

WORKING TOWARDS

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Guided by our seven thematic areas, we work to understand ground realities and address complex challenges in rural communities across India. With an aim of fostering sustainable and self-reliant communities, we continuously strive to achieve the UN SDGs.



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*Experiential Learning
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Our Journey So far

58,953 Beneficiaries **21** States **63** Projects

30+ Partner Universities **200,000+** Field Hours



Few Completed Projects



Scalable and Sustainable Rural Sanitation Model



Lemon Grass Distillation



Empowering Artists



Public Health Awareness Program



Alcohol Awareness for Children in Tribal Villages



Amrita Micro Hydro Electric System - Illuminating Rural India



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Thematic Areas

Through experiential learning opportunities, participants from multiple disciplines can study, observe, and interact with villagers, while living in rural communities, to gain a better understanding of challenges in seven thematic areas that are integral on the path to self-reliance: Health & Hygiene, Education & Gender Equality, Waste Management & Infrastructure, Energy and Environment, Agriculture & Risk Management, Livelihood & Skill Development and Water & Sanitation. These seven areas can further be classified as a combination of challenges, with each challenge subsequently linked to a combination of problem statements which gets translated as projects.



Energy & Environment



Water & Sanitation



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How the Program Works

1. **Orientation and Team Formation**
A multidisciplinary team of engineers, managers, practitioners, etc. comes together and pools resources to pick up a challenge and explore the solutions under the academic ambit
2. **Live-in and explore the village and understand issues faced by the community**
2-4 weeks time is dedicated in the location of the issue, interacting with locals and compassionately understanding the challenges faced. Possible solutions are also explored.
3. **Design and test solutions in the factory**
Under the guidance of expert personnel aided with state of the art infrastructure
4. **Field test and implement the solution in the village**
In collaboration the community leaders and cultivated Champions of Change
5. **Evaluation Presentation in Amrita**
Also explores cutting edge cross-domain research possibilities
6. **Publications and Follow up**



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Design & Test in the University

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Publications & Follow-Up

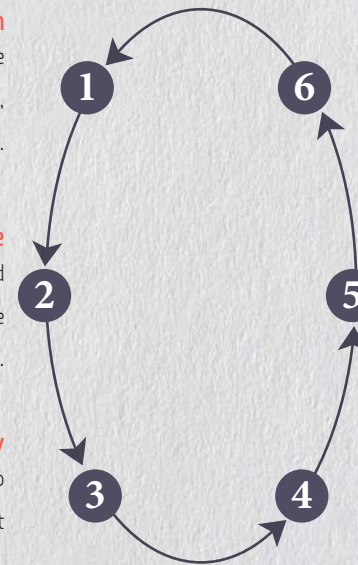
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Evaluation

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