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FELLOWSHIP

Ankita was born and raised in Delhi. With a background in literature and journalism, she worked with mainstream and alternative media for three years, during which she wrote on business, gender, education and culture. She hopes to find her short-story collection and comic book on a dusty shelf of a bookstore someday.

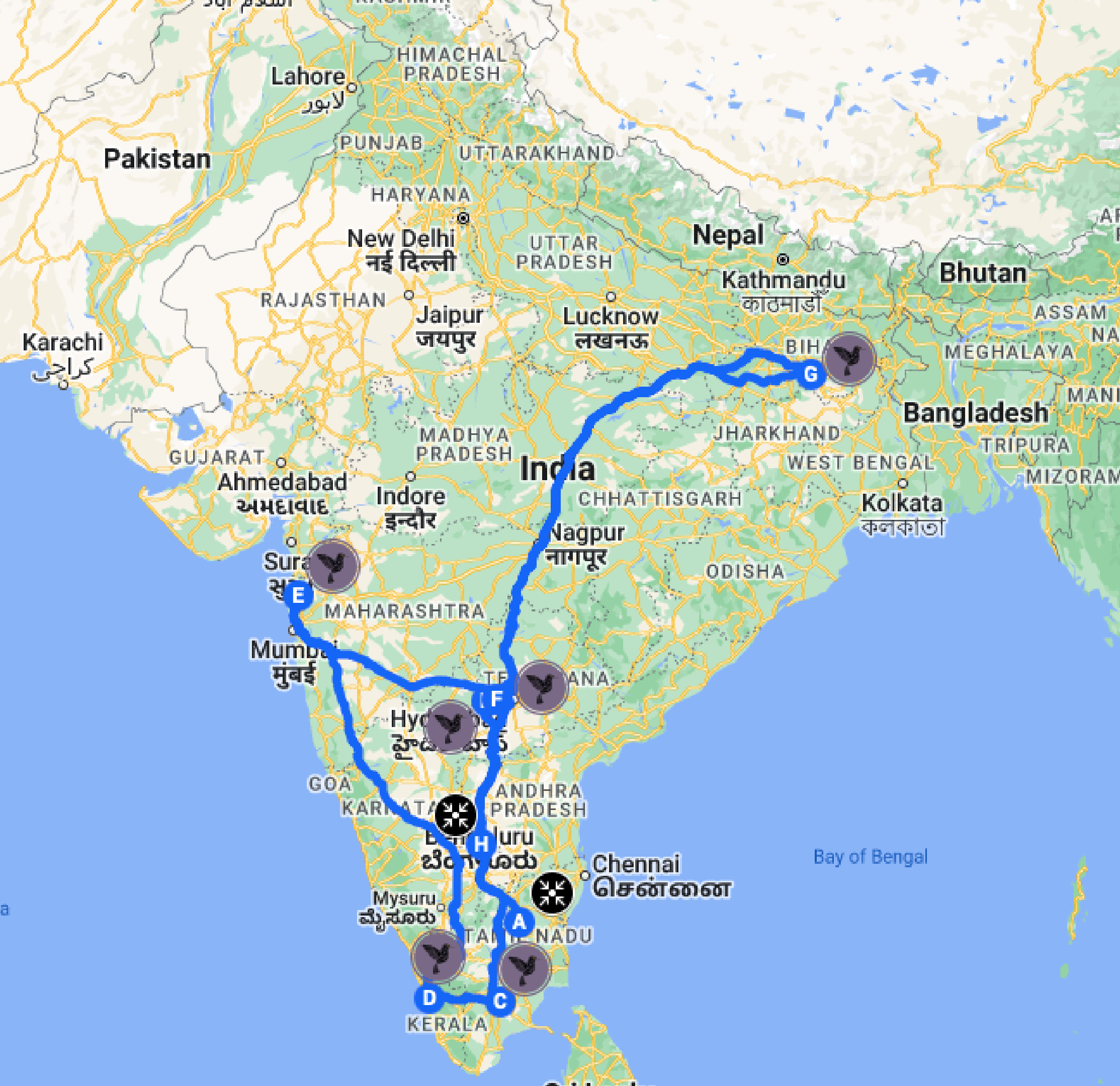
She took up the 52 Parindey Fellowship in an attempt to live slowly and write slower. During these five months, she visited various community spaces across India that are driven by a common interest or cause to understand the essence of community and participatory planning. Her exploration also took her to learn about the relevance of sustainable agricultural practices in the current industrialised model. She believes that growing one's own food is the most urgent act of political rebellion needed today.

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**Role of 'Community' in Localised
Social-Ecological Regeneration**

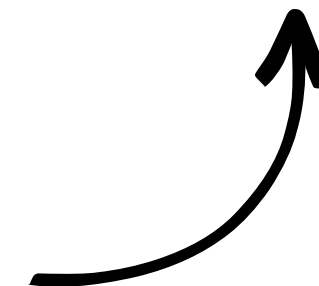
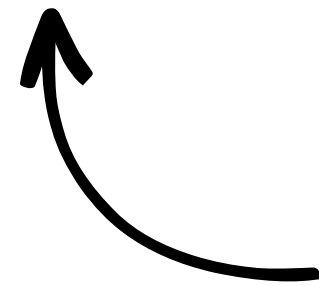




- A Orientation Workshop at Tribal Health Initiative, Sittlingi Valley, Tamil Nadu
- B Ratnakiran, Vikarabad, Telangana
- C Yaadhum Community, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
- D Bhoomi Learning Community, Kochi, Kerala
- E Pratik Dhanmer, Murbad, Maharashtra
- F Anahad, Vikarabad, Telangana
- G Khete India, Lakhisarai, Bihar
- H Reflection Workshop at Proto Village, Tekulodu Village, Andhra Pradesh

What is a community?

Why community?



Community



Why I want to explore community



Morning sharing circle at Bhoomi Learning Centre, Kochi



Yaadhum Community

Communities visited

- Intention-driven physical community
- Village as a community
- Native or indigenous tribes

Aspects of a community

Personal aspect

- Impact of the community on the self
- Inter-personal relationships

Intention

A common intention:

- that unites the people involved; and
- fulfils their personal needs and aspirations

Contextual aspect

- Role of the community in the current socio-political context
- Relationship with the natural environment
- Relationship with other communities or people

"Community is not a goal but a means."



Producers



Yaadhum Natural Store



Sustainable Packers



Consumer Families





Bhoomi is as much a learning centre for kids as it is for parents, who function as a self-organised community

Anahad



More points of interaction are planned while designing a physical community

Community gatherings held every Friday at 6am to discuss individual and community concerns

Khetee India



How agroforestry looks like in a culture of monocropping and chemical-infused farming practices



Village plan drawn by
architecture students
during a workshop



PADA sabha held by the
gram sevak to discuss
people's concerns



Design Jatra,
Murbad, Maharashtra



Members at Anahad comes together to farm for an hour every day at 4pm



Circle swales around a Tamarind tree at Ikigai Farms to prevent erosion

A photograph showing three people in a rural field. On the left, a young girl in a white shirt and yellow skirt holds a bundle of harvested crops. In the center, a man in a pink shirt and dark shorts stands looking on. On the right, a woman in a purple sari and a headscarf is bent over, working with a large haystack. The background features a line of trees under a clear sky.

Challenges in practising
climate-resilient farming



Challenges in setting up a community

Gaps in forming intentional communities

Way forward...

