

# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

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## Report of Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Department of Social Work

And

Totem, Resource Centre and Ethnic Destination

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## Introduction

This report provides a comprehensive overview and assessment of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Department of Social Work and the totem Resource Centre and Ethnic Destination after the stamp paper agreement of MoU in the month of August 2022 on 30<sup>th</sup> day. The MoU was with the aim of fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and joint initiatives between the two departments.

The totem resource centre and ethnic destination is a non-governmental, non-denominational, not-for-profit organization located at Chennalode in Padinjarathara Panchayath of Wayanad District, Kerala established in the year 2019. The department of Social Work as part of its collaboration organized an Observation visit on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 with students of first year MSW and faculties of the department.

## Aim of the Collaboration

The prime motive about the collaboration of the Department of Social Work with the totem Resource Centre are to promote joint activities for social development; exchange volunteers, students, and experts; opportunities for student, faculty and staff development and exchange; holding seminars, conferences, workshops, etc; internship for students; other activities as mutually agreed.

These functional activities are considered as field of cooperation between the both institutions. One of the aims of the Department of Social Work are to initiate opportunity for the students to get exposed to the changing scenario of social work practices in both specialization under 'Rural and Urban Community Development' and 'Medical and Psychiatric Social work'. So as part of the MSW program, students are posted in various agencies as social work trainees, where students would understand the functioning of the agencies and expertise themselves in various fields of Social Work under the supervision of professionals concerned in the agency. Through this collaboration, it is the stepping stone for the enhancement of theses motives.

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## Brief Description of the Event

The totem resource centre is serving a large number of tribal populations, who need support for improving their quality of life. Totem has focused on community-based development in the fields of education, agriculture, apiculture fish farming, psychological support medicinal plantcultivation, waste management, science, health and hygiene.

The orientation of the event coordinated by the Coordinator of the totem centre and they conducted a session for the trainees. It contains the objectives and vision of the centre for the future programs and current activities. From the side of the department students were keen on the session and performed their tasks successfully. Among students, two of them managed the program schedules orderly and presented a momentum as part of gratitude.

## Activities Done

- Student interaction through ice breakings.
- Site visiting of various functional areas of totem.
- Orientation session about the upcoming projects initiated by the totem resource centre.

## Learning of Students

Through the collaboration students got a professional stepping to move further exploration in the field of social work. It is clearly understood the community empowerment programs of totem such as organic farming design, rain water harvesting, medicinal cultivation, honey village program, integrated fish farming, student transformation and empowerment program, psychological first aid program, etc.

## Conclusion

The Activity Report is based on the agreement of MoU with totem Resource Centre. As part of this the Observation Visit was successfully completed by the first semester students of the Department of Social Work. This form of community engagement through a professional manner is the assurance for making a base stone to the future social work generation.

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*This is the photograph on the event of MoU agreement with totem Resource Centre and Ethnic Destination Secretary Jaisreekumar V at the Department of Social Work.*



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