

# Safarnama, June to September 2018



## Buniyaad, June 5 to 11, 2018



**Buniyaad** has been conceptualised for young social and political activists who have spent at least 3 years on the field. The program duration this time was for 7 days, and the attempt was to broaden the understanding of 'on the field' activists regarding big-picture issues in the social, economic, political spheres.

This workshop was facilitated by **Praveen Singh, Prabir Bose and Anju Uppal** of Vikalp Kriya. Over the past 15 years, Anju has been facilitating participatory workshops, designing participatory communication resources.



Karyakartas from Domestic Workers Union, Construction Workers Union, Dihari Workers Union, Vigyan Foundation and Jan Jagran Shakti Sangthan participated in this workshop.

Prabir has been conducting workshops on participatory theatre for the students of TISS (Mumbai) for more than 10 years and for students of IIM (Ahmedabad) for the past four years. Sambhaavnaa has been collaborated with Anju and Prabeer for 3 years.



## Nayi Dishayein, 12 June to 22 June, 2018



Sambhaavnaa Institute has, for the last six years, been organising a participatory, reflective and experiential schools series, called Nayi Dishayein. In this program we work with young participants to deconstruct and critically examine the notion of development, re-examine our belief systems, world-views and privileges around power structures of caste, gender, religion, class

**Kamla Bhasin, Bezwada Wilson, Manshi Asher, Praveen Singh, Karen Coelho, Nityanand and Himanshu Kumar** were the facilitators.



Assess possibilities of change through exposure to a range of contemporary interventions/initiatives/movements towards a just society.

Experiments with Participatory Democracy and movements/campaigns like Majdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan, Chattisgarh Mukti Morcha, Dalit youth in universities were studied. A critical assessment of the Rally for the Rivers campaign of Isha foundation was also conducted.



## Lokneeti Ki Rajneeti, June 25 to 29, 2018



**Loktantrashala** (School for Democracy) and Sambhaavnaa Institute organised a five-day workshop to reflect with participants on the challenges and possibilities of building citizenship and social accountability. The workshop was also situated India's experience with social accountability within a wider framework of democratic theory and theories of citizenship.

**Satish Deshpandey** discussed Caste and Democracy, Normalised Neo liberalism, Sustainable communalism, Transformed Media and Ceasarist populism.

**Jagdeep Chokkar**, Electoral Transparency. **Nikhil Day** and **Shanker Singh**, Story of RTI movement.

**Pankti Jog** shared the success stories of RTI use by common citizen becoming change agents. Using strategies of Mass RTI applications. To empower individual communicate to allow to participate in location local governance process. Do's and Dont's in drafting RTI applications.



During this workshop participants visited some government offices in the village (Anganwari, Post Office, Public Health Center, Public Distribution System, Panchayat, Lok Mitra Kendra) to see and observe the working system in a rural setup.



## Engineers Without Borders, July 5 to 7, 2018



Sambhaaynaa facilitated a three day workshop for 28 engineering students from Australia. Their program was called **Humanitarian Design Program** that involved understanding the local context and come up with simple design solutions that can help local communities with the maximum use of local resources.

The purpose of this program is to place students into remote Himalayan villages to study local lifestyle and develop understanding needs and traditional technologies,



**Praveen** and **Mohammad** took some of the sessions on Development, Privilege, Capitalism, Carbon footprint and Jal-Jangal-Jameen.

in order to develop design solution ideas that might be useful for the location. These ideas will be shared with the locals at the end. So, before placing the students into the villages they wanted them to have a short orientation about the local way of life and some sessions of relevant topic that should be taken up with the students.



## Engaging with Diversity, August 17 to 21, 2018



**Nazariya** (A Queer Feminist Resource Group) and Sambhaavnaa collaborated for the second time. This time we organized a 5 day workshop, especially aimed at people working in the social sector, to enable an awareness of LGBT\*QIA+ issues along with a more holistic understanding of gender and sexuality issues.

Facilitators **Anindya**, **Ritambhara** and **Rituparna** discussed the difference between gender and sexuality, between identity and sexual orientation, various identities encompassing the LGBT\*QIA+ umbrella, the socio-political, legal and economic issues faced by the LGBT\*QIA+ people in our country,



How can one be sensitive towards people marginalized on the basis of gender/sexuality, the small changes one can make in their organization's structures, programs, and training modules, community organisation strategies to incorporate the realities of LGBT\*QIA+ people, legal measures available for people with diverse gender identities and sexual orientations in India, work with LGBT\*QIA communities and to create a network to work on these issues together.

## Masculinity Workshop, August 28 to Sep 2, 2018

22 young men from Delhi and Jaipur reached Sambhaavnaa for a 6 day workshop on Gender, Patriarchy, Masculinity and Power. This is a learning model that will equip them to become change-agents in their communities where they will be applying their learning and mobilize men and women for the above-mentioned objectives.



All the participants were associated from **Azad Foundation Delhi**. They launched a capacity building feminist program to engage young men for creating enabling environments for women from resource-poor communities to access Non-Traditional Livelihoods.

They discussed Gender as a systematic social force which is embedded in all social institutions, Equity and Equality, Patriarchy and Violence Against Women, Hegemonic notions of Masculinity, Positive Notions of Masculinity, Change and Transformation in Personal Lives, Affirmative Action, Effective Communication and Mobilization – Theory/Techniques.



# Community Based Tourism, August 18 to September 3, 2018

Community based tourism program that we organised in collaboration with **Equations** and **Himdhara Collective** where about 22 people from Himachal, Uttarakhand and Kashmir participated discussed:

1. What is Tourism?
2. Politics of tourism (land, labour, capital, identity, resources).
3. Drivers tourism policy & investment.
4. Principles of Community based tourism along with case studies.



The group visited Mcloedganj to study the fallouts of mass tourism and Dhmeta (Kangra) to look at an alternative model of tourism. Here in dialogues with local communities in both areas.

We also discussed the Operational Aspects, Process and Politics of CBT and Tourism Regulations within western Himalayas.

**Aditi Chanchani, Swati Sheshadri and Manshi Asher** were the facilitators of this workshop.





## Demanding Financial Accountability, Sep 11 to 14, 2018



A 5 day workshop on financial accountability. This is the second time we have collaborated with **Center For Financial Accountability**.

Finance is usually left to the experts, and is looked into in a silo, without looking into the interconnections with various other aspects, which governs our lives. This workshop introduced different aspects of finance – looking at the fundamental premises on which the world of finance is systematically built, understanding the role of financial institutions beyond lending/banking, addressing the contemporary issues related to finance in India and critically looking at the gaps in governance, transparency and accountability in finance / of financial institutions. The workshop tried and made finance palatable and highlight the integral nature of finance in all walks of our lives.



**Dr. Arun Kumar, Dr. Sunanda Sen, Madhuresh Kumar, Dr. Sunanda Sen, Maju Varghese, Devidas Tuljapurkar, Priya Dharshini, Himanshu Upadhaya, Joe Athialy, Soumya Dutta, Leo Saldanha, Gaurav Dwivedi and Prakash Bhandari** were the resource people.



## Self Care Workshop, Sep 5 to 9, 2018



This is a collaborative initiative of Sambhaavnaa and **Vishakha organisation Jaipur**, to prepare and maintain an excellent experience of festivity and deep understanding of self-care for the workers who have been working with right based approach within their socio-cultural context.

25 activists from various backgrounds participated, in this workshop the work would be done at four layers  
Various methods which were used in this workshops are:-



This is the second year we had this workshop at Sambhaavnaa.

Various experiments related to breathing and meditation. Awareness through body, Expressive art therapy, Gibberish, dance Movement therapy, Reflection therapy, yoga, yog nidra, laughter, work on energy point and channel, sharing, discussion and relaxation.



## **Activities @ Udaan School**

For some time now Udaan School has been documenting the experience of its journey.

We regularly post updates on school activities, pedagogical methods, reports on guest lectures, and school ethos on our facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/udaanschoolkandbari/>

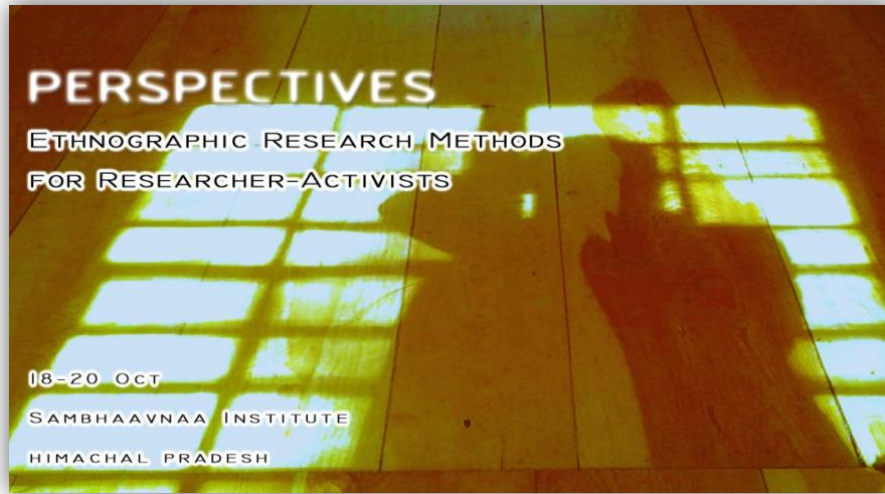
People are invited to visit and leave their comments and suggestions.

## **Activities @ Udaan Learning Center**

Udaan learning center has started conducting sessions in schools, on environmental awareness, through understand the difference between self reliance and market based economy, Understanding their landscape, analyzing their village closely. Through discussion, activities and movies.

Please visit their facebook page for more initiatives and updates - <https://www.facebook.com/udaanlearningcenter/>

# Upcoming Programs...



**प्रतिरोध का सिनेमा**  
7 से 9 दिसंबर 2018

सिनेमा का संगठन में प्रयोग  
कार्यशाला एवं फ़िल्म फ़ेस्टिवल  
संभारना संरक्षण विचारना प्रवेश

**Nayi Dishayein**  
Winter School on Rethinking  
Development

December 21-30, 2018 | Sambhaavnaa Institute, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh

**BULAND IRAADE:**  
**A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY & SELF-REFLECTION**  
GENDER | POWER | SEXUALITY | CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS | WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS



19-23 November, 2018  
Sambhaavnaa Institute, Kandbari, HP

## Gup-Shup Chabootra



**Manasi Kotian**, a Bombay based contemporary artist and painter. She organised a painting exhibition '**Makeer**' at Sambhaavna where she displayed a series of portrait paintings inspired from the people of Chherna, small village in district Mandi. Her work talked about environmental degradation, effects of urbanization, and insensitive development on village communities and so on.



**Baatein Aman Ki** reached Sambhaavna to promote peace. In an attempt to sensitize people about violence and to spark dialogues on peace, harmony and justice we hosted an interactive session. Student, Teachers of Udaan School and women from Kandbari/Nain villages actively participated in the event.



**Abhimanyu** joined Udaan Learning Center, he is masters in developmental studies from Ambedkar university. He loves working with children, above 13 years of age, on alternative education.