

**INTERIM REPORT
OF
2nd COHORT
OF
UDAAN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME
2021-22**

UDAAN Fellowship Programme 2021-2022

Background

IIDL joined hands with the reputed Manipal Educational and Medical Group (MEMG) to offer UDAAN Fellowship Programme to 30 bright, meritorious and socio-politically motivated youth to contribute to nation-building. Under this fellowship programme in 2020-21 for the first cohort of the fellows. In 2021-22, the second cohort of Udaan fellows were selected.

Selection Process

An advertisement seeking applications for UDAAN Fellowship Programme was widely circulated among networks & social media. After preliminary shortlisting of suitable candidates based on required minimum experience, qualifications and interests, further scrutiny was done by an expert committee followed by personal interviews of shortlisted candidates. The selection committee convened under Ravindra Sathe and Devendra Pai consisted of Anurag Singhal, Ansh Bharadwaj, Ashutosh Mishra, Gandhar Bhandari, Jayvardhan Joshi, and Shiva Kumar. A total of 585 applications were received for the fellowship programme.

Second Cohort of Udaan Fellows

The fellowship which began in December was awarded to 30 fellows from different parts of India and are currently placed with offices of think tanks, political leaders, elected representatives and even in ministers across the country.


These include fellows to

- Devusinh Chauhan, Minister of State for Communications, Govt of India
- Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of Food Processing, Govt of India
- Annapoorna Devi, MoS, Education, Govt of India
- Dr Ranoj Pegu, Education Minister, Govt of Assam
- Priyank Kanungoo, National Council for Protection of Child Rights - NCPCR
- Bandi Sanjaya, MP-Karimnagar, State BJP President, Telanaga
- Subrat Pathak, MP-Kannauj, Uttar Pradesh
- Deepak Prakash, MP-Rajya Sabha, and State BJP President, Jharkhand
- Vanathi Sreenivasan, MLA-Coimbatore and National President, BJP Mahila Morcha
- Baijayant Jay Panda, BJP National Vice President
- CT Ravi, National General Secretary of BJP
- Tarun Chugh, BJP National General Secretary
- Sunil Deodhar, BJP National Secretary
- Niranjana Davkare, MLC, Maharashtra
- Uma Kharpe, BJP State Mahila Morcha President, Maharashtra


Periodic Reporting & Feedback Sessions


While the fellows are working with the offices that they were attached to, they provide weekly reports, focusing mainly on the activities and the learning achieved. Along with submitting weekly reports, every month the fellows participate in an hour session on “Sharing of Experiences, Learning and Feedback.”


Profile of UDAAN Fellows


Bharat Kumar Agarwal		
Honest & hard working person, who firmly believes in family, giving respect to elders & love to youngsters. Always available in nation building work.		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Shri Deepak Prakash, Jharkhand, State President, BJP	
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Deepak Prakash, Jharkhand, State President, BJP	
Work Areas	Organizational work	
Work Contributions	Contributed to the activities of the BJP War Room in Mumbai.	
Learning Gained	Punctuality towards assigned work domain. Local dialect should be learned to understood locals	


Anjali Pandit		
Anjali is a graduate in Animation and has a Diploma in Fashion Designing from Cadence Academy Nagpur. She has also done her PGP from IIDL and has 2 year of work experience as faculty in Fashion Designing.		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership, an initiative of Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP)	
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Devendra Pai, Course Director – IIDL and CAO – RMP	
Work Areas	Academic Coordination.	
Work Contributions	Coordination activities of the institution in terms of supporting smooth communication with related stakeholders.	
Learning Gained	Gained insight into the dynamics of various activities related to IIDL. Also gained hands on experience in networking and stakeholder communication with ICAN while coordinating for the West Zone.	


Devansh Shah		
Devansh Shah is a Business Management Graduate in Finance & International Business, having his diploma in Politics, leadership & governance; he is also pursuing his Masters in Political Science.		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Hon'ble MoSC Shri Devusinh Chauhan	
Mentor Name & Designation	Hon'ble MoSC Shri Devusinh Chauhan	
Work Areas	Policy Research and Political Analysis	
Work Contributions	Environmentally sustainable solutions & reduction of carbon foot prints while working on framing policies.	
Learning Gained	Working on policy frameworks, parliamentary bills and answers to the parliamentary questions.	


Shashank Raj		
Active participant in politics and social work since years. Serving the country, society and people in every way possible.		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Bjym	
Mentor Name & Designation	Bjym	
Work Areas	Organisation	
Work Contributions	Strengthened organizational structure for the party at ground level.	
Learning Gained	Collected experiences working in different regions of the state along with learning different work cultures and setups. Encountered the policies, forms, principles and everything related to the party.	


Digvijay Mishra		
A postgraduate in Physics and a resident of Mumbai takes deep interest in knowing socio political situation of India.		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP)	
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Ravindra Sathe , DG RMP	
Work Areas	Data analysis	
Work Contributions	Contribute in the report making	
Learning Gained	Report Making Team Handling Power point presentation	


Rohan Mahajan		
Completed MBA in Sustainability and PGDM in Governance. Passionate about working for the nation and contribute in the development of every individual until the last mile.		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Shri Tarun Chugh , National General Secretary BJP	
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Tarun Chugh , National General Secretary BJP	
Work Areas	Organizational work, coordination with states.	
Work Contributions	Management is improved. Better coordination within the team. Work output and productivity has enhanced. Regular digital updates	
Learning Gained	Campaigns done during elections been a part of Nagarjuna Sagar Elections. Worked closely in Organizational campaigns like Health Volunteer Abhiyan, Blood Donation camps. Worked in Social media management. Analysis study of the election results, caste structures etc. Understood working of the party till the booth level.	


Gaurav Singh		
Gaurav Singh is working as an Executive Magistrate in Uttar Pradesh Government		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Shri Vivek Thakur MP Rajyasabha and Union Minister of State for Education Smt Annapurna Devi	
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Vivek Thakur MP Rajyasabha	
Work Areas	Organization	
Work Contributions	During the course worked in Assam assembly election 2021	
Learning Gained	Learned about election management and campaign strategy	

Nishank Singh Parihar		
Nishank Singh Parihar. did first cohort of fellowship under the leadership of Rajya Sabha, member of Parliament Vivek Thakur and did second cohort of fellowship member of Parliament Jabalpur Rakesh Singh.		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Shri Vivek Thakurji and Rakesh Singh	
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Vivek Thakurji and Shri Rakesh Singh	
Work Areas	Election management and personal Assistant	
Work Contributions	Worked in Assam assembly election 2021 and that helped me to replicate that learnings in Uttar Pradesh election	
Learning Gained	Personal Assistant work Coordination with administration and politicians and public Speech and talking points Nagar Nigam election Standing committee work	


Sairam Mukund Khisti Resident of Badlapur, Maharashtra. Completed graduation in Arts from D.G.Ruparel College.		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Shri Niranjn Davkhare	
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Niranjn Davkhare	
Work Areas	Thane city	
Work Contributions	Primary focus as a fellow at the office is better communication and co-ordination.	
Learning Gained	Working at the grassroots has been beneficial to understand ground-level politics and the local residents of the city. Without ground-level exposure, one cannot assess the expectations and aspirations of its citizenry.	


Rajendra Mandve Rajendra Mandve completed B.Com in Mumbai University. Works in agriculture sector. Worked for Pani Foundation in a drought-affected taluka.		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of MLA Adv.Shri Mangal Prabhat Lodha	
Mentor Name & Designation	MLA Adv.Shri Mangal Prabhat Lodha	
Work Areas	South Mumbai	
Work Contributions	Organizational knowledge in work place to enhance organizational work and maintain coordination among workers. Organized large cultural and religious events for local people.	
Learning Gained	Learned relentless working for elections, energetically yet stressfully working day and night throughout all situations.. Experienced in organizing large-scale cultural and social events. Learning about booth system, organising the BJPMM meetings and multitasking	


Neha Kacker	
<p>Neha Kacker presently working as an intern with Vaniti Shrinivasan, National President, BJP's Mahila Morcha. Pursuing PhD in Journalism & Mass Communication From Delhi University and Founder secretary of NPO Hear the Silence, working with needy and downtrodden of the society. On freelance basis also associated with All India Radio, Anchoring Programmes, on Electoral Awareness.</p>	
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Vaniti Shrinivasan , National President, BJP's Mahila Morcha
Mentor Name & Designation	Vaniti Shrinivasan , National President, BJP's Mahila Morcha
Work Areas	Research and coordination
Work Contributions	Understand political hierarchy. Internal coordination Women oriented issues in different sectors and how we can come up with solutions. Whole structure of Mahila Morcha. Team management Time management
Learning Gained	Do research on different topics to know and understand the status of women. Got an opportunity to go to the national training camp. During the rashtriya sanyukt morcha rashtriya karyakarini in Bihar, got an opportunity to better understand the various fronts, especially the Mahila Morcha.


Ashutosh Kumar Dwivedi	
<p>The main key areas of are honesty and dedication.</p>	
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Ministry of Food Processing Industries. Govt. of India
Mentor Name & Designation	Ministry of Food Processing Industries. Govt. of India
Work Areas	Research, Data Management, Office Management and Multiple works.
Work Contributions	Developed the role of coordinator in the programs of the minister and the ministry so that the program can be made


	<p>more effective. Initiated the process of holding one to one meetings every month with various commercial organizations of the country such as Federation of Chamber of Commerce of India, ASSOCHAM, All India Food Processors Association, etc. Better communication was established between the ministries.</p>
Learning Gained	<p>Provided an opportunity to develop a new understanding of politics. The fellowship also gave an opportunity to work with the government and understand the working of the government very closely.</p>


Chandra Shekar Gundala		
<p>Passionate Political Enthusiast who can bring comprehensive organization and dedication to campaign management and political analysis. Skilled at analyzing political climates and determining action, coordinating funding and scheduling, and handling media relations. Specialize at conducting polling and research to determine political status.</p>		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar	
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar, President of BJP, Telangana	
Work Areas	Electioneering- Campaign management and constituency management.	
Work Contributions	<p>Worked in padha yatra in different stages and coordinated with the karyakartas along with all the morchas and stated cadre.</p> <p>Participated actively in bi elections held in the state.</p> <p>Worked on an initiative (Hanuman vyayamshala) and joined many in to the organisation.</p>	
Learning Gained	<p>Great opportunity in the field with focused professional development, networking, and mentoring opportunities, which is highly impossible to get in the current political scenario of Telangana State.</p>	


Harshit Khanna		
<p>Harshit Khanna has deep interest in good governance and sociopolitical leadership. Staunch supporter and advocate of youth leadership. As an aspiring leader, he dreams to do the things in politics for the betterment of constituencies</p>		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Shri Subrat Pathak	
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Subrat Pathak	
Work Areas	Being a bridge between official and organizational work.	
Work Contributions	Bridge between official staff and organization. By suggesting means to manage the executive role and a role of youth leader of a big party like BJP was the key role.	
Learning Gained	Rigorous work routine was the key part Learned that one must be grounded and open by nature to be successful in political field.	


Subham Dubey		
<p>Subham Dubey, belongs to Bihar, has completed B.Tech . Also interested in writing poetry, organizing & volunteering events.</p>		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	RMP Office	
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Kamlakant Pathak	
Work Areas	Office Maintenance & Coordination	
Work Contributions	Maintaining office record & processing utility bills on time	
Learning Gained	Learned about maintaining office documentation ,interacting with visitors ,vendors and patrons Coordinating in programme with delegates	


Jenisha Kiri		
Has worked on Green Economy Transitions in the country, with respect to Local Green Enterprises and their contribution towards conserving the environment, generating livelihoods and improving the economy.		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini	
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Ravindra Sathe, DG , RMP	
Work Areas	Public Policy, Civil Liberties, Hindu-Muslim issues, Public Domain Narrative analysis, Editing and Proofreading	
Work Contributions	Interact and work with some of the most senior and influential people from within the Indian Political Scenario	
Learning Gained	Worked on Public Policy related issues as well as Ideological Narrative issues in the public domain and social media. Through this Knowledge on technical points within several Policies introduced by the Government as well as gained a depth of understanding within the subject of the specific policy. Apart from that, enhanced my editing and proofreading skills as well as presentation skills and have gained a new confidence in public speaking skills.	


Ashutosh Singla		
Ashutosh Singla Khandwa is from Madhya Pradesh. It was through social media that the work of spreading the image of a leader to the people is done.		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Shri Narayan Patel Omkareshwar MLA	
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Narayan Patel Omkareshwar MLA	
Work Areas	Omkareshwar	
Work Contributions	Maintaining office record & processing utility bills on time	
Learning Gained	There was a lot of experience during the fellowship, as well as the main experience was how relationships are made by keeping people together, a leader has many works	

Rahul Palhania	
Rahul has done MA in Journalism and has worked with news agency 'IANS' for three years. Had worked with BJP National Secretary, Dr. Sudha Yadav and Chhattisgarh Cabinet Minister, Shri Kedar Kashyap from 2016 till 2018.	
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP)
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Ravindra Sathe, DG , RMP
Work Areas	Research
Work Contributions	Research work
Learning Gained	Learnt how to choose anti narratives and create reports over them in a team. It refined the skills of making the PPTs reports and present it in front of the distinguished persons of the Sangh Parivar.


H S GAURAV	
Bachelor degree in BA LLB .Completed Post Graduation Programme from Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership. Active in sociopolitical work.	
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Shri C T Ravi (BJP National General Secretary)
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri C T Ravi (BJP National General Secretary)
Work Areas	Office Management, documentation, making speech points , translating videos from Hindi to Kannada , maintaining daily report , travelling with mentor
Work Contributions	Office maintenance got better Political Intelligence work in Goa elections Documentation of all the work and travelling. Everyday News updates Played a main role in managing of programs which were done in office . Office management
Learning Gained	During this fellowship learned many things in the field of politics. Got an opportunity to discuss with many experienced politicians.


Naitik Muley	
<p>Naitik is a final year student of Master's in Politics with specialization in international studies at School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. He graduated in Economics from Hindu College, University of Delhi. His academic interests include international politics, foreign policy and international political economy. He has worked in the fields of property rights and real estate due diligence, forex markets, public policy, geopolitical risk and legislative affairs with startups, government bodies and multiple members of parliament.</p>	
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe
Mentor Name & Designation	Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe
Work Areas	Correspondence, Research, Briefs, Public Relations, Administration, et cetera
Work Contributions	Reforming the inward outward processes or management of library books, have tried to increase workspace efficiency. Topical research on issues and analysis cum recommendations for files related to cultural relations.
Learning Gained	New avenues in governance, public policy and foreign policy space. Networking, research or analysis of literature


Kunal Raj	
<p>A Masters in Mass Communication and Political Science, Kunal has almost 4 years of experience in political communication and media.</p>	
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Ravindra Sathe, DG, RMP
Work Areas	Media Narrative and research
Work Contributions	Organizational work
Learning Gained	The different research that can be used was immense. Keeping in mind the different things to engage, planning skills have improved largely.

Thupati Kishore Babu	
<p>He has worked for Corporate for 15 years and is a PG from IIDL. He takes deep interest to contribute in the socio-political space of the Country.</p>	


Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of BJP National Secretary.
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Sunil Deodhar. BJP National Secretary
Work Areas	Support in organisational and outreach activities.
Work Contributions	Social Media, contributing to cadre relationship management, media inputs, election strategies.
Learning Gained	Gained valuable insight into the art of planning, work scheduling, meet deadlines in a demanding work environment apart from gaining exposure to strategizing and electioneering.

Sadhana Rameshwar Vairale	
Sadhana Vairale, completed M.Sc, B.Ed. Simple, optimistic & confident girl having faith in the work Worked for student organisation Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad as full timer.	
	
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Hon. Uma Tai Khapre (MLC)
Mentor Name & Designation	Hon. Uma Tai Khapre (MLC)
Work Areas	Office work, travelling with mentor, Social media.
Work Contributions	Taking responsibilities such as handling mentor's social media handle, travelling with them, and handling office work. Ethically and responsibly carrying out everything has been.
Learning Gained	New skills related with socio political sector. Election campaigns, back office management, receiving the common people having many issues etc. Drafting letters related to political issues, protocols of BJP MM, organisation and speech write-up preparation are some key features added up. Learning about booth system, organising the BJPMM meetings


Dinesh Joshi		
Dinesh Joshi a graduated biotechnologist and currently purchasing a master's in public administration, whose aim is to be a good researcher, administrator and leader.		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Shri.Tarun Chugh , National General Secretary, BJP	
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri Tarun Chugh , National General Secretary, BJP	
Work Areas	Print And Digital Media Management, Website Content Design and management, Mentors Personal Contact Software Data Analysis, Address Letters to Ministries, Makes Case Studies about tour State, Minute to Minute tour programmer, Files and data management of all Three states with staff, during election makes minute to minute tour programmes of central ministers	
Work Contributions	Improved the speed of mentor's office in terms of technology Website and contact management software to reach in entire country. Generated software to store our data and to reach	
Learning Gained	Learning experience with mentor was a very great. Got to learn about Office management, Leadership development, Tour management, Media Management, Data analysis, how to address letters to ministries, Co-ordinates with editors, how to writes press notes	


Subodh Dharaskar		
A legal professional who served as Additional Standing Counsel to Govt of India		
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	BJP HQ New Delhi	
Mentor Name & Designation	National General Secretary Shri Vinod Tawde	
Work Areas	Initially worked on Haryana, now Bihar and Maharashtra	
Work Contributions	As being working on election data, so the concise and well as precise report of constituency is taken into consideration during the Pravas to State. Also, assist the mentor and staff in doing day-to-day works	

	<p>as well as any special work allotted to them. Worked on development-based strategies to turn the voters in favor of BJP. Segregating the schemes of Central govt to be implemented in the states considering the upcoming elections. Coordination work about the meetings Strategy and planning work for the assigned states.</p>
Learning Gained	<p>Initially worked on the data of state elections (Assembly and Loksabha elections) of Haryana, and now Bihar and Maharashtra, which was a great exposure as regards with the newbie. Also learned about the categorization of the seats of assembly/loksabha constituency and precise data in relevance to BJP. Worked on the central government schemes and development projects to be implemented in the state of Bihar and Maharashtra too on the basis of demography of the constituency/district/region. Learned about the structure of the ECI Organisational work of BJP at National, State and District Level.</p>

Vedika Znwar	
<p>Vedika Znwar. Currently a final year Masters student of Political Science at University of Delhi. Completed Bachelor's in Political Science from Miranda House, DU.</p>	
	
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Baijayant 'Jay' Panda
Mentor Name & Designation	BJP, National Vice President and former MP, Shri. Baijayant Panda
Work Areas	Policy and Political Research
Work Contributions	Have been associated to the policy and political process of the work.

Learning Gained	<p>11 months at office of Baijayant Panda sir as a Research Fellow was quite a fruitful journey.</p> <p>Received several opportunities to attend some important round table discussions, seminars and met foreign delegates as well. I worked on different special projects.</p> <p>The last leg of the fellowship has taken quite an interesting turn as local body elections 2022 in Delhi are just around the corner. Working on the electoral process.</p>
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Rahul Sanwaria	
Hard working and driven individual who is not afraid to face a challenge.	
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	NFPRC
Mentor Name & Designation	Sh. Priyank Kanoongo
Work Areas	Policy and Political Research
Work Contributions	Visit many places during child trafficking investigation.
Learning Gained	Learned many things with office colleague. Improve communication skills. Build new contacts.

Ritesh Shetiya	
Highly dedicated and ambitious person. Worked in Social Sector and was the student representative of Anti- Ragging Committee during Graduation year.	
Organisation /Office with which currently attached	Office of Shri C.T.Ravi
Mentor Name & Designation	Shri C.T.Ravi, National General Secretary - BJP

Work Areas	Pravaas with Mentor, Goa Election analysis and political analysis, Public Addresses, Policy research.
Work Contributions	<p>Research work, Coordination for Organizational meetings, Optimizing processes, Traveled with a mentor, Shown initiative on various issues (created a document on the topic: "inclusive of transgender in Political party") Communication skills, Continually look for the improvement of the office.</p>
Learning Gained	<p>Learned about organizational structures and coordination during pravas with my mentor in Goa, Maharashtra, and Tamil-Nadu state Prepared a Political Intelligence report on Baramati Lok Sabha Constituency. Researched various documents for SC morcha, Governance, and policies of Central government. Prepared a document for Public-Address on various organizational occasions. Published article for Samvada Digital edition on Constitution vs Social morality.</p>