

TISS – BSDMA RESEARCH PROJECT

Advertisement for Individual Consultants

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With four campuses at Mumbai (main campus), Hyderabad, Guwahati and Tuljapur (rural campus), TISS currently offers 05 Undergraduate programmes, 47 Masters' Degree programmes and 20 Ph. D. programmes in a range of socially relevant inter-disciplinary areas of applied Social Sciences including 32 Bachelor of Vocational degree programmes.

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The Jamsetji Tata School of Disaster Studies, a pioneer in disaster education and research, offers cutting-edge interdisciplinary disaster management programmes at the Doctoral, Master's, Diploma and Certificate levels. The School engages with national and international Universities, Organization, Corporates and Government Institutions to address the pertinent global challenges of environmental degradation, increasing disasters, climate change and sustainable development. The school contributes to research, publications, policy action and innovative practice through its research and field action projects.

The state of Bihar experiences multiple hazards in the form of floods, drowning, lightning, fire, road accident, erosion, drought etc. Given the population density and the extent of poverty among the (predominantly rural) populace, a large section of the – vulnerable – population are exposed to these hazards. As a result, the state of Bihar faces high disaster risk. Since its establishment, the BSDMA has undertaken multiple activities, from formulations of plans, road maps and guidelines to engaging in training and capacity building across various stakeholders with the overall aim of Disaster Risk Reduction and Building Resilience.

To bridge the gap between academia and governance, the Bihar State Disaster Management Authority (BSDMA) and Jamsetji Tata School for Disaster Studies, TISS signed an MoU in Oct 2024 to work on the following specific areas as agreed upon by the two esteemed institutions. The project proposes 1&2. To evaluate two flagship programmes of the BSDMA: the Mukhyamantri School Safety Program (MSSP) and the Road Safety Programme. 3. Training Needs and Competency Assessment for public sector actors for Flood Resilient Village Initiative, 4. Social Vulnerability Assessment interface with Psychosocial Well-Being.

The **TISS-BSDMA** invites applications from interested candidates to apply for **THREE posts of 'Consultant'** with competency in documentation, writing and disaster management. The post will be on a Contract basis from the date of joining to 23rd Oct 2025, with possible extension based on project extension.

Competencies

1. Documentation, report writing skills and substantive knowledge of disaster management, specific programmes to the four project components: evaluation (the Mukhyamantri School Safety Program (MSSP) and the Road Safety Programme), Training Needs and Competency Assessment for Flood Resilient Village Initiative; and Social Vulnerability Assessment and its interface with Psychological distress.
2. Ability to analyse data from primary and secondary sources.
3. Ability to write project reports based on available data.
4. Ability to follow deadlines.

Essential qualification

Master's degree in the discipline of humanities and social sciences with knowledge of the field of disaster management. Demonstrated writing and documentation skills

Position: 03

Duration: till 23rd Oct 2025 with possible extension

Remuneration: 1 lakh for each report (50 working days)

Last date for application: 14th Aug 2025

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