About Review Committee Report

TISS, on its own volition, embarked on academic restructuring in 2004 to meet the changing needs of education in the Social Sciences sector. The erstwhile Departments and Units have been restructured into various schools and independent centres and the number of programmes have increased from just 4 to about 50 at present. Further, the Institute also opened campuses at Tuljapur, Guwahati and Hyderabad with the permission and support of the Government of India.

With 10 years having been completed since then, the Institute, once again on its own volition, decided to take stock of the growth and development in the past decade and understand future needs of academic programmes and research. Hence, the Governing Board of TISS set up an Academic Review Committee, comprising highly distinguished academicians from across the country.

The Review Committee held its first meeting in November, 2013, and thereafter different teams of the Review Committee visited the Institute's campuses at Tuljapur, Guwahati and Hyderabad. The Committee also met the faculty, administration, students and alumni, covering all stakeholders.

The Committee is yet to submit its report. Therefore, to allege suppression of the Review Committee Report is completely baseless and untrue. Neither has the Committee submitted a draft report, as has been attributed to an unidentified member of the Committee in a media report.

The Institute, on its part, has been making every effort to urge the Committee to expeditiously submit the report. On submission of the report, the Institute’s process is to table it before the Governing Board.

The Institute also categorically denies re-appropriation of students' scholarship funds to pay teachers' salaries. This is absolutely baseless and false. On the contrary, the Institute has pro-actively drawn from its internal resources to support students' fellowship whenever money is not received from the entities concerned. The Institute in fact has a deficit on this account as amounts are due from the entities concerned.

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