

## Health Transparency Initiative – Kerala

A pilot project in Thrissur District to improve operational quality & efficiency  
in healthcare services reducing corruption in health service delivery

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The Consultants' Meeting organized at Velloppilly Hall of Kerala Sahitya Academy, Thrissur by Jananeethi supported by Partnership in Transparency Funding was turned out to be a stupendous. There were around 15 medical practitioners and health service providers together with Jananeethi Board members and project staff – altogether 22 persons assembled in response to a call from Jananeethi. The meeting was held at 5.30 pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and lasted two hours.



This meeting was an unofficial launching of a one year long study undertaken by Jananeethi with support from PTF to improve the quality, efficiency and transparency of health services rendered at Government hospitals in Thrissur district. This is a pilot study with an aim of undertaking a State-wide study on the delivery of health services at public hospitals.



The study has been designed to be completed with active support and assistance of State Health Department, medical fraternity, para-medical service providers, members of local self government, civil society members/organizations, media persons and university students of social work.



Apparently the doctors and health activists present at the consultation were unanimous in the view that HTI-Kerala as envisaged by Jananeethi is an urgent need of the hour. Much has to be done on the health sector, both in public and private sector. Most of the participants held that view that the study shall not be confined to one year alone. The present system that is redundant ant will take several years to demonstrate substantial changes. Therefore, follow up programmes are indispensable.

The assembly of medical practitioners offered their full support and assistance for the successful completion of the Health Transparency Initiative – Kerala undertaken by Jananeethi.

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