

# Manan Singh

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## Personal Statement

I am Manan Singh, an aspiring public policy professional and a youth changemaker. Using my varied skill set, professional experience and academic knowledge, I envision to make a career in the intersection of public policy and social impact. I believe my empathetic personality, research skills, teaching ability and leadership make me a good fit for this sector.

## Experience

**Scholar – Researching Reality, Centre for Civil Society** [Full-Time | New Delhi] May 2025 – Present

- Researching Reality is a two-month research residency with this year's theme being - "Trust Based Governance: Decriminalization for Development".
- Attending workshops and expert lectures on public policy, law and economics.

**Research Intern, Office of Member of Parliament Shri Konda Vishweshwar Reddy** [Part-Time | Remote] Jan 2025 – Present

- Worked on Funding Proposal for 'Swachh Vidyalaya' Program.
- Assisting the office in research around economic and political matters and drafted over 50 parliamentary questions

**Research Intern, NITI Aayog (Agriculture Vertical)** [Full-Time | New Delhi] May 2024 – Jul 2024

- Conducted research on the 3 Farm Bills, 2020 and worked on drafting a critical and analytical report on them.
- Engaged in study of Indian Agricultural system and provided policy suggestions and roadmap for a way forward.

**Research Assistant, London School of Economics and Political Science** [Part-Time | Remote] Mar 2024 – May 2024

- Reported to Dr. Zahid Mumtaz, Fellow in Social Policy, Department of Social Policy.
- Assisted in researching for and writing literature review relating to social policy and public policy, with emphasis on Indian Civil Services.

**Public Policy Intern, Conserve India** [Full-Time | Remote] Dec 2023 – Jan 2024

- Framed organizational policies like Child Protection policy, Whistleblower policy and Sexual Harassment policy.
- Designed training modules for Waste collectors & segregators.
- Wrote 5 case studies and stories of people working on projects run by the organization in Baramulla, Kashmir.

**Research Intern, Office of Member of Parliament Shri Sujeet Kumar** [Full-Time | New Delhi] May 2023 – Jul 2023

- Framed 80+ Parliamentary Questions, 3 Special Mentions, policy suggestions and speeches.
- Researched on issues related to various Ministries, including Women & Child Development, Education and Rural Development.

## Education

▪ **O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU), Sonipat – B.A. (Hons.) Liberal Arts and Humanities** Sep 2022 – Jul 2025

Major: History

CGPA: 7.71/8.00

Thesis: School Education in Early and Late Colonial India: A Comparative Analysis of Policy Documents by Sir Thomas Macaulay and Sir John Sargent

▪ **Modern School, Lucknow – Grade XII**

Stream: Humanities

Apr 2021 – May 2022

Percentage: 93.8%

## Personal Initiative

**Founder, YOUNG MINDS** [Part-Time | Hybrid] Jan 2024 – Present

Working towards enabling youth as agents of change for their local communities by leading projects like:

- YOUNG MINDS Dream: a project to empower middle-school government school students in India by training them in 21st-century skills. Upskilled over 60 8<sup>th</sup>-grade governments school students in Sonipat and empowered 200+ private school students.
- YOUNG MINDS Speak: a platform for budding young change makers from India to enable collaboration and receive mentorship.
- Changemakers Summit: Organized the YOUNG MINDS Changemakers Summit 2024 at the O.P. Jindal Global University with 50 young changemakers from across the world along with 14 eminent collaborators & guests including a U.S. Embassy Diplomat.

## Publications

- **Learning from Ancient Indian Culture to Combat Climate Change Today**, *The International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research Review and Studies* Oct 2024
- **Youth Leadership in Combating Climate Change and Ensuring Global Peace**, *The Denoument* Apr 2024
- **Indian Youth & Politics – Is the youth of today just the leader of tomorrow?**, *Opinion Express* Jan 2024

## Certifications

- **iPolicy for Young Leaders – Certificate Course in Public Policy**, *Centre for Civil Society* May 2025
- **Social Work Practice: Advocating Social Justice and Change**, *University of Michigan (Coursera)* Apr 2025
- **Fundamentals of Public Policy**, *IMPRI Impact and Policy Research Institute* Mar 2023
- **Liberalism in India**, *Centre for Civil Society* Jul 2022
- **Design Thinking for Beginners**, *Simplilearn* May 2022

## Fellowships

- **Fellow**, *Global Shapers Community – New Delhi Hub (World Economic Forum)* Nov 2024 – Jan 2025
- **Social Impact Fellow**, *The Peace Gong Fellowship* Jun 2024 – Oct 2024
- **Pratham Innovative Leader's of Tomorrow**, *Pratham Education Foundation* Jan 2024 – Jul 2024
- **Empowerment for Education Fellow**, *Project Statecraft along with Yuwaah, Movers and Youth Co:Lab* May 2024 – Jun 2024
- **Research Fellow**, *International Institute of SDG's and Public Policy Research* Jun 2023 – Oct 2023
- **Millennium Fellowship**, *United Nations Academic Impact and MCN* Aug 2023 – Nov 2023

## Leadership Roles

- **Young South Asian Leadership Initiative**, *U.S. Department of State*
- **Global Youth Ambassador**, *Theirworld*
- **Global Shaper**, *Global Shapers Community*
- **Teaching Assistant**, *Prof. Maaz Bin Bilal (JGU)*
- **Teaching Assistant**, *Prof. Swati Chawla (JGU)*
- **Student Ambassador**, *Office of International Affairs and Global Initiatives (JGU)*
- **Volunteer**, *Admissions Office (JGU)*
- **Program Officer**, *ASEAN Youth Organization*
- **Sub-Coordinator for North Zone (Lucknow Region)**, *Y20 India Studomatrix Taskforce*
- **National U-Ambassador for U-Report India**, *UNICEF India*
- **Head Student Career Representative**, *Office of Career Services (JGU)*

## Awards and Recognitions

- **Guest Speaker at Khwaab**, *Connecting Dreams Foundation (Atma Ram Satan Dharma College)* Apr 2025
- **Top 100 SDG Youth Action Ambassador**, *Global Goals Youth and Studec International* Jan 2025
- **Panelist at National Youth Leadership Summit 2024**, *Special Olympics Bharat* Dec 2024
- **Leader of the Month**, *The Leading You<sup>nth</sup>* Nov 2024
- **Spirit of JSLH**, *Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities* Aug 2024
- **Batch Rank 2**, *Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities* Aug 2024
- **Spirit of JSLH**, *Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities* Aug 2023

## Volunteering

- **Youth Volunteer**, *Ehsaas*
- **Online UN Volunteer**, *SkillOurFuture & UNDP in Asia and the Pacific*

## Skills

- **Technical Skills:** Policy Analysis, Academic Writing, GIS (Basic), Qualitative Research, Teaching, Curriculum Designing, Survey Designing, Design Thinking, MS Excel, MS Office, Canva designing, SEO Optimization, Fundraising
- **Soft Skills:** Communication, Public Speaking, Project Management, Leadership, Presentation skills, Problem solving, Team Management, Content Writing, Research, Teamwork
- **Extracurricular:** Hindustani Poetry Writing, Playing Tabla (Instrument), Basketball, Theatre

## Languages

- **English** (Reading | Writing | Speaking) – Proficient
- **Hindi** (Reading | Writing | Speaking) – Native
- **Spanish** (Reading) – Beginner