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Advertisement for position available in Koshish-TISS Field Action Project

About Koshish:

Koshish- the field action project at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai was initiated with the vision of reaching out to the Homeless & Destitute Population, especially the institutional population processed under the Beggary Preventive Legislation and work towards their rehabilitation. We are committed towards promoting citizenship rights and entitlements for the homeless and the destitute, who continue to face discrimination and are often treated in an undignified manner.

Seeking decriminalization of poverty, Koshish addresses the interrelated issues of beggary, destitution and homelessness through interventions pitched at different levels. The interventions comprise providing support for basic and immediate needs, facilitating sustainable rehabilitation and advocacy for structural reforms. The issues of mental health, legal assistance and social entitlements are at the core of all our interventions.

The Beggary Law:

An act of beggary is a punishable offense under the beggar prevention legislation. People with mental illness, elderly, abandoned, those affected with disabilities, seasonal migrants, persons from de-notified communities, women faced with violence, transgenders are all categories of people which fall within the ambit of beggary laws. At present more than 20 states and union territories have Beggary Prevention Laws with nearly identical provisions.

Project's Requirements:

The organization functions on the ideals of trust, justice and commitment. The work involves working directly with the homeless citizens that we work with, including the ones in custodial institutions and mental health institutions. Koshish is committed to working on these clients' end to end rehabilitation. Selected candidate would be working directly with this extremely vulnerable section of the society. Selected candidate requires to have an aptitude to work with the government systems, especially the institutional setting.

Name of the position	Social Worker
Position Code	01
Location of position	Mumbai
Number of vacancies	01
Qualification required	Post graduate degree in Social Work/Social Sciences/Law. (Candidates with background in law and/or mental health would be given preference). Knowledge of English and Hindi languages.
Remuneration	Rs. 36,602 per month

Job Profile:

The advertised position is for legal assistance component of the community intervention. Work would involve visiting the community, document incidents of violations, assess the legal assistance required and coordinate with different relevant agencies like police, Court, municipal authorities, government departments etc.

The selected candidate will report to the state unit coordinator and work with supervision of Project Director.

Requirements:

- Candidates should be well versed with English and Hindi. Knowledge of Marathi would be added advantage.
- Ability to be flexible with work timing and resourceful during high stress periods.
- Confidence and leadership abilities to work independently.

Strong documentation and reporting skills.

- Women, transgenders and candidates from SC/ST/Dalit communities are encouraged to apply.
- Project requires selected candidate to join immediately. Kindly apply accordingly.

These positions are on a contractual basis for a period of 6 months and extendable further. Please note that these are full-time positions (5 days a week and weekends, in case of field emergency) based out of Mumbai. Interested candidates may email their CV, and recent passport size photograph along with a cover letter describing how they think this role suits them best, to anita.patil@tiss.edu with a copy to tarique.tiss@gmail.com Also clearly mention the position code for the position that the application is being made for.

Note: Last date for submitting applications is June 5, 2023 (till office working hours). Interview process would be held on June 6, 2023. Details for the interview process would be shared directly with the shortlisted candidates.

Kindly note that only the shortlisted candidates will be informed.

Project Leader

Mr. Mohd Tarique