

Youth Development and Local Industry Engagement

- Introductory Thoughts



The Jodhpur Initiative

The Jodhpur Initiative has resolved to develop and use knowledge, skills & experiences of the youth of the city of Jodhpur to participate confidently in their communities towards re-building the city. This *positive* youth development involves intentional efforts of other youth, adults, communities, government agencies, schools and other institutions, to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills and abilities.

1. Target

To make the city attractive for young people to stay, live and work, TJI resolves to:

- (1) Make the city
 - (a) Socially and culturally hospitable, vibrant and exciting;
 - (b) Develop an ecosystem for work execution professionally;
 - (c) Provide balanced work ethic; and
 - (d) Provide opportunities for professionals in various fields.
- (2) Make the people
 - (a) Come in sync with current technology, developments and global world;
 - (b) Alive to a vibrant eco system for new development, industry and learning;
 - (c) Exposed to scientific, reasoned and progressive thought process;
 - (d) Trained in services sector; and
 - (e) Have enhanced inter-personal and employable skills.

2. Immediate Actions

To achieve the stated targets, TJI will take up the following actions:

- (1) Partner with institutions to run programmes and workshops for
 - (a) Local students, home makers;
 - (b) Artisans, technology professionals, industry professionals;
 - (c) Providers of support services that focus on language training, finishing personality traits, new technology, management, awareness creation, and capacity building; and
 - (d) Socio-cultural engagements.
- (2) Schools and colleges to be encouraged to be centres beyond imparting knowledge beyond just that prescribed in the curricula by the Boards or UGC; and
- (3) Create free spaces for innovative and creative energies to be nurtured, experimented and promoted.

3. Resources

To undertake the stated actions, TJI will garner the following resources:

- (1) Industry and industry associations (to take up issues relevant to their industries);
 - (2) Trade and education leaders (to provide the needed know-how and way forward);
 - (3) Government (to bring in more handholding at local level)
 - (4) Schools and colleges (to join in the mass movement and raise awareness in households);
 - (4) Media (to give coverage to push positive energy in the rebuilding of the city);
 - (5) Volunteer groups (to provide effective action on various activities).
- TJI will bring in research and policy planning to advise these groups as well as help utilising existing bandwidth.

In the long run, TJI can plan for setting up a youth development institute, like the *Youth Development Institute of New York*, which is partnered with the fund for City of New York. The city of Jodhpur can consider such a research and development centre, which in turn benefits the city.

4. Time Frame

The Jodhpur Initiative is an ongoing and unending process... But, the immediate actions could include requesting *IIT Jodhpur*, *AIIMS Jodhpur* and *Defence Laboratory Jodhpur* to host specific targeted programmes and workshops for local students, professionals and entrepreneurs to share their *knowledge* with *the local eco-system*.