Report on the Two-Month Internship Program by
Institute for Sustainable Development and Governance (ISDG)

Overview

The Institute for Sustainable Development and Governance (ISDG) conducted a comprehensive two-month Internship program focused on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the functions of Panchayathi Raj Institutions and itsFunctions.The program was meticulously designed to equip interns with practical knowledge and research skills related to sustainable development and Local governance. The internship included workshops, research clinics, and field outreach programs, ensuring a holistic learning experience for the participants.
Key Events and Activities

01-RESEARCH CLINIC WORKSHOP SERIES FOR PhD SCHOLARS
 March 16, 2024 (Saturday)
Location: ISDG

Details: This workshop aimed at providing PhD scholars with advanced research skills and techniques. Topics covered included research methodologies, data analysis, and effective presentation of research findings. The session was highly interactive, with scholars receiving personalized feedback on their research projects.
02ORIENTATION PROGRAM ON SUMMER INTERNSHIP
 Date: March 21, 2024
 Location: ISDG

Details: The orientation program provided interns with an overview of the internship objectives, expectations, and deliverables. Interns were introduced to the ISDG team, their fellow interns, and the resources available to them. The session also covered the schedule of activities and the support system in place, including the online meetings with their mentor.

03-METHODOLOGY DESIGN WORKSHOP
Date: April 6, 2024 (Saturday)
 Location: ISDG
 Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Details: This workshop was crucial for interns to understand the intricacies of designing research methodologies. Participants were guided through various methodological approaches, ensuring they could effectively design their own research projects related to SDGs and Grama Panchayat functions. The workshop included practical exercises and group discussions to reinforce learning.

04-PROGRAM ON PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF INTERNSDate: May 10, 2024
Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
  Location: ISDG

Details: This program was dedicated to evaluating the performance of the interns. It involved presentations by the interns on their projects, followed by feedback from a panel of experts. The

assessment focused on the quality of research, the practicality of solutions proposed, and the interns' overall understanding of SDGs and panchayat functions.

ONLINE MENTORSHIP

Mentor: Dr. JB Rajan
Frequency: Twice a week

Details: Online meetings with Dr. JB Rajan were scheduled twice a week throughout the internship period. These sessions provided interns with continuous guidance, allowing them to discuss their progress, seek advice on their research, and receive feedback on their work. Dr. Rajan's expertise and mentorship were invaluable in shaping the interns' projects and enhancing their learning experience.

05-OUTREACH PROGRAM

Start Date: May 27, 2024
Location: Various Panchayats of Trivandrum District

Details: As part of the outreach program, interns visited various panchayats within the Trivandrum District. This field experience was designed to give them first-hand insight into the functioning of local governance and the implementation of sustainable development initiatives at the grassroots level. Interns engaged with panchayat members, observed local development projects, and conducted field research.

Conclusion
The two-month internship program conducted by ISDG was a significant step towards empowering young researchers and professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to sustainable development and effective local governance. The combination of workshops, mentorship, and field outreach provided a comprehensive learning experience that is expected to have a lasting impact on the participants' academic and professional careers.

We look forward to continuing this initiative in the coming months and expanding our outreach to more students and youth committed to sustainable development.