Report of the AROGYAM Workshop for 29th June-3rd July, 2015 at University of Edinburgh

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Duration of visit with date: 26/06/2015 to 6/07/2015

Name of the departments/centres/units visited during the period (like, library/special research centre/ guest lecture/community field areas/lab etc.):

1. Visited Edinburgh India Institute to participate in the AROGYAM PhD Workshop,

School of Social and Political Science

University of Edinburgh

1. Tour of the University of Edinburgh campus by none other than the host of the Workshop Prof Roger Jeffery. The tour helped me to get some insight about the history of the ancient city and the condition of the society at the time of industrial revolution.
2. A visit to the Mary Kings Close in Edinburgh to observe the poor living conditions of the people in that period. Being a Public health researcher the visit was a learning experience.
3. Visited the Main Library of University College London,

University College London.

Scope and progress made on the exchange of knowledge and lessons learnt from the entire visit:

It was a great experience to visit the University of Edinburgh to attend a PhD workshop under the AROGYAM network from 29th June to 3rd July, 2015. The purpose of this visit was to exchange knowledge about different research Scholars from different universities, particularly to present the ongoing research work during our PhD program, to discuss the methodology and to review other researcher's work. This particular visit gave me an extraordinary opportunity to review the work of a research scholar from a different University. In this process I have not only learnt and understood her paper, but it also helped me to learn and understand more about the technique of reviewing research papers. Further, I could also manage to develop a framework to understand, analyse and review research paper by other scholars and was able to present it before the international audience. This exposure gave me an opportunity to address in front of the international scholars from different academic backgrounds like Sociology, Anthropology, History and Public Health where my review of the paper was appreciated by people from different disciplines.

Along with that, my ongoing PhD research work was also reviewed and discussed by another research scholar from a different University. This helped me to understand what are the limitations and gaps in my research paper as it was discussed in details in front of the international audience and I got lots of comments and recommendations to improvise on my work. The comments and suggestions from the different scholars really helped me in my analysis portion of my work. This opportunity also gave me a different perspective to look at my data as my existing approach of analysis was criticised by some of the audience and collecting from these experiences I have worked on my current approach with the help of my research guide/PhD Supervisor. This workshop has been immensely helpful in understanding the contemporary research work going on in these eminent institutions participated in the workshop. From this particular visit I was able to understand the methodological approaches taken by different research scholars in different institutes and could also grasp the limitations and gap in my work. This was my first international exposure and it also gave me an opportunity to visit institutes of excellence like University of Edinburgh, University of Oxford and University College London and I could manage to visit different libraries to collect some literature and material that was not available to me in JNU. Apart from that one of the best things that have happened to me during this visit was that I made some good friends on the trip and I have learnt many things about their place and culture.