

Study Tour of MA/MSc-Population Studies, (2016-2018) Students, IIPS, Mumbai

to Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur Campus, Maharashtra

A 60 km drive from Solapur railway station to the TISS campus was picturesque. The enthralling serene campus welcomed us. A field visit to a nearby village, Barul; accompanied by the TISS social workers was fun-filled and very informative. First, we had an interaction with the Village Sarpanch, who briefly spoke about the various developments made in the village through the TISS intervention programs. Then we were taken to the primary school in the village ending with interaction with school students and the teachers. Also, a visit to the Anganwadi centre and a local Milk centre followed. Although there were quite many happy incidences of development of the village and its people, certain infrastructural issues were noted in the Anganwadi and school. The village functions in an almost self-sufficient stage with new small-scale innovations by the villagers to fix the hues instantly.



Interaction with village Sarpanch and Local Milk Centre group

On day two, we had a discussion with the TISS deputy registrar, Prof. Abdul Shaban. The discussion lasted for 2 hours comprising of a brief talk and an interactive session on the Community Engaged Universities and Social Sciences as a social science; wherein absolutism can't prevail to all the realms. After the enlightening interactive session, our bus left back to

Solapur Railway station fading the physical presence of the green serene campus but with many memories and lessons added to our bags!



Discussion with Prof. Abdul Shaban, TISS deputy registrar and Prof. Bhagat, IIPS Mumbai