The Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur Campus was established in 1986 as a rural campus of the Institute, with the mission of promoting initiatives for sustainable, eco-friendly and equitable socio-economic development of rural communities. Through its programmes, TISS Tuljapur seeks to contribute to the revival of the rural economy, society, and strengthening of a local policy. The Institute has a reputation for professionalism, excellence in disciplined training and a high stature in academic pursuits.

**MISSION**

To create a cadre of competent and committed development professionals, practitioners, teachers, researchers and activists through teaching, research, training and field action. To be a responsible knowledge partner with government, people’s organizations and academic institutions for building capacity, contributing to policy formulation and reaching out especially to marginalized sections of the society at the local, regional, national and international levels.

**VISION**

To be a premier and unique campus of TISS, recognized locally and globally for development and application of knowledge in social sciences and social work, to develop alternate and sustainable models for social transformation based on the principles of human dignity, equity, and inclusion.

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**NOT A COLLEGE BUT AN INSTITUTE**

TISS distinguishes itself not as college but as an institution. A college is a place where one can just get a degree but an institution of national importance like TISS, is here to serve a larger purpose where getting a degree doesn’t form the primary objective of the institute. The idea of creating better leaders and more importantly better citizens suffuses through the teaching pedagogy of the curriculum.

**INTENSIVE FIELD WORK**

At TISS, we believe in convergence between theory and praxis. Every student goes through an intensive four months rural practicum where they gain a firsthand experience.

**RANKING**

TISS is, and endeavours to remain the premier Social Science Institute in India. Accredited at level ‘A’ by NAAC, TISS is also ranked first by Outlook in its Annual Best College Review.

**ACTION PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN**

TISS has continued to focus on active research of a participatory nature which has contributed to evolve field action and demonstration of holistic models of integrated rural development in the villages situated near the campus.

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**M.A. IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

It is a blend of Social Work and Rural Development, outlined to accommodate the needs and to unfold potentials of the rural population, institutionalizing social work principles and values through people’s involvement and participation. Thus, the course aims at equipping students with knowledge, capabilities, skills and tools to analyze conditions and uplift the rural society and economy.

**M.A./M.SC. IN DEVELOPMENT POLICY, PLANNING AND PRACTICE**

This programme aims to understand the nuances of a wide range of developmental issues that one encounters at the sub-national and national level. It examines policy and practice in development by looking at the factors that help or hinder social and economic development in the world, particularly in developing countries.

**M.A./M.SC. IN SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS AND NATURAL RESOURCES GOVERNANCE**

It includes understanding the society, ecology, environment, sociology, economy, politics, governance and policy. This facilitates reflexive learning, gives a unique perspective and enhances the capacity to work as a livelihood professional in the current global scenario.

**M.A./M.SC. IN SOCIAL INNOVATIONS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

This programme is planned to help students acquire the knowledge, skills and mindset necessary to launch a new social entrepreneurial venture or play a key leadership role in an existing one. It aims at developing business models and critical evaluation skills useful to students contemplating careers in social investing, business consulting or in international development institutions.