

Profile

Mentor - Sanskriti Bhatia

Personal Information - Born and brought up in Delhi, Sanskriti Bhatia is fluent in Hindi, English and Indian Sign Language. Seeking inspiration from her family of social workers, she did her first public sign language interpretation for the deaf and mute at the age of 12 years. She is an avid reader and finds solace in the amateur and expressive writer in her. Issues of international relations, domestic politics, governance and nation building interest her. One often finds her reading the various works of and about Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam through which she seeks guidance, mentorship, motivation and strength. At 22, she aspires to join the civil services of the country and hopes to become an influential change maker.

Professional Qualification - Sanskriti is an Environmental engineer from Delhi Technological University. This field motivated her to join the LEADearthSHIP- a year long fellowship by The Energy and Resource Institute and Tetra Pak which aimed at nurturing young leaders who are empowered to envision a sustainable and environment friendly world. There she led project "Inclusion - differently abled enabling the environment" on generating environmental awareness among persons with disabilities which won the best project award of the given year. Following up on this she interned in the Educating Youth for Sustainable Development division of TERI.

As an ignorant Delhiite wanting to understand the rural parts of the country, she has worked with various adivasi groups encircling Udaipur, Rajasthan under an initiative by the Swaraj Abhiyaan, known as the "Drought Duty" focussed in the drought struck districts of the region. Her deep interest in the country's policy formulation and monitoring processes led her to intern at the government's think tank - NITI Aayog.

Currently, she is a freelance Indian Sign Language Interpreter and has therefore worked with channels such as CNN IBN and IBN 7 as well as the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on Accessibility specific campaigns. Forwarding the cause of disability rights, she leads the Skill Training and Livelihood generation project at Sai Swayam Society - a decade old NGO, founded by her mother, which aims at empowering speech and hearing impaired individuals through education, skill training and employment.

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