## **INFORMATION BROCHURE**

for

Diploma Programme
Community Organisation
&
Development Practice





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## INTRODUCTION

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) is a deemed university that works towards the promotion of people-centred sustainable development and an equitable and democratic society.

TISS in North–East India: TISS has been in constant engagement with the North East region in the past through various projects of the Government, support to Universities and NGOs, and also through its students and alumni from the region. There has been a clear realization that more concrete and holistic efforts are required to deal with the politico-socio-economic realities unique to the region, and to contribute to its various processes. Subsequently, TISS, under the aegis of the School of Social Work, began an exploration to develop a strategy for engagement to respond to the region in a more systematic and coordinated manner which evolved into the Northeastern Regional Centre (NERC).

# DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY ORGANISATION AND DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE (CODP)

As one of its first initiatives, the Northeastern Regional Centre, announces its Diploma Programme in CODP. Most communities in the northeast still have a strong sense of community and in many societies there exists community ownership of resources. In such a backdrop, Community Organization with its perspective of emphasizing the centrality of communities in change processes and understanding issues of identity, marginalization and powerlessness, has great relevance in preparing development workers to mobilize communities and act as catalysts of change.

Moreover, there is acute shortage of trained human professionals to manage the development and welfare programmes and hence the need to enhance a cadre of development workers whose role would be to strengthen the development efforts of the people by increasing their own capabilities to negotiate or utilize the schemes/services and to deal with the service delivery systems, contribute through generation of resources, as well as in the management of the services and resources made available through the government schemes. This would enhance the relevance and sustainability of development initiatives in the region.

The course, through an emphasis on community organization will address the importance of participatory and democratic planning at the community level which is the need of the hour in the northeast, and in turn will lead to a sustainable development process in the region.

#### **COURSE CONTENT**

	Name of the Course	Credits	
Module 1			
Course I	Self and Society (skills and theory component)	2	
Course II	Introduction to Community Organisation	4	
Course III	Communication	2	
Module 2			
Field Work	in community setting	6	
Module 3			
Course IV	Working with Groups and Individuals	4	
Course V	Participatory Approach in Development practice	4	
Course VI	Project Planning and Administration	2	
	Module 4		
Study Tour : Two groups to visit different organizations/settings			
	Module 5		
Field work in NGOs/Government Agencies 6			
Module 6			
Course VII	Village Development — Sectoral Analysis	4	
Course VIII	Issues of the North–East Course	4	
TOTAL			

## **Eligible Candidates:**

The minimum qualification will be Class XII passed from any recognized college or Higher Secondary school. Priority would be given to those who are working in community based organisations, nongovernmental organisations and other developmental work. Nominations from the Government and NGO's/ CBO's would be considered.

There are 35 seats available for the course.

#### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Application forms can be obtained from North-Eastern Regional Centre (NERC), TISS, Guwahati office or by e-mailing to tissnerc@gmail.com.

#### Fees

The Fees including tuition, admission, accommodation, food and other material cost would be Rs. 31,200 (Thirty one thousand two hundred rupees).

However, we are committed to support students who cannot afford this amount. Students who are nominated by the Government/ NGO's/INGO's/CBO's can be sponsored by the same.

# **Award of Diploma: Venue:**

The programme is a full time residential programme of instruction, study tour and field work, on completion of which a Diploma in

Community Organisation and Development Practice (CODP) will be awarded to the participants.

**Venue**: The programme will be held at the Don Bosco Institute Campus, Kharguli, Guwahati. It offers an excellent environment for learning and practice, and has guest house, hostels, internet, library, computer centre and other facilities.

IMPORTANT DATES			
Receipt of Filled in			
Application forms	25th April '09		
Announcement of			
Selected Candidates	20th May '09		
Commencement of the			
Diploma Programme	1st June 2009		

### **ENQUIRIES**

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