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Notice

Sub: Village Immersion Visit: Insights into Development (VIVID) Landscapes

In the month of April-May 2024, all the CRISP Fellows have undertaken village immersion with the following objectives:

- a) Improve understanding of rural India & Learn how to interact with people
- b) Study how the major schemes (MGNREGS, NRLM, SBA, SS) are implemented.
- c) Understand the organisation of the rural poor women into SHGs and their functioning
- d) Understand the functioning of Gram Panchayats and the GPDP.
- e) Understand the performance of institutions at the grassroot level: school, PHC, Anganwadi.

The visit was to encourage the Fellows to understand life from the perspective of a villager. This includes getting to know the living conditions, livelihood, challenges, struggles and achievements, etc. in a village community.

2. On 20th June 2024, a Call for Papers has been announced to encourage the CRISP Fellows to write a paper that captures the rural development landscape, as they have seen. CRISP has announced a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 each for the best three papers, and publication of all papers found eligible in a publication name: **VIVID Landscapes**.

3. In accordance with the call, the following (16) Fellows have submitted their village immersion reports:

S No	Name (alphabetical order)
1	Abhishek Saini
2	Akhil Ravella
3	Anamika Nair
4	Daksha
5	Dwitun Narzary
6	Gargee Deka
7	Gaurav Nayak
8	Harshita
9	Hashir PV
10	Heera Anil

11	Mithinga Brahma
12	Mrigakshi sharma
13	Niharika Yadav
14	Nijwm Islary
15	Prakash Palanivel
16	Rohit Dey

These reports were evaluated by two very reputed external experts based on collection of primary data, quality of analysis, indepth understanding of the institutions and academic integrity.

4. Both the external experts have felt that the **quality of writing was of high order**, and the competition between the Fellows was really tough. They have also given specific suggestions for further improvement to each Fellow (these observations will be shared with the Fellows separately). Based on the scoring done by the External Experts, the following is the **order of merit of the essays**:

S No	Name
1	Gaurav Nayak
2	Harshita
3	Akhil Ravella
4	Gargee Deka
5	Daksha
6	Mrigakshi Sharma
7	Heera Anil
8	Prakash Palanivel
9	Hashir PV
10	Abhishek Saini
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5. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, CRISP congratulates all the Fellows who have written the essays on the village life, and wish them a continued commitment for the development of the rural areas even in future.


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