

Azim Premji University Student Reflection

Suhasini Pandey is currently pursuing her Master of Arts in Education from Azim Premji University. We caught up with Suhasini for a candid conversation. Graduated from Lakshmibai College, Delhi with a general Bachelor of Arts Degree, Suhasini shares her experiences here at Azim Premji University.



Q: The general trend in Master's is to choose a program related to your Bachelor's. Could you tell us what made you choose M.A in Education?

Being a student of a general Bachelor of Arts degree programme, with a mix of many majors and minors, I had many options for masters. From the second year of my bachelors, I was very keen to go for Fashion Designing in Masters. I took a gap year with the idea of preparing for the Masters in Fashion Designing. But post my internship with Pravah Delhi (NGO) for their SMILE internships, my thinking started to change. The state of schools I visited during my internship was pathetic and made me realize that there is something that has to be done. I was still not sure of what I really wanted to do and how can it be done. But I guess when you really want to do something, avenues open-up for you and you have to grab the correct opportunities and that is how I chose MA Education in Azim Premji University.

Q: Where did you first hear about Azim Premji University?

Mr. Sandeep Mehto, founder of Bharat Calling in Itarasi, Madhya Pradesh told me about the university and thereafter. He even guided me throughout the process of selection.

Q: Do you think undergrad students in general are aware about inter disciplinary Courses? How was that journey?

To be honest, in my bachelors I had the misconception that it's only at the bachelor's level that we can do such diverse courses; I thought in Masters one must focus on one subject. But this notion entirely changed when I entered this university. My UG programme gave me exposure to various subjects like Fashion Designing, Sociology, Tourism, etc. Here, also get to study a lot of diverse subjects, but I am studying about education in wide context.

Q: Where did you go for Field immersion? Please share some insights

My field Immersion was in Raichur, North-East Karnataka. This immersion was helpful to experience the theory we had learned so far. This was my first field work where I could get a deep understanding of the operational structure of the education system both at the school level and at the government level. There was a lot of hands on learning involved throughout the immersion. In fact, after the field work, I got closer to what I want to do after the course.

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