



Report on Collaborative Activity

Peaceniks Initiative

December 2018 - September 2019

- **Name of the Collaborative Activity:** Department of MCJ, TU as a partner in Peaceniks initiative.
- **Nature of Activity:** Participation of two students of the department as Peacelinks Champions in a youth network *Peaceniks* and undertaking activities for an initiative *Peace Waves – Building Dialogues through Media*
- **Name of the Collaborating Agency/ Individual with affiliation, and contact details:** Banglanatak.com (Contact person – Ananya Bhattacharya, ananya@banglanatak.com)
- **Summary of collaboration:** The Peacelinks Initiative was launched by Banglanatak.com in February 2018 in collaboration with the US Consulate General Kolkata. Peaceniks aims at creating a regional network for regular exchange, dialogue, collaboration and concerted action by youth to build peace. Young people from India, Bangladesh and Nepal have participated. In India the youth are from West Bengal, Assam, Bihar and Jharkhand.

As part of the partnership, two students of the department were nominated as Peaceniks Champions for the 2019 *Peaceniks* initiative called *Peace Waves – Building Dialogues through Media*. As part of the collaboration, the two students of the department worked as part of the *Peaceniks* youth network and led action in promoting peace by organizing awareness programs using cultural and digital media, conducting research on identifying good practices and sharing via digital media.

- **List of detailed activities under the collaboration:**

1. **February 2019:** The participants shared a brief note/video on why they are working to build peace.

2. **March 2019:** The participants identified good practices on peace building and initiatives in their region and shared via Facebook and blogs.

3. **February and March 2019:** The participants attended a series of webinars on use of cultural and digital media.





4. **28-29 March 2019:** The participants attended two full day workshops on use of cultural and digital media at Kolkata. The participants then drew up a plan for building dialogue on peace in their campus and community.

5. **April to August 2019:** The participants worked in the TU campus and neighboring community and undertook various activities. These organized awareness programs, round tables, debates, and shared content via the Peaceniks [YouTube](#) channel, and social media, In August 2019 the students organised a puppetry workshop in Panch Mile High School. They also developed participatory videos with students from Napaam M.V. School and organized a short film screening.

6. **September 23, 2019:** The learning and good practices were collated and shared in Youth Peace Summit in Kolkata