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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret mead



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Social Factor is the social work and volunteering extension of Agronature, established to help build a community of farming practice, rural development, and community development opportunities- for students, researchers, farmers, and other interested parties. Social Factor provides a range of immersive internship and volunteering programs through; rural experiential programs, one-time field visits, and introduces the life of rural India and farm life through our agricultural and non-agricultural projects. Social Factor is also an incubator for entrepreneurial initiatives that will help transform the lives of rural communities.

Recognizing a strong need among educational and research institutions to place students and researchers in a real world agricultural and rural development setting that facilitates learning and practice, the programs have been designed to be both dynamic and focused on creating a collaborative community of knowledge sharing for the rural communities and the students.

Below are the programs we currently offer, we also offer bespoke internship/ volunteering opportunities, please contact us if you would like to know more.



1. One Day Project Visit

This program will be an introduction to the work Agronature conducts with specific agricultural projects and community development/non-agricultural projects. A general overview will be provided along with any inputs for future visits. Visitors will be given a chance to understand the diverse agri and non-agri activities in the area, and prevailing government schemes.

2. Short-term Project Visits

Intended for students, researchers, or freelancers who have a research plan, this program will help the participant understand the projects within a short duration. Through this program, the participant will be provided time-bound outcomes to help them understand the processes in place and how the visitors can be of further help.

A work/study module can be developed collaboratively with Agronature co-ordinators and the participant's academic requirements so that the time spent will be beneficial to all involved parties.



3. One Week Rural Immersion Camp

Agronature will facilitate one-week rural immersion camps for participants who are interested in experiencing rural life in one of our project





locations, which will include participation in the agricultural projects, and non-agricultural community development projects at the project location.

The program will also cover interactions with local cultural activities, participation in community asset creation, participation in a community survey, village cultural fest, etc.



4. 3 Months Program - Agriculture and Non-Agricultural Community Development

As part of essential curriculum fulfillment for programs like social work, community health, development studies, rural development, and business management, a three month rural immersion program will help participants understand the full scope of the project. This program is designed to be proactive and collaborative. In the absence of an academic/institutionalized work plan, each participant will receive a customized work plan, devised by the Agronature co-ordinator and the participant, so



that the participant may complete their academic requirements and have a fulfilling experience in the program.

Participants will be given guidance and supervision along the way, while they develop their competence in their chosen specialisations. This program offers a rich in-depth experience in community organizing, and planning sustainable livelihood strategies.



5. Sprint Research Projects

Having witnessed the need for short-term research projects, Sprint Research Project has been developed by Social Factor as an opportunity for researchers who have short-term research needs and require an opportunity to work alongside our projects to meet their academic requirements. Opportunities to undertake small research projects in the areas of local economic development, sustainable livelihood practices, organic farming, issues and challenges in co-operatives, rural development, urbanization challenges, and prospectus of rural tourism and promotion of cultural heritage, arts and handicrafts, are all covered in this program.

6. Comprehensive Research Programs in Building Sustainable Communities

Agronature projects are based on building sustainable communities in rural areas of India. To design and implement agricultural and non-agricultural projects in rural India as



commercially viable and environmentally sustainable practice is the essential framework of our operations.

Researchers and academicians who are interested in collaborating on long-term projects in this area will find this program best suited to meet their needs. There will be support in terms of on-the-ground farming and traditional artisanal practitioners who can help participants navigate their program experience.

7. General Volunteering Opportunities

Participants who are interested in volunteering their time towards working on a greater cause are invited to join us in actualising the next development steps for rural India. This program is not just for students, but retirees, homemakers, and others who believe their role can help in the socio-economic development of rural communities.



For more information

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