



Report
on
Rural Internship with Siddhatva Foundation (Hybrid Mode)


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Objectives:

1. To introduce students to the Design Thinking framework
2. To teach students how to place the rural villager at the center of the solution-building process.
3. To provide a deep understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their application in Indian rural contexts.
4. To equip students with the tools to analyze complex rural issues like waste management and water scarcity through a systematic lens.

Outcomes:

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- Understand core Design Thinking principles to address complex rural development challenges effectively.
- Apply Human-Centered Design tools to create empathetic solutions for village residents.
- Analyze diverse rural issues by mapping them to specific Sustainable Development Goals.
- Create a structured Problem-Solution Matrix to address systemic rural infrastructure gaps.
- Collaborate via digital platforms to synthesize innovative ideas for social transformation projects.

Summary Report

From March 5th to March 7th, 2026, the Center for Innovation and Social Transformation (CIST) successfully coordinated a rural internship in collaboration with the Siddhatva Foundation. This intensive one week program involved a cohort of 46 first-year students and served as the critical methodological anchor for the broader Rural Internship initiative.

The program was led by Mr. Shravan Kumar, Founder of the Siddhatva Foundation, who provided expert mentorship. The curriculum was meticulously designed to move students beyond basic observation toward systemic problem-solving. The core concentration of the session included Design Thinking, Human-Centered Design (HCD), and the framework of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as applied specifically to the Indian rural landscape. By focusing on these pillars, students learned to identify the root causes of rural issues rather than merely addressing surface-level symptoms.

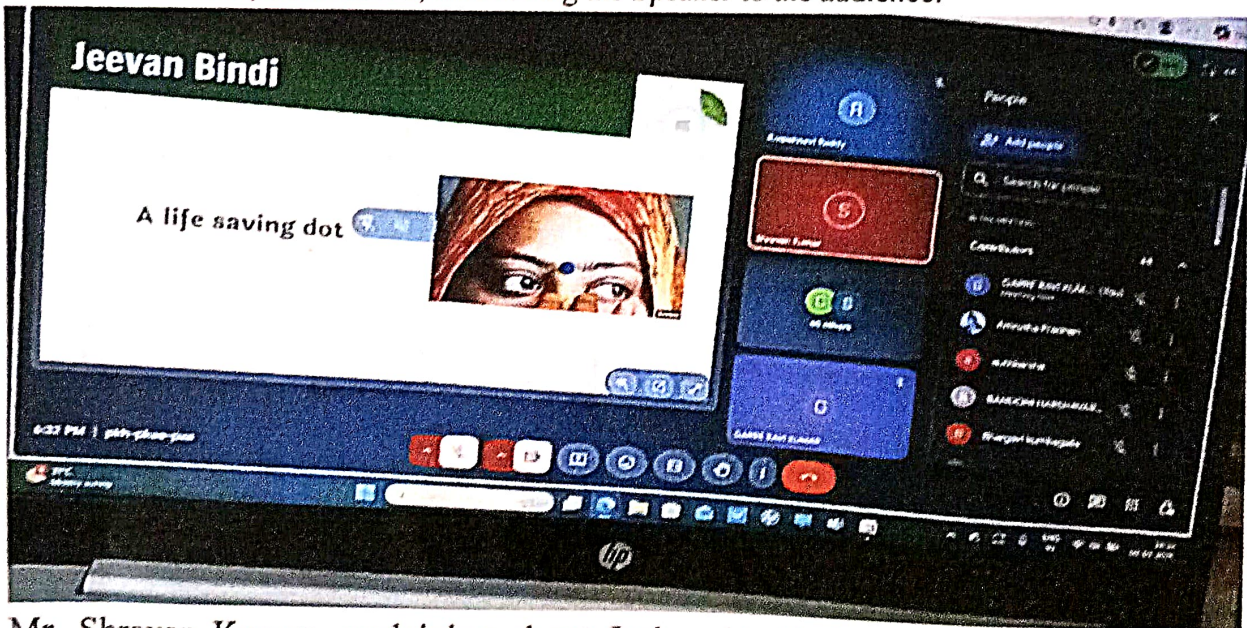
The internship successfully transitioned students from passive observers to active social innovators. With Mr. Shravan Kumar's guidance, participants mastered professional HCD tools, such as Empathy Mapping and User Personas, allowing them to view challenges through the lived experiences of villagers in areas like Moinabad. By the conclusion of the program, students had developed a comprehensive Problem-Solution Matrix, categorizing local infrastructure and livelihood gaps into actionable innovation projects aligned with global sustainability standards.

During the offline sessions, Mr. Shravan Kumar, addressed various aspects of rural life in India and his contribution and mentoring to the rural innovation projects and start-ups. He also conducted an activity for the students to understand the concepts of Design Thinking and Sustainable Development Goals. The 46 participants are now equipped with a professional, structured framework necessary to design scalable, empathetic, and impactful solutions for long-term rural development.

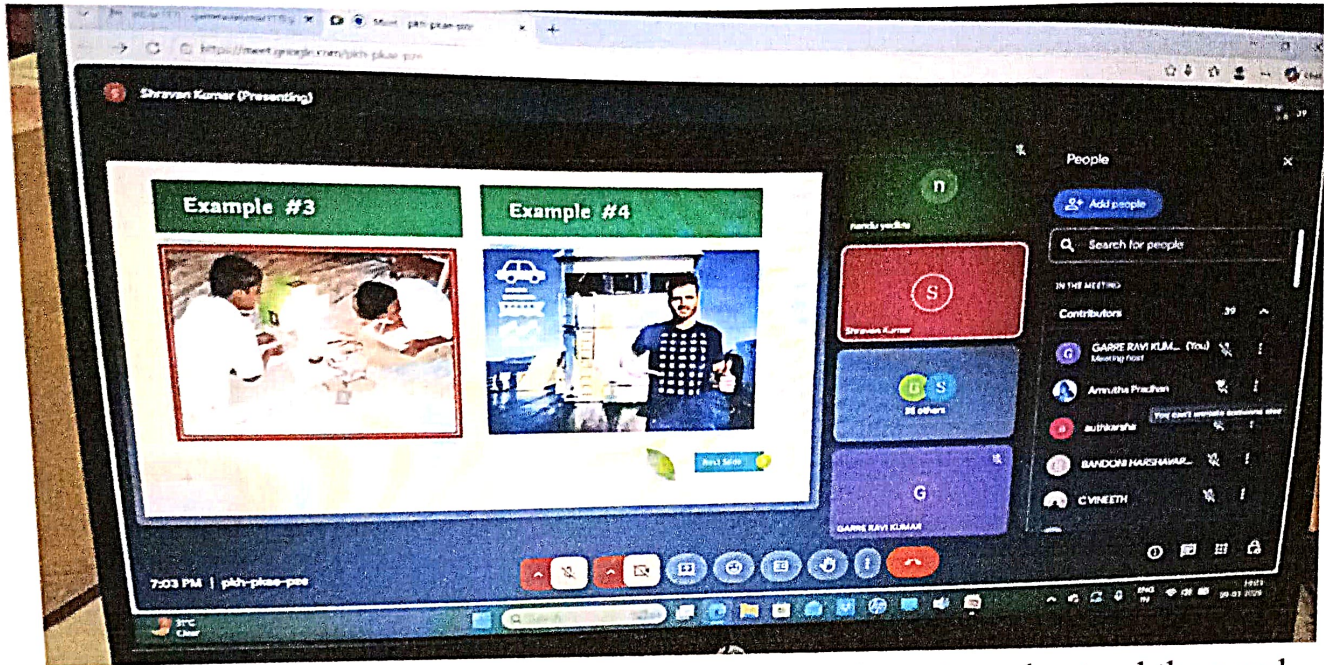
Photographs with Description



Mr. G Ravi Kumar, Coordinator, introducing the Speaker to the audience.



Mr. Shravan Kumar, explaining about Jeevan bindi. Jeevan Bindi is an iodine-infused sticker providing essential daily nutrients to rural Indian women through skin absorption.



Mr, Shравan Kumar, giving various examples to students to understand the rural innovations clearly.



Mr, Shравan Kumar, helping students participated in the activity conducted by him to draw fish bone diagrams to analyse the root cause.



Dr. P Samyuktha, Head, CIST, addressed the students regarding the internship and its importance.



CIST team with the resource person, Mr. Shravan Kumar, Founder, Siddhatva Foundation.