Introduction

Social Science research is characterised by a diversity of theoretical perspectives, methodological strategies, data collection practices and analysis techniques. This has made it always necessary to provide training and orientation on a continuing basis to researchers to equip them with advanced methodological skills. It has been observed that many researchers could not produce research works of high quality because they are either not in touch with the latest research tools and techniques or do not have proper orientation to use the traditional research methods efficiently. The problem has further been aggravated by lack of opportunities for the social researchers to refine their methodological skills and to get insight in fresh areas of research in their respective fields. On the other hand the rapid advancement of knowledge in all disciplines of social sciences has made research an activity of solving problems, which adds new dimensions and generalisations on the basis of gathered empirical evidences. Recognising this need, Department of Political Science, Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur (Rajasthan) is organising a Two Weeks Capacity Building Programme for Social Science Faculty Members from December 07 to December 20, 2015 sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

The objectives of this programme are to develop capacity for conceptualising and writing research proposals. Enhance skills to prepare an appropriate research design, including conducting a literature review, formulating research questions and hypotheses, collection of information and analysis. Enhance capacity for writing a research paper for publication. Develop the capacity for planning and writing a book. Develop the capacity for grant applications. The training programme strives to highlight some emerging philosophical and methodological issues emerging in social science research. The programme will inculcate discussions on formation and selection of a research problem; design of research; sampling techniques; tools of research; collection of data; analysis of data; interpretation and discussion of results and report writing. The aim of the training programme is to enable the participants to select and make use of suitable research methods; to use appropriate research tools and to analyse their research questions with appropriate analysis of data in their research.

Programme Content

- Introduction to Social Research, Philosophy and Generic Terminology (Ontology-Epistemology-Methodology-Methods)
• Fundamentals of Social Research (Theory-Theoretical Frame Work-Conceptual Frame Works-Concepts and Measurable Variables)
• Quantitative Research Methods (Methods and their Nuances-Social Survey)
• Qualitative Research Methods (Methods and their Nuances- Ethnography, Case Study, Content Analysis, Focus Group Discussion, Observation)
• Methodological and Measurement Issues in Social Science Research
• Triangulation and Hybrid Methods
• Developing Research Proposal
• Formulation of Problem in Social Research
• Research Design
• Sampling Method: Universe, Nature & Types of Sampling
• Hypothesis Concept & Types of Hypotheses, Formulation of Hypothesis, Testing of Hypothesis
• Designing and Formulation of Questionnaire and Interview Schedules
• Online Data Searching and Use of Internet
• Participatory Learning Methods
• Rapid Rural Appraisal
• Descriptive Statistics: Measurement of Central Tendency, Dispersion, Regression and Correlation
• Measurement of Correlation: Karl Pearson's Correlation and Rank Correlation
• Statistical Inference: Point and interval estimates, Parametric and Non Parametric Test (Chi-Square, Test of Differences, Significance and Freedom)
• Analysis of Variance and Co-Variance: One way and two way classification
• SPSS
• Interpretation of Results and Presentation of Data
• Language of Research
• Ethics in Social Science Research
• Application of Research Findings
• Report Writing and Presentation of Research findings

Participants
The programme is open to all faculty members of Social Science disciplines in research institutions, colleges and university departments.

Applications are invited on or before 25 November, 2015. Only short-listed candidates will be informed for participation in the programme. Lodging and Boarding will be arranged by the University only for the participants for the programme period. Travel will be reimbursed to outstation participants.

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Name: ____________________________________________

Gender (M/F)______________ Social Category (SC/ST/OBC/General) ________________

Marital Status: _______________________________________

Date of Birth: _______________________________________

Institute/University/College: _______________________________________

Present position: _______________________________________

Educational qualification: _______________________________________

Discipline: _______________________________________

Topic of Doctoral Research: _______________________________________

Have you attended similar course earlier: Yes (    )  No (    )

If yes, provide details: _______________________________________

Mailing Address: _______________________________________

Contact No.: _______________________________________

E-mail: _______________________________________

Recommendation by Head of the Institution/University/College: _______________________________________

Accommodation Required: Yes (    )  No (    )

Signature of the Applicant