

# DEVDARSHAN CHETIA

Mahatma Gandhi National Fellow

Tinsukia, Assam

- Initiated a collaborative project with Tinsukia District administration and AIC-Selco Foundation.

**Projects under MGNF** 

- Incubation of rural tech innovators Product development and seeding funding innovators in the district. One innovator was identified, and a seed fund of Rs. 50,000 was granted.
- Preparing "Vision Document" for the Tinsukia district
  - Worked with line departments of the district administration in preparing a 5-year Action Plan.
- Worked with HCL Foundation and Tinsukia-based cooperative society
  - Registration and upload of water hyacinth products from Tinsukia on the HCL EHaat website.
- Prepared District Skill Development Plan 2022 for Tinsukia District

#### **Achievements**

Winners of RBI Challenge Regional Jan 2018

- Participated in RBI Challenge and won "Best Entry" for the essay "Can Fintech revolutionize access to finance in India."
- · Team Leader for the essay.

# **Key Learnings**

- Learned how to work within the bureaucratic system of the Government and its function.
  - Conducting meetings with the administrative set-up.
  - Data and Policy analysis.
  - Report writing
- Conducting in-depth policy needs assessment for Tinsukia district on skill development, education, livelihood, and sustainable development.
- Holistic development of the community through government institutions and initiation of dialogue between community owned organization and the government

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## **Key Areas of Interest**

- Data Analytics
- Sustainable Development
- Public Policy & Research
- **Policy Evaluation**
- Livelihood & Entrepreneurship

#### Soft Skills

- Leadership
- Problem Solving
- Time Management
- Critical Thinking
- Organizational Skill

#### **Education Background**

Masters in Social Work (Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship) Tata Institute of Social Sciences Completed in 2020

### **Professional Experience**

HAQ-Centre for Child Rights | Intern Sept 2018 - Oct 2018

Barefoot College | Intern Mar 2019 – April 2019

Gramya Vikas Manch | Intern Sept 2019 - Oct 2019