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Key Areas of Interest

- Policy Research, Analysis & Implementation
- Education & Skill Development
- Food and nutritional security
- Economic Development
- Application of behavioral science

Soft Skills

- Perseverance
- Leadership
- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Creative Thinking

Education Background

M. Phil. in Planning & Development

Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
July 2020 - June 2022

Professional Experience

Thakur Institute of Aviation Technology

Instructor & Asst. Examination Controller
September 2016 - June 2018

Jet Airways India Limited

Aircraft Maintenance Technician
October 2013 - September 2016

Projects Led

- Designed, organized, and executed the innovative 'IBM SkillsBuild project' through collaboration with CSRBOX, empowering 2,000 students across 15 educational institutions with improved digital learning and job-readiness skills.
- Partnered with the Lunglei district education department and ELF Learning Solutions to implement the ELF English Project, resulting in the enrichment of foundational English skills for over 2,500 students across 60 primary schools.
- Performed in-depth qualitative research on "Status & Prospects of pond-based Integrated Farming Systems"

Achievements

- Aug 2022 Received recognition as "Champion Fellow" from IIM Lucknow.
- Sep 2023 Commended by the Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei for successful implementation of key projects.

Key Learnings

- Understood various aspects of district administration and the functioning of community institutions at the grassroots level.
- Prepared reports and case studies on the skilling ecosystem and communicated the insights to relevant stakeholders.
- Gathered primary data from the field, organized, and analyzed it for decision-making purposes.
- Approached problems with an interdisciplinary mindset and formulated sustainable policies tailored to the local context.

A STORY OF TRANSFORMATION



Ajinkya Madkaikar (Lunglei, Mizoram)

Lunglei ELF English Project

- The ELF English project was implemented in Lunglei district of Mizoram between June 2022 – April 2023 with the objective of improving English language skills among children in both urban and rural areas.
- The project was executed in 61 primary schools in collaboration with the Deputy Commissioner Office, District Education Office and ELF Learning Solutions. Moreover, the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellow (MGNF) played a pivotal role as the district coordinator for the project.

Impact

- Implemented across 61 primary schools and engaging a team of 70 dedicated teachers, the ELF English program made a profound impact on the educational landscape. More than 2500 students reaped the benefits of this initiative, experiencing a remarkable improvement in their English language skills.
- The project significantly benefited teachers by enhancing their teaching skills through hands-on training on e-learning tools and providing valuable teaching resources. Teachers improved their pedagogical techniques, gained access to essential teaching materials, and became better equipped to teach English.

Way Forward

- Partner with NGOs and other relevant institutions for similar initiatives to reach more schools, overcoming logistical challenges and resource limitations.
- Sustain and expand initiatives to equip students with essential English skills, crucial for academic success and future careers.
- Maintain program quality through regular assessments and robust feedback mechanisms to continually enhance its effectiveness.
- Develop model schools in strategic locations to serve as hubs of excellence, demonstrating best practices and serving as training centers for other teachers.