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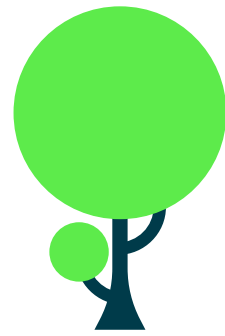
Green careers guide

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Alumni story

It needs no special mention that climate change has become an emergency, as it poses an existential threat for several natural and manmade systems in our planet. Climate change has developed into a pervasive and threatening crisis of the current times, undermining the development gains of several countries, especially in the Global South. The disastrous impacts of frequent occurrence of extreme weather events, damages to food production systems and pristine natural ecosystems, loss of biodiversity, threat to livelihood security of millions are potential development concerns in realizing various milestones identified under framework of sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Being concerned by those challenges and driven by a strong desire to be a part of the solution side of those problems, I decided to pursue a Master's Programme on Climate Change and International Development from the University of East Anglia (UEA), Norwich. As you will appreciate the selection of the study university is one of the key prospects for the study outcomes. On this I was guided by the reputation of the UEA as a pioneering institute on climate change studies as well as leader in international development studies.

The experience in UEA was fantastic as it provided a right mix of theoretical and research inputs on various dimensions of climate change action such as international policy frameworks, urban climate change governance, adaptation and mitigation choices and pathways, climate change mitigation and development, local responses to extreme events and disasters etc. In sum, I can state that it provided

evidence based knowledge and skills to meet the requirements for engaging in the green industry. Besides, the programme provided opportunities for knowledge sharing, collaboration at national and international levels towards shared goals of mitigating and adapting to climate change.

Post UEA, I have been involved with projects on wildlife crime control, health system strengthening and health policy development, and now on COVID-19 management. I can confidently state that UEA education has been backing me with added competency and confidence in addressing the challenges in the development sector.

Currently I have been specially drawn for the management of COVID-19 pandemic in the country as a Director in the COVID-19 Management Core Team, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India. Here, I am focusing on implementing the national level COVID-19 testing enhancement strategy focusing on ramping up the testing preparedness and testing capacity in the country. Aside, I have been contributing to climate change studies as a co author on adaptation studies focusing on coastal agriculture.

I can now very well share with those of you interested in pursuing assignments in the green industry that possessing cutting edge knowledge and skills, specialized qualifications from reputed institutes, development experience, collaboration skills are some of the quick tips to be great in the growing green industry sector.

