

TISS – JANANEETHI COLLABORATION

Preliminary Meeting at TISS on 18.01.2019

Minutes of the Meeting

Present:

1. Prof. PK Shajahan, Professor, Centre for Community Organization & Development Practice, TISS.
2. Prof. Vijay Raghavan, Professor, Centre for Criminology & Justice, TISS
3. Prof. Asha Banu Soletti, Professor, Centre for Health & Mental Health, TISS
4. Dr.Mathew George, Associate Professor, Centre for Public Health, TISS
5. Prof. Hilarius Beck, Prof & Chair, Centre for Community Organization & Development Practice, TISS
6. Dr.Swati Banerjee, Associate Professor & Chair, Centre for Livelihood & Social Innovation, TISS
7. Prof. Arvind Tiwari, Professor & Dean, School of Law, Rights and Constitutional Governance; Chair, Centre for Police Studies & Public Security, TISS
8. Dr.Mohua Nigudhar, Assistant Professor & Chair, Centre for Equity & Justice for Children and Families, TISS
9. Dr.Saigitia Chitturu, Assistant Professor, Centre for Lifelong Learning, TISS
10. Dr.KM Parivelan, Associate Professor & Chair, Centre of Statelessness and Refugee Studies, TISS
11. Ms SS Shani, Research Scholar, TISS
12. Ms Preethi Solomon, Research Scholar, TISS
13. Ms Gayathri Krishna, Research Assistant, TISS
14. Dr.Jose P.Verghese, Director of Training & Academics, JANANEETHI
15. Adv.George Pulikuthiyil, Director, Policy & Development, JANANEETHI, and
16. Adv.P.Sunilkumar, Executive Director, JANANEETHI

Order of the Meeting:

- Welcome & introductory remarks by Dr.PK Shajahan who explained the purpose of the meeting.
- Self-introduction by the participants
- Jananeethi explained, the causes & circumstances for initiating a discussion with TISS in view of expansion and sustainability by George Pulikuthiyil
- Discussion, proposals and consensus

Collaborative programmes / Short courses may be classified as:-

- a) Short training programmes (with Certificate of Participation jointly by TISS and Jananeethi)
 - b) Certificate Programme (Joint Certification)
 - c) Diploma Programme (Joint Certification)
- Items in b) and c) need the approval of the Academic Council of TISS.

TISS Standards:-

15 hours of training constitute one credit

18 credits will satisfy a Certificate Program

24 credits will satisfy a Diploma Program

Field work will be appropriately credited for calculation of the total credit above.

Issues addressed in the meeting:

1. What are the areas of mutual concern?
2. How do we propose to collaborate?
3. What are the programmes & products to be delivered?
4. How to anchor the programmes? Strategies, impacts etc...

Consensus: TISS – JANANEETHI collaboration was agreed unanimously, in principle.

Recommendations:

1. Start with Short training programmes with Certificate of Participation in selected topics. It can be multiplied in due course.
2. The suggested areas of mutual concern and competency are the following
 - a) Access to Justice
 - b) Conflict Resolution
 - c) Psycho-legal Counselling
 - d) Child Abuse and the Law
 - e) Health Care in Public sector
 - f) Geriatric Social Work & Care of the Elderly
 - g) Cybercrimes& the law
 - h) Labour Rights & Migrant Labour.
3. It will be known as TISS-JANANEETHI joint Certificate/Diploma Program
4. The data bank created at Jananeethi with regard to ground realities can be shared with TISS and TISS will make use of it for further research and documentation.
5. 18 credits for a Certificate may be divided as 10 credits for lectures and 8 credits for field work; Similarly for Diploma, 15 credits for lectures and 9 credits for field work.
6. JANANEETHI will hereafter be the field partner of the TISS. Jananeethi will facilitate for internship and project field works for the students of TISS.
7. A general MoU will be worked out soon between TISS and JANANEETHI. TISS to share sample MoU to enable JANANEETHI to prepare a draft MoU for this collaboration.
8. A joint announcement on the launching of the training programmes will be made by end of this academic year so as to begin the programmes in next academic year.
9. Jananeethi will draft a training schedule in respective topics and TISS will put it in its academic format.
10. Resource persons can be identified by Jananeethi locally, if not TISS can provide.
11. Examination and awarding of Certificate/Diploma will be as per the standards of the TISS.

12. We will provide this program in Thrissur on experimental basis. If found successful, more satellite centres in other cities may be considered later.
13. Instituting Fellowship Programmes on the joint auspices of TISS and JANANEETHI Partnership may be considered. Some resources need to be secured for supporting the fellowship programme.
14. JANANEETHI will attempt to document the cases being addressed and will generate a data base on a continuous basis. This data will be analysed with the help of TISS team to inform the future activities and programmes and feed into the academic / training programmes.
15. Other areas for collaboration within TISS could be explored with the School of Vocational Education which offers BVoc Programmes in a variety of interdisciplinary areas as well as with National University Students Skill Development (NUSSD) programme, MOOCS and online courses to broaden the scope and reach of such programmes
16. The participants of this meeting will form a Core Committee, whereas Dr.PK Shajahan from TISS and Advocate George Pulikuthiyil from JANANEETHI will anchor the programmes.
17. Joint fund-raising may be undertaken to reduce financial burden on prospective candidates. Also, search for Seed Money for the program may be considered.
18. We may also identify sectors and functional areas where the trainees, degree / diploma holders from these programmes can productively find jobs.
19. Prospective sponsoring agencies like Azim Premji Foundation, Airtel or *Nyay Mitra* were suggested for making proposals for seed money.
20. On the basis of earlier discussions, Dr. Shajahan will appraise the Director TISS to take necessary steps to formalise the collaboration.
