



INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

YOJAK Center for Research and Strategic Planning for Sustainable Development



Who we are

YOJAK Centre for Research and Strategic Planning for Sustainable Development, is an organization engaged in **development research which includes policy research and action research at the grassroots**. We are a not-for-profit organization promoting Bharatiya Developmental Philosophy through action research, capacity development and on field implementation of development approaches through local partner organizations, social leaders and community. YOJAK emphasizes on coordination between local wisdom and appropriate science & technology to develop programs for livelihood enhancement. YOJAK has undertaken extensive action research in rural areas in general and central Bharatiya tribal belt in particular for the last 15+ years.



Why Bharat needs to be “Bharat” again

It is an opportune time to review the development course we have followed so far. There are numerous accomplishments in all major social and economic sectors namely education, health and nutrition, social protection, energy, science and technology, transport, industry, **rural development and agriculture**. Our remarkable development in the last seven decades has come at a cost to our natural resources and environment. Climate change, a significant consequence, threatens our survival, **livelihoods, and future prosperity**. The world now seeks sustainable solutions as we strive for a balanced future.

At such times, exposure to the **grassroots**, real life issues will enable the encounter of young interns to the realities of **rural Bharat**. The story of rural Bharat needs to be seen in its entirety. It's not just a story of poverty and misery. It is a story of **traditional knowledge**, civilizational wisdom and **inherent resilience** of the systems which make rural Bharat a story to be heard and learnt from. This is Bharat which has rescued the seeds of knowledge of **sustainability**. This knowledge and wisdom is waiting to be unleashed, and needs to be contemporized through scientific systematic research. What is needed is the change of vision, **Drushtikon**, to re-think the developmental paradigm in light of **Bharatiya Chintan**. It's time to gauge, study, analyze and plan the development and policies using the framework of values that Bharatiya civilization thrived upon. This will not just make Bharat, **“Bharat”** again but will set the path for the global south and the world towards a sustainable future and **‘Sumangalam’**. We invite you to be part of this noble endeavor.



We Invite

Young Ignited Minds



Graduate/
postgraduate students



Wanting to be part of
Bharat's sustainable
development story



Willing to learn,
unlearn and innovate

And who identify with some or all of below:

01



An appetite for
research,
documentation,
assessing
issues to craft
the appropriate
solutions

Technology
enthusiast /
expert / student



02

A desire to
understand
the rural Bharat



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07



An avid
interest in
traditional
knowledge
and oral
traditions

03



Command over
at least one
Bharatiya
language
and English

04

Excellent
communication
and drafting
skills



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A flair for
data
handling
and analysis



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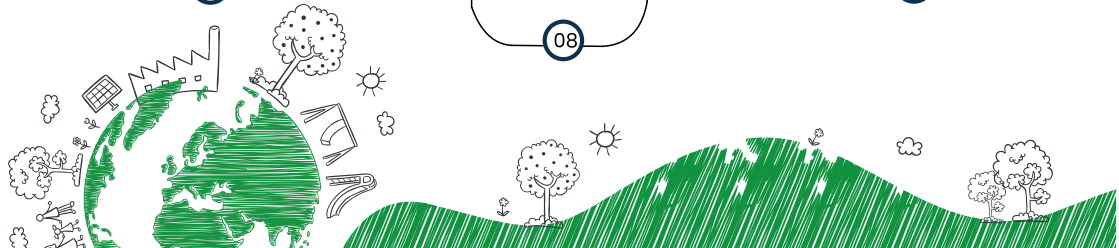


Keen eye to
national and
global public
policy arena

Solid skills in
qualitative/
quantitative
research
methods and
IT tools



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Where ?

- At YOJAK
- With one of our collaborator

Depending on the subject area and problem statement you will work at our Pune/Nandurbar office or with one of our esteemed collaborators, at different locations in Bharat.



Duration

One month to 12+ months depending on availability and interests

Area Of Internship

Policy Research, Action Research, Research and analysis, Documentation

- **Rural** and **tribal** sustainable development
- Climate **resilience**
- **Biodiversity** and forest management
- **Natural resource** management
- Appropriate technology and **grassroots innovations**
- **Livelihood, skilling** and entrepreneurship
- **Agriculture** and food processing
- Conservation of **indigenous seeds** and breeds
- Traditional **knowledge** and oral **traditions**
- **Livestock** management
- Cooperative, **community entrepreneurship** / marketing
- Applications of **natural sciences** in development
- **Meteorological** and data sciences
- Economics and fiscal **policies**, data **analysis**
- **Lifestyle** for **Environment** (Food, fashion, waste, Indic wisdom)
- Content generation in **rural sustainability**
- Documentation of stories and case studies in **rural** and **tribal development**
- Sustainable development and **climate action policies** national and international forums



Team of mentors



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