highly educational and practical for all three of us. We got an opportunity to understand exactly how the things we learn in theory are applied in the real world. Within a month we bonded well with the IHD family. We hope that our contributions made in this brief tenure will help the projects reach their respective objectives. The IHD mentors not only taught us practical skills but also gave us life lessons that will stay help us excel in the long run. We would like to thank our economics professor & coordinator, Training & Placement Cell, Dr. Nausheen Nizami who not only helped us find this opportunity but also recommended us to this institute.