Group Discussion – Report

Date: 28/02/19 Venue: Municipality Hall, Irinjalakuda.

As explained in the executive summary of the second quarterly report we faced unexpected challenges at Irinjalakuda. This has created a serious situation as we were not quite sure about the future action of the Irinjalakuda Municipality with regard to the project. But we tried our best to bring the situation favourable through our continuous engagements with the municipal authorities especially with Health Standing Committee Chairman and Chairperson. This has brought the situation back to normal giving us a great relief. We earnestly believe that the seminar at KILA played a crucial role in this scenario. Finally the Irinjalakuda Municipality publicly announced in its budget 2019-20 decision to convert the Irinjalakuda General Hospital into Hi Tech hospital holding Punalur as model in association with Jananeethi. It is in this background we called a meeting of the key stakeholders to set an action plan for the effective implementation of the project. As it was a core group meeting there was no official function. The meeting was attended by Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Health Standing Committee
Chairman, Welfare Standing Committee Chairman, Municipal Secretary, Medical Superintendent of General Hospital, Senior Health Inspector, and Public Relation Officer of the hospital and few HMC Members. The meeting was started with a briefing on the agenda of the meeting and the expectations by Adv.Sunilkumar. Dr. Mini, Superintendent of the hospital made a short presentation prioritising the short term and long term needs of the hospital. It was followed by general discussion on the ways and means to develop the hospital into a centre of excellence. As a preliminary step it was decided to visit the Punalur Hospital without delay. Based on the learning’s from Punalur Visit a credible agency will be identified to develop a Master Plan for the hospital foreseeing at least 50years ahead. As the month of March is fully occupied with official functions it was decided to implement the decisions of the meeting from the month of April. The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks from Adv.Sunilkumar.

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