

ICCCAD Youth Fellowship Alumni Report 2024

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Fellowship Experience

1. **Briefly describe the most valuable lessons or skills you learned during the fellowship.**
(Paragraph maximum 150 words)

From your fellowship experience at ICCCAD, describe the lessons and skills I have gained:

Through residential workshops and on-line technical sessions, I gained insights into policy frameworks, advocacy, climate change, UNFCCC framework, and how to communicate complex issues effectively to different audiences. Assisting in the planning and execution of various activities under the Youth Innovation Fund has enhanced my skills in project management, meeting deadlines, and working towards specific goals in a structured way. Moreover, interacting with diverse fellows has helped me to build valuable relationships and enhanced my ability to work with people from different backgrounds and expertise.

2. **Which sessions or activities during the fellowship were most impactful for you? Why?**
(Paragraph maximum 150 Words)

During my fellowship at ICCCAD, the most impactful sessions were the field visit to Kuakata and the residential camps. The field visit allowed me to see firsthand how climate change is affecting coastal communities, deepening my understanding of the challenges these communities face. Interacting with local people and listening to their stories about environmental threats was eye-opening. The residential camps provided an invaluable opportunity for teamwork and learning. They offered a space for us to discuss climate issues, where we could collaborate with peers and mentors to brainstorm practical solutions. These activities not only strengthened my knowledge but also gave me a sense of purpose and urgency in addressing climate change, making them truly transformative experiences.

Implementation of Learning

1. * * * **How have you applied the knowledge or skills gained from the fellowship in your personal or professional life? Examples of specific actions, or initiatives you have led or contributed to advocacy, awareness, event, workshop, project, etc.** (Paragraph- Maximum 200 words)

The knowledge and skills gained from my fellowship have been instrumental in both my personal and professional life. I applied what I learned in climate change advocacy and communication in organizing the "Green Edom" initiative aimed at raising awareness about sustainable practices and the importance of forest conservation. Drawing from my field visit to Kuakata, I was able to highlight the needs of coastal communities, integrating personal stories and data from the field to make the message more relatable. Moreover, the leadership and organizational skills I developed during my fellowship helped me take initiative in workshops and training sessions, where I led workshops on climate change, sustainability, and community-driven solutions. These experiences have empowered me to take a more active role in advocating for climate action and justice.

2. **Any notable achievements, success stories, or testimonials from the above-mentioned activity- 1 you have worked on.** (Paragraph- Maximum 150 words)

A notable achievement of "The Green Edom" initiative was its documentation of 40,000 people on Facebook. The project included impactful community campaigns and engaged with local communities to discuss sustainable forestry practices and the benefits of diversifying human resources effectively. I collaborated with community leaders and advocates to amplify the message. The training success in engaging a broad audience through discussions on sustainable forestry highlighted the importance of community-driven solutions. This success reinforced the power of combining grassroots initiatives with digital tools to address environmental challenges.

3. **What challenges, if any, have you faced while implementing your learning? How did you overcome them?** (Paragraph- Maximum 150 words)

One challenge I faced while implementing my learning from the fellowship was engaging communities in Rangamati on sustainable forestry practices, as tea monoculture had been deeply entrenched. Many locals were resistant to change due to a lack of awareness about the long-term benefits. To overcome this, I collaborated closely with local leaders and environmental advocates to help communicate the importance of diversification in forestry. Additionally, I organized workshops to provide hands-on learning experiences and shared success stories to empower community members through education and showcasing the protective practices, we gradually gained trust and buy-in. Overcoming this challenge reinforced the importance of grassroots engagement and building relationships to foster lasting change.

Impact of your work

1. Approximately how many people have directly benefited from your actions inspired by the fellowship during 2024 (e.g., awareness campaigns, capacity building, etc.)

Event/Activities	Location (district)	Number of people reached		Total	Means of verification (Upload Social media link, video link, link of Pictures, publication link, FGD notes, attendance, any other relevant documents etc.)
		Women	Men		
Community Campaign	Khakhali, Rangamati	10	15	25	https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1A9L1wXhw7/?mibextid=oFDknk
Community Campaign	Naniachar, Rangamati	12	18	30	https://www.facebook.com/share/p/181JZcGNbh/?mibextid=oFDknk
Community Campaign	Barkal, Rangamati	10	15	25	
Media Campaign	Social Media			40k+	https://www.facebook.com/share/v/15g8NbNw8f/?mibextid=D5vuiiz

Visual Documents

1. Photo Gallery with captions of Community campaign (The Green Edit)



Community Campaign at Naniachar



Interview of local people on the impact of teak monoculture

