

TEACHING LEARNING ENHANCEMENT CELL
BEST PRACTICE VISIT TO TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
REPORT

Best practice visit by team from CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore
21-22 November (as on 20 /11/2019)

Time	Session	TISS Faculty	Where
21st November Thursday			
10.15 to 11.00	Introductions and overview of Centre for Education Innovation and Action Research (CEIAR)	Prof Padma Sarangapani, CEIAR Chairperson	TISS Main Campus CEIAR, Library, Extension Building
11.00 to 11.30	TISSx	Amina, Bindu and Anusha	TISS Main Campus CEIAR, Library, Extension Building
11.30 to 12.00	ITE	Amina	TISS Main Campus CEIAR, Library, Extension Building
12.00 to 12.30	DIET and PGCC and UNESCO Inclusive Education collaboration	Mythili	TISS Main Campus CEIAR, Library, Extension Building
12.30 to 1.00	TEMP and ASRT&TE	Ajay	TISS Main Campus CEIAR, Library, Extension Building
1.00 to 2.00	Lunch	Ajay, Amina, Bindu, Mythili, Anusha, Poonam Sachdev	Guest House
2:00 to 2.30	Introduction to ERC	Rafikh and Deepti	ERC New Campus
2.30 to 3.00	Introduction to School of Education (SOE) programmes	Prof Disha Nawani, Dean of SOE	SOE , TISS New Campus
3.00 to 3.30	Resource Design and Text book project	Jennifer and Nishevita	ERC New Campus
3.30 to 4.00	School synergy and Teacher Educator	Gomathi and Ruchi	ERC New Campus
4:00 to 4:45	Faculty Interaction and CHIRST Univ Presentation	All Faculty	ERC New Campus, proceed to TEMP Ceremony at TISS quadrangle
22nd November Friday			
10.00 to 11.00	FA presentation by Afghan students, TEMP	Poonam Sachdev and Manshvi	Clifford Hall, New Campus
11.00 to 11.30	CLix and OER	Omkar, Sadaqat and Anusha	ERC , New Campus
11.30 to 12.00	MA Education and RIYAZ	Vidya and Shamin	ERC , New Campus
12.00 to 12.30	BEEd- MEd	Poonam Sharma	ERC , New Campus

12.30 to 1.00	TISS Library visit and Introduction to School of Media and culture studies	Deepti and Sayan	Library, TISS Main Campus
1.00 to 2.00	Lunch	Omkar, Poonam Sharma Vidya, Sadaqat	Guest House, Main Campus

Date of Visit: 21-22 November 2019

Members: Prof Johny Joseph, Dr Suparna Kar, Dr Sweta Mukherjee

Purpose: Current and Best Practices of TISS

Three team members of the Teaching Learning Enhancement Cell visited the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) on the 21-22 November 2019. The two day was coordinated by Ms Poonam Sachdev, Project Director, Connected Learning Initiative (CLIX).

Day 1- 21- 11-2019

The day began with a meeting with Prof Padma Sarangapani, Chair, Centre for Education Innovation and Action Research (CEIAR). Prof Padma elaborated on the functioning of CEIAR and the courses that are offered. She also spoke about the Pedagogical Content Knowledge model (PCK) model that TISS uses to design the curriculum of their Masters in Education Program. TISS is also in the process of initiating a course on open edx for mentoring for teachers. The number of assignments in the course is tied up to the number of credits (1 assignment/ assessment per credit).

This meeting was followed by a presentation made by the teachers from Afghanistan who were a part of a teacher training programme at TISS. The team then met Ms Bindu, who gave an overview of the digital platforms on which TISS offered courses. Ms Bindu and her also spoke about ways in which digital content is generated.

This meeting was followed by a meeting with Ms Mythili who gave the team an introduction on the DIET, PGCC and UNESCO Inclusive Education Collaboration programmes at TISS. She informed the team of course on educational leadership that was developed by NIE Singapore for TISS. This course is offered in a blended mode. Mr Ajay introduced us to the focus areas of TISS which include teacher education for BED

Faculty members. He also approached CHRIST for a collaboration on a project on National Status Report on Teacher and Teaching. This was followed by a meeting with the international office. The team then met Prof Disha Nawani who spoke to us about the programmes offered by the School of Education. Ms Nishevita also briefed the team on the Resource Design and Text book project. The TLEC team also met Prof Shahjahan, Academic Dean, TISS. He briefed the team on policies regarding attendance, supplementary exams, and general academic policies. The day ended with an interaction with faculty from CHRIST and TISS where Prof Johny Joseph spoke in detail about the role of TLEC and also about the Center for Social Action at CHRIST.

DAY 2- 22-11-2019

The second day of the visit started with a meeting with the CLIX team. The team gave details on the digital literacy project that they were involved in at the district level. The TLEC team also met Prof Riyaz to get an insight into the MA Education programmes. Ms Poonam Sharma spoke about the integrated BEd - MEd Programme. The visit to the digital team was followed by a visit to the TISS library and the department of Media and Cultural Studies. The digital team at TISS stressed on the importance of a shift to open sources.

TAKEAWAYS:

1. TLEC to work on offering online courses (members would need to take up training on the same)
2. Course plan approval and validation at the academic council
3. Policies with supplementary exams can be reviewed.
4. Advantages of using open-source platforms

