

Hi, I'm Eeshta

Experiential Learning. Radical Transformation. Social Innovation.

Recurrences in my mind when I think 'purpose'. I am in a continuous process of understanding the depth and weight of these words, and finding means and tools to achieve them.

My most recent exploration has been as a Social Innovation Management Fellow at the Amani Institute.

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FORMAL EDUCATION

Amani Institute – Social Innovation Management (<i>disrupted by Covid, yet to be completed</i>)	[Feb 2020 - Jun 2020]
Lady Shri Ram College for Women, Delhi University – B.A. Honours in Philosophy	[2013 - 2016]
Mahindra United World College of India (UWC) – IB Diploma	[2011 - 2013]
The Shri Ram School – ICSE board, 10th grade	[1999 - 2011]

WORK EXPERIENCE

Facilitator | Teacher Empowerment Program, DDM College | Jul '20 to Oct'20

- Designed and facilitated 8 sessions on “Enhancing Classroom Engagement” via zoom, engaging ~70 teachers.

Core Team | Planet Pilot | Apr '20 to Jun'20

- Co-initiated a virtual learning project aimed to equip 9-15 year olds to learn problem solving while engaging with real-world problems and developing social emotional skills.
- Designed and facilitated two 7-day Quests with 14 children from Vietnam, UK and Australia - over 12 weeks.

Lead Facilitator | Encounter India UWC | May '19 to Aug '19

- Curated and facilitated Encounter India 2019 – a 3-week summer program for high school students across the world.
- Travelled across 5 states in India with 10 teenagers representing 7 countries.
- Liaised with various grassroots organisations including Khabar Lahariya and Shelter Associates.

Design Thinking Lead | Ideafarms | Jul '17 to Dec '17

(Promoted from Design Thinking Apprentice, Jun '16 to Jul '17)

- Designed and created content + collateral for 8 different Design Thinking workshops that were delivered to organisations across various sectors including Education, Information Technology and Entrepreneurship.
- Facilitated full day workshops for 300+ senior and mid-management of worldwide enterprises.
- Managed customer communication and relationships, securing new clients for the Design Thinking Program.
- Built and engaged online and offline communities; conceptualised an initiative to do so – the Desi Gyaan Series.

BOLD EXPERIMENTS

Founded K for Takoree – the walkway learning centre | Jun '16 to present

<https://medium.com/@eeshta.malhotra/k-for-takoree-the-mobile-classroom-b4ca21a727f6>

The primary goal of the initiative is to promote basic literacy in Hindi and facilitate learning outside the formal structure of schools – bringing it to children that cannot access it. More about my work and learnings in the link above.

Intrapreneur | Desi Gyaan Series (incubated by Ideafarms) | Nov '16 to May '17

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/desigyanseries/about/>

Created a community of 150+ people with the intention of transforming conversations for social change into action for social impact. Hosted and planned 5 sessions over 6 months that connected change makers across Delhi who have gone on to collaborate on projects subsequently.

Core Team Member | Women Walk at Midnight | Aug'18 to *present*

(<https://www.instagram.com/wewalkatmidnight/>)

Actively driving a volunteer run initiative which has conducted 25+ walks in Delhi NCR, since August 2018. Created a 1200+ strong community on Instagram, which has taken the movement to more than 15 cities globally.

CREATIVE ENGAGEMENTS WITH PHYSICAL SPACES

Protagonist | 'The Bus Stop – Short Film' | Nov'18

Acted in a short film by the students of Jamia Milia Islamia. The film explored themes of class, gender and religious fanaticism, through the physical space of a bus stop, late night in Delhi.

You can watch it here: <https://vimeo.com/311387198>

Actor | '4000 Mile' | Mar'18 to May'18

The play was set in a small apartment in New Delhi and was viewed by an audience of 12 people, at a time. The intimacy of the space contributed to a unique experience of spectatorship for audience members and a rare opportunity of complete immersion for the actors.