

Pratham Education Foundation

Mumbai, India

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Pratham Institute for Literacy, Education & Vocational Training

- **Mission:** *To create sustainable programs for training and retraining of youth for employability or entrepreneurship including vocational skilling, job placement and the creation of enterprises*



- According to the Indian Labour Report, **300 million youth** will enter the labor force by 2025, and 25 per cent of the world's workers in the next three years will be Indians. The current size of India's formally skilled workforce is approximately **2%**

My Work

- Life-skills Curriculum: created a comprehensive life-skills curriculum that instructors in each verticals (hospitality, healthcare, electrical, beauty, construction, and automotive) at Pratham Institute can use as an interactive part of their students' training to lower post-placement dropout rates
- Conducted training session presenting the curriculum to instructors



Other Projects

- Case studies: interviewed current and former students
- Data analysis: implemented an anonymous feedback survey to assess the quality and the need of the beauty entrepreneurship program.
- National Skill Day: helped set up a village fair celebrating Skill Day and to promote Pratham Institute's new beauty program for women



Other Things I learned

- How an NGO is implemented abroad
- How Pratham works with different stakeholders



Sightseeing

- Pune
- Aurangabad
- Ahmednagar
- Nashik
- Bangalore
- Delhi

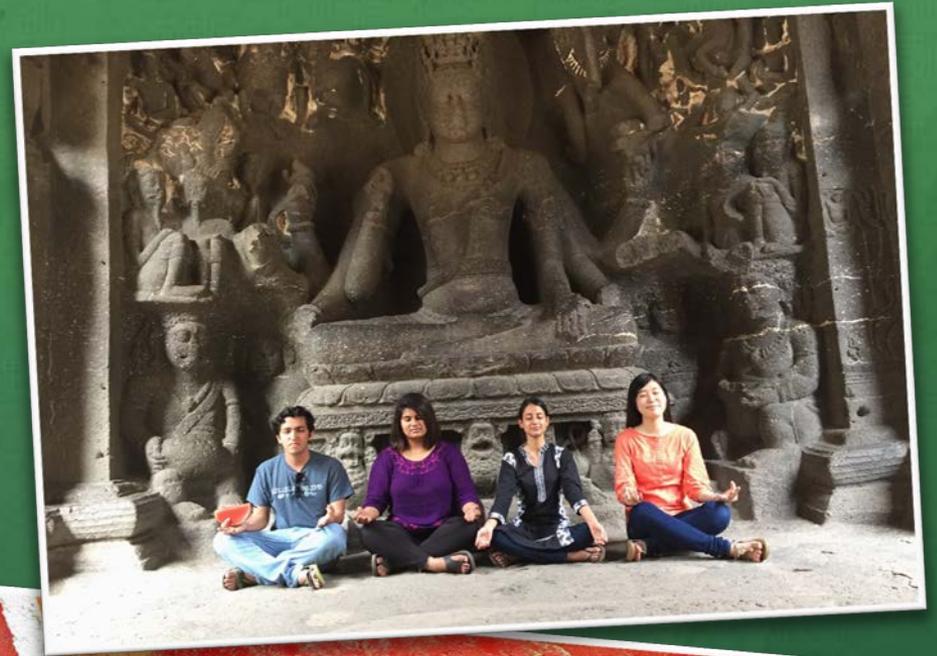


Places & Food



Personal Growth

- **Academic:** Reaffirmed my plans to pursue education policy work through WWS
- **Career:** Learned how Pratham addresses different aspects of education as an umbrella organization: research, vocational training, and primary education
- **Personal:** Fully immersing myself in a new culture led me to learn about nuances in myself, society, and humanity



Some last thoughts...

- I learned so much just by talking to as many people as possible. Everyone I encountered was very willing to share their stories and thoughts.
- This experience has made me be braver, open-minded, and understanding than ever before.
- Pratham became family to me. Everyone was so willing to show me around, to let me use their things, and to introduce me to others. I am so thankful to Pratham and IIP for this opportunity.