

# INTERNSHIP REPORT

~ Pratyush Sina | Intern | December 14, 2021, to February 14, 2022

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**CEE** was founded in 1984 as a Centre of Excellence with support from India's Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change. The Centre is linked with the Nehru Foundation for Development, which provides it with a wealth of multidisciplinary resources and experience in science, nature studies, health, development, and the environment. CEE now serves a diverse variety of industries, target groups, and geographic locations. It utilised the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD 2005-14) as a key opportunity to further contribute to sustainable development. It was one of the first organisations in India to focus on environmental education. While the organization's headquarters were in Ahmedabad, it ran programmes all throughout the country. Within five years, it became clear that physical presence was critical for efficient implementation in a country as large and varied as India. The first regional office for the Southern area was established in 1988-89 as a result of this. Since then, there has been a concerted attempt to establish a physical presence in the work area. There are around 40 regional, state, and project offices in the United States now, as well as national offices in Australia and Germany.

During my two months stint with CEE from **December 14, 2021, to February 14, 2022**, I interned under **Eco-Schools Programme India** which aims to spread environmental education based on the learning by doing approach and sees students who are leaders in the school environment, leading and learning outside the classroom. The programme's bottom-up, place-based, holistic model of sustainability education is well suited to building a strong network of support between schools, parents and the local community.

I worked on preparing an Impact Assessment report titled: **Seven-Step Methodology: A Comprehensive Assessment of its Viability and Impact in Generating Positive Handprint Actions**. Two questionnaires were designed tailored to their individual requirements to get to the level of composing the report. The goal of the study was to see if using the Seven-Step Methodology to better people, organisations, schools, society, and the environment resulted in beneficial changes on all levels. The survey of students focused on their overall opinions of the success of the Seven-Step Technique, whereas the poll of faculty members focused on specifics about the approach in order to determine the changes that are required.

I feel extremely glad while writing this report as I get to work with **Ms. Khusbu Shah** and **Ms. Mansi Shah**. They have been very helpful throughout the process and assisted me whenever I needed guidance. I am fortunate to have been placed in a project by them that interests me. The support I have received has been evidenced by the care with which they have directed me through this process. Their guidance and management have enhanced my teamwork and communication skills, as well as provided me with additional knowledge of various topics. They

have been willing to help me in any way they can, and they were always available to answer my questions or address any concerns. Throughout the last two months I have learned much more than just the work itself and hopefully will carry these skills with me throughout my career.

The internship did provide me with a flexible environment which also ensured my academic requirements were met along with fulfilling my duties towards the organization and finishing my internship work on time. It has given me exposure to the concepts that I just know theoretically, thereby getting them applied practically.

The entire Internship was a great experience and I am very honoured to be selected for the position. It had been a great learning experience for me to understand the working dynamics of an organisation focusing on environmental education. It definitely has helped me to figure out my interests and I would surely like to associate with the organisation in the future whenever time persists.

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