**Vision**

Having decided quite early on, in my almost 24 years of life, to simply work for a more equitable society economically, socially and environmentally, I consciously started working towards building my knowledge, experiences and having interactions that helped me navigate further into the so-called ‘development sector’. Born in Jammu and Kashmir, brought up in Himachal Pradesh and Kathmandu, I completed my Bachelors from the London School of Economics & Political Science and Masters from the University of East Anglia in the fields of Environment and International Development.

Convoluted issues of poverty, equity and marginality remain unresolved, and are now getting entangled with critical global concerns like climatic change, governance deficits and geopolitical polarisation. The development approaches taken by governments and non-governmental organisations have struggled evidently to a large extent, as upscaling and out-scaling of best-case learning is often not achieved. I stand unconvinced of the efforts globally to solve issues like rising inequality and environmental deterioration and this fused with my experiences have made me realise that rather than simply seeking the means to live, I need a meaning to live for. For me, the meaning is clear: a life dedicated to the betterment of our planet environmentally, socially and economically as it deserves nothing short of that. The vision of this Think-Tank Consultancy is to allow myself with others who believe similarly to move towards tackling the challenges faced by our communities head-on and ground-up. Having mixed academia with my daily improving understanding of how development is shaped and delivered, I have been seeing myself professionally venturing into solution-oriented approaches to piled up international development challenges. This is my first step in doing so.

It is with the aim of finding a meaning to live for, I believe strongly in the premise that ‘every individual who takes responsibility helps make the world a better place’. My study and career plans have followed this very mission without spelling it out consciously. Now it is a matter of acknowledging this mission and carrying on doing what I have been doing for the past few years with more dedication, enthusiasm and focus through **ReST (Redefined Sustainable Thinking)**.

Having now worked for over a year as part of a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Unit for DFID-NEPAL it has become clearer to me that development is an endless cycle of funding, budgets, logical frameworks, planning, implementing and, in my opinion, to no meaningful end. I realised this in a meeting when a Senior DFID personnel mentioned that DFID had been in Nepal for over 40 years and yet still had similar programmes running after all those years. I had been very cautious of the ‘development industry’ till now anyway, however recent, intense experiences travelling across rural Nepal and India have given the evidence for me to do my own thing, in my own way with individuals who believe the way I do.

Most important development work done today is at the individual and the village level and this is where it ideally should be. Many issues rest on an approach that needs to alter the morals and thinking patterns of the people across this planet fundamentally. With great ambition, I want to connect out-of-the box, young thinkers to experienced professionals to create novel strategies to take on issues whether that be through providing support to governments, corporates, local-level institutions or even academic institutions that believe genuinely in changing the way we are going about our lives on this resource-scarce planet. I want to join hands with and connect brains of individuals who believe and think similarly to how I do.