

**TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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March 1, 2018

Day 8/9 – Update on TISS Students Protest

Day 8 (28.2.18) 6.00 pm	All faculty meeting was held at 6 pm. The Acting Director, DD (Research) and Prof.Shajahan briefed the faculty members about the development so far in the last 8 days and invited suggestions and comments from the faculty in terms of addressing the issues raised by the students and finding ways to resolve the impasse. There was free and frank discussion among the faculty members which lasted for more than 04 hours. Towards the end, an appeal was made to come forward and join the Empowered Committee (EC). 10 new members joined from different Schools and Centres. Residents of the campus also came and requested that they should be allowed to speak about the difficulties they were facing because of the blockade of main gate. The residents addressed the faculty members for 45 minutes and put forth their angst regarding not been allowed to go in and out even for medical visits, leaving children for their board examinations, etc. They told the faculty members that they will take matters in their own hands if difficulties continued and administration could not give them solution by lifting the blockade. The meeting ended at about 10.30 pm.
11.00 pm	The Empowered Committee (EC) was briefed by Acting Director, Prof.Shajahan and Prof.Vijay Raghavan. The EC came to a consensus on what administration could go ahead with and decided to meet the protesting students at the main gate.
Day 9 (1.3.18) 1.00 am	The EC met the students at the main gate, read out the consensus arrived at and invited the Students Union to join them for discussions.
2.00 am	Discussions between the EC and the Students Union continued till 4.30 am in the morning and ended with the students being given a draft plan of action which was to be kept confidential and out of public media as it was under discussion. Students' Union did not agree to sign it until they discussed it with general body of students. The EC made a very strong appeal to the students requesting them to withdraw the blockade of the gate and shared complaints made by the residents. The Students Union agreed to give a decision on whether they would end the blockade by 8.00 am of 1st March, 2018.
6.30 am	Mobility of people and vehicles was restored at the main gate. The protesting students shifted to the side of the gate and continued with their protests.

update at 3.00 pm on 1st March, 2018
TISS Administration