

Invitation to support the School Of Nature - Pritu Vatsa

I am Pritu, a dreamer, free soul, a co-learner in the school of life, and a believer of co-creating holistic ideas and spaces. I am to be found mostly in and around forests, streams, mountains and villages, currently learning and sharing with the indigenous communities in Odisha and practising sustainability.

My journey started when I quit Masters which I was pursuing from JNU, Delhi after a year. The inner calling was to work on the grassroots. And hence, I have been working in remote spaces across India, largely on education, since 2016. I have also been working in collaboration with Eco-Femme in parallel, trying to reach women and girls. With them, I design and facilitate workshops on eco-menstruation, talking around body discomfort, stigmas and taboos related to menstruation.

I have been in Odisha for almost the last 3 years. In the time I spent here, I worked with a couple of NGOs, which helped me gain a deeper understanding of this region. My love for Nature and quest to learn indigenouness keeps me here. During this course of living, learning and conversations in the villages, the idea of the 'School of Nature' evolved as an alternative to the main-stream, non-inclusive education. School of Nature is about developing culturally-relevant, place-based, community-based, crisis-centric, and ecologically-conscious education.

School of Nature envisages to integrate needful learning; one that takes into account the socio-cultural context of the region, and make learning relevant. Also, we together aim to create, revive and strengthen a community which is self-sustainable, frugal, loving, ecologically conscious and considers themselves, the community, as a whole.

The idea is to not open another school but to establish an ambiguous school which has been functioning in the verandahs, on the corridors, under the shade of a tree, in the festivals, on the fields, in an empty room, and so on.

Financial support

We are seeking financial support of Rs. 55, 000 per month. With this, we will be able to meet the basic stipend for three people working full time on the project, develop further content, meet travel expenses, gather resources and do the needful for the progression of 'School of Nature'.

Whatever big or small you contribute, it will be a massive help. Even the smallest contribution matters. 100X100 = 10000 and so on.

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