



Centre for
Social Impact
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Student Engagement Newsletter Fall 2018

JAGRITI: Our Student Volunteer Programme



The Centre, in collaboration with an NGO **Breakthrough**, runs a year-long student volunteer programme called Jagriti.

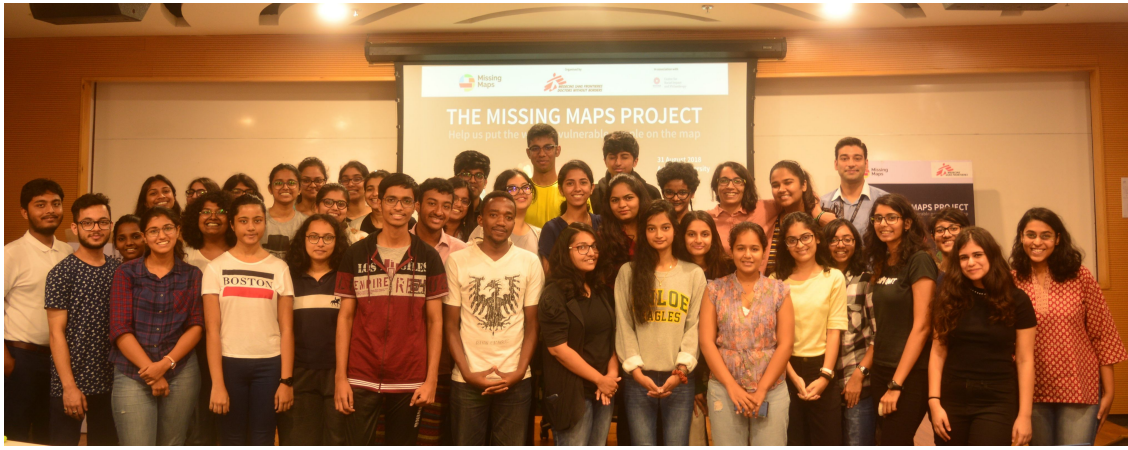
Jagriti aims to develop students' understanding of social issues and real-life challenges through experiential learning. Last semester, students attended sessions on gender sensitization in government, private, and alternative schools. They conducted home visits in a village to understand challenges faced by adolescent girls and witnessed Breakthrough's Thali Bajao Campaign to end domestic violence. The students took up different community projects during the semester and will work to turn those ideas into action in Spring 2019.

Testimonial:

"It was a very heartwarming and enriching experience. I came face to face with many of my prejudices and learnt how to deal with them. I feel that it grounded me and kept me level-headed throughout." - Dhiya Sony, 3rd-year student

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

MSF India's Mapathon Event



The Centre hosted a Mapathon, in collaboration with **Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)** India in August 2018. It involved mapping of vulnerable places in the developing world and digitally connecting them. Participants mapped 4% of Niger State by the end of the day. The Mapathon was followed by a talk by Dr. Prince Mathew, the Regional Head of Mission - Asia for MSF Spain on his experiences from the field.



Sessions on Privilege, Identity and Diversity

The Centre organized two sessions for 1st-year students during the Orientation Week. In the first session, participants explored their comfort zones, learning edges and danger zones. The second session created a space for participants to talk about their identities and how they experience them on a day-to-day basis.

Chai Pe Charcha With Pradeep Nair

The Centre organized a Chai Pe Charcha with Pradeep Nair, Regional Head, Ford Foundation in September 2018. Pradeep talked about various topics ranging from his life trajectory to career opportunities in the philanthropy sector during the session.

EXPOSURE VISITS

Guided Walk through Lodi Gardens



The Centre, in collaboration with **WWF India**, organized its first guided walk for environmental enthusiasts in October 2018.

The walk started at WWF India office, with students attending a wildlife cartoon exhibition by Rohan Chakravarty (Known for his platform '**Green Humour**'). It was followed by a trail walk at Lodi Gardens where students got to learn more about birds and environment. Students also had the opportunity to interact with different teams at the WWF India office and met other environmental enthusiasts.



Field Visits to An Alternative School

The Centre organized field visits to **Umang Paathshala**, an alternative school in Gannaur, Sonapat on Independence Day and Diwali. The field visits aimed to introduce students to the concept of alternative education. The Centre plans to start a new project with the school under the Jagriti programme soon.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

GSG Impact Summit in Delhi



The **Global Steering Group (GSG) for Impact Investing** convened 905 impact leaders from 54 countries in Delhi in October 2018. Over 20 students from Ashoka university volunteered at the event and accessed the **#PowerofImpact** community.

Fourth Pillar: India Journalism Week

The **Fourth Pillar: India Journalism Week**, hosted by **Academe India Foundation** in Delhi in December 2018, is an annual marquee event on Indian journalism. Five students from Ashoka university volunteered at the event.

