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# Alumni Newsletter

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**How has your area of work changed/evolved since your transition from TATA Trust to EY?**

My association with TATA Trust as a Consultant for Swachh Bharat Mission – Garmin provided me an open space to explore the criticality of Sanitation on human development in Rural sector and to understand the environment in which they take place. This experience which helped me to develop critical thought process and to apply integrated approach to address different rural issues. Moving to EY and working as a Senior Consultant for Rural Piped Water supply, Odisha is a change in domain with added responsibilities and new challenges. The issues are different so as its intensity and interference. I

consider this transition of domain as an opportunity to learn new set of concepts and upgrade the skills. Update and Upgrade is what a consultant should look for.



**Sustainability is an evolving area, what are some of the current area of focus regarding corporate sustainability?**

Corporate sustainability provides a larger purpose of developing sustainable economic model and helps any business to achieve the basic goals like efficiency, sustainable growth and shareholder value. A proper integration of business model with sustainable framework / model is becoming critical for any business. Most of the organization is finding difficulties of integrating sustainability pillars like as Environmental Protection, Social justice and equity and Economic growth with the business supply chain process. One of the major areas to focus is integration of business with sustainability. How Sustainability principles, policies and actions must integrate in the

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governance structure of any organizations, sustainability professional should analyze. So, being a Sustainability professional, one must focus on developing a deeper understanding on 17 SDGs and how these SDGs have direct and indirect relation to any business. 17 SDGs define as 17 different elements of sustainability.



**How should one keep them updated with current sustainability trends so as to stand out as a good sustainability manager?**

Sustainability is not just become a word of mouth anymore; it's becoming an action. The action(s) who put significant impact in the present and demands a better future. It demands a Sustainability professional to carry a positive attitude and have a clear vision. The role of sustainability professionals is unusual and multifaceted. Being a Sustainability professional updated and upgraded with the current trends is essential and it requires following different journals / publications and attending conferences to update with the thought processes and gathered ideas in the field of sustainability. One can also participate in Sustainability competitions conducting at various platforms and give an extra mileage in career as well as in knowledge gain. Having Certified courses or taking trainings corresponding to the area of

interest also a better option to become a domain expert.

**How has your journey been from a student of sustainability management to a working in the field of sustainability?**

It has been Two years since I passed out but each moment that I lived at XUB feels like it just happened yesterday. When I retrospect those 2 years, *Involve-> Learn -> Evolve* is what I have learn from the platform that Xavier School of Sustainability had provided. Under the guidance of entire faculty with the help of the designed courses, I understand and analyses the core concepts of sustainability and developed required technical and managerial skills. The journey from couple of years working as a consultant and gaining experience by addressing the human development issues in the rural field is one of its kind that gives a piece of satisfaction in the end of the day. I can conclude it's a journey of defining me to defining us and me always thankful to the XSoS fraternity.



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