

Statement of Purpose
Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship Program

Growing up in a small district, XXX, located in XXX, I have been exposed to problems at grass root level since my early days. I come from a lower middle-class family where my father and mother have been an active member of the society as XXX in their professional capacities respectively.

I, along with my parents see education as a key instrument of social change in today's era. This quest led me to get my graduation done from one of the premier institutes of the nation- XXX wherein I completed post-graduation in XXX. In the final years of my post-graduation, I deferred placements and devoted my time and energy in preparation of civil services examination pursuing my dream to contribute towards the society as a civil servant working for the people bridging the gap between policy makers and beneficiaries.

During college, I have had the opportunity of working for a non-government organization – XXX working towards strengthening education landscape for differently abled students. As an active XXX, I recorded text-books across varied subjects in audio-visual formats for disabled students. Collaborating with organizations under such initiatives led me widen my horizon thinking and come up with intuitive approaches for skill development especially among certain sections of the society.

XXX is one of the greenest states in the heart of our nation, full of lush-green forest cover. Agrarian economy remains an integral actor towards development of XXX. In recent decades, despite of surge in India's economic growth, my state is struggling to break the shackles of poverty and disease which are acting as growth inhibitors. Nevertheless, every challenge gives birth to ample of opportunities. Unlike others, there are ample of resources in XXX. Potential not only lies in mainstream manufacturing and service sector, there is also huge scope in agro-based industries like food processing, handicrafts and forest-based industries.

In my long-term goal, I see myself working as an active agent of social change working towards development of my district and state in realm of entrepreneurship and healthcare.

Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship will help me fulfil my desire to contribute my learning and education towards betterment of my society. It would give me a platform wherein I can use my classroom education and apply it on field, finding solutions to practical implementation challenges and working closely with

the beneficiaries. As a proud citizen of my nation, I want to contribute in my full capacity towards development at grass root level at scale and rural entrepreneurship plays a vital role in eradicating poverty thereby developing a healthy sustainable ecosystem. With my prior experience of working in the NGO coupled with strong educational foundation and cultural values, I believe I would be a great fit for this Fellowship which aligns well with my personal and professional goals, enhancing skill development and promoting rural employment .

I look forward to work closely with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), under the able guidance of esteemed professors of IIM Bangalore - XXX and XXX in making the vision of this Fellowship to a successful reality.