SEEKHO Innovation Fellowship



It takes a village to raise a child. Ever wonder what it takes to raise a village?

Razia channeled her inner-Gandhi and went on a 3 day hunger strike to convince her parents to let her join SEEKHO as a changemaker. Muzmeri walks five kilometers everyday with her children to attend our changemaker training. Abodh writes plays about education, child marriage, and Hindu-Muslim communal violence to effect change.

What do we do?

Lakhs of changemakers, like Razia, Muzmeri, and Abodh remain undiscovered and unsupported in rural India. These changemakers are the key to unlocking the potential of India's 700,000 villages. SEEKHO **identifies**, **trains**, **supports**, and **connects** rural changemakers so that they can work with their village to create a better shared future.

Why the SEEKHO Innovation Fellowship?

"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. Explore. Dream. Discover."

- Mark Twain

Your friends think you are crazy because your Facebook is filled with posts about how to change the world. Dada-dadi, mummy-papa, and all your aunties and uncles ask you why you don't just get settled in the corporate sector. You were part of social impact organizations and volunteered a lot in college, but you always wanted to do more. Aamir Khan is your favorite hero because of Satyamev Jayate. You keep a notebook next to your bed so you can write your innovations down when your mind is racing with ideas before bed. You don't believe in *Jati*, but you are always looking for your own tribe – a tribe of people who make the impossible possible. You are tired of the government, but you still believe in the principles on which this country was born.

What will you be doing?

- A 2-year commitment to spearhead change in one block of Kishanganj District, Bihar
- You will be trained in best practices from design thinking, positive psychology, asset-based community development, and data monitoring and evaluation
- In your block, you will be identifying, training and supporting local changemakers to mobilize communities, create shared visions, and implement local solutions
- You will connect these changemakers to SEEKHO's partner network and forge relationships with existing local organizations

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Are you an Innovation Fellow?

You should have a college degree and should speak Hindi, but that's boring. A real innovation fellow should...

- No excuses; play like a champion You are gritty and always fight for what you believe in
- At the fork in the road, add a third prong You never settle and always seek to create systemic change
- The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others You are ready to grow by dedicating yourself to generosity, giving, and kindness
- Together, everyone achieves more You define success by your team's, not personal, achievement
- We have two ears and one mouth, so we should listen more than we speak –
 Fellows should be great listeners and empathizers

Apply Now!

Please fill out our online application here.

If you have any questions or would like more information please feel free to reach out to jason@seekhoindia.org

