



Indian Council of
Social Science Research



AN ICSSR SPONSORED
TEN – DAYS RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES
ORGANISED BY
BANIKANTA KAKATI RESEARCH INSTITUTE
KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY
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Concept Note

The present day research in humanities and social sciences has witnessed a methodological revolution. On one hand, there are advanced data processing technologies easily available for researchers; on the other hand, the traditional boundaries of disciplines have got blurred, leading to inter-disciplinary research. Consequently, humanities and social sciences have found fascinating avenues for scholarly interface and interaction with a focus on an interpretative, qualitative and quantitative approach to research and theory building.

This has made it necessary for every researcher to design a methodology for the problem chosen. A researcher has to know not only know about the research methods necessary for the research undertaken, but should also have proper knowledge about the methodology. The study of research methodology gives the student the training required to do field work in an organised fashion, learn about the techniques for collection of data (appropriate to the problem under study), designing of a questionnaire, interpretation of results, etc.

There has been a growing debate in social sciences regarding the use of qualitative or quantitative strategies for research. Qualitative methods have been traditionally used in the disciplines of history and political science whereas quantitative methods have been mostly used in disciplines like economics. However, both quantitative and qualitative research has its own significance. And certain problems require application of both the methods; where the results of one method are improved by the use of the other. There is no single solution to the debate as to which method is more powerful – it ultimately depends on the circumstances, context, purpose of the research and the data required.

A common problem faced by researchers in social sciences is the selection/conceptualization of a suitable research topic, formulating the hypothesis and report writing. The major objective of this workshop will be to impart knowledge to the participants on the above mentioned aspects. In addition to that, the workshop will:

- i. Acquaint the researchers with different methods of research, both quantitative and qualitative;
- ii. Enable them to acquire sufficient knowledge on research methodology which will help them to think, articulate and write research reports/dissertations in a scholarly manner;

- iii. Familiarize them with different tools and approaches in research;
- iv. And make an effort towards capacity building of young researchers.

Most importantly, the workshop will encourage the participants to think critically and come out with research work which has practical significance and make meaningful contribution to the society.

This ICSSR sponsored workshop will give preference to newly registered research scholars as well to those who are in their data collection stage. Selected participants will have to submit the N.O.C at the time of registration.

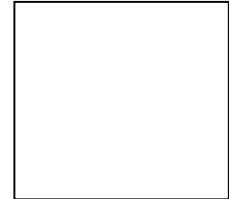
Guidelines for participants:

- Interested participants are requested to send a short note about their ongoing research along with the application form in this email address- bkri@kkhsou.in
- **Last date to apply: 20/09/2018**
- **Intimation of selection of participants: 25/09/2108**
- **Venue:** Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Patgaon, Rani, Guwahati-781017, Assam.
- **Website:** <http://www.kkhsou.in>



Application Form

(Fill up the following in block letters)



1. Name :
2. Date of birth :
3. Caste :
4. Gender :
5. Address :

6. Mobile no. :
7. Email :
8. Qualifications :

9. Title of research :

10. Institution to which you are affiliated :
11. Do you have any fellowship : Yes/ No
12. Have you participated any such courses
earlier : Yes/ No
If yes, provide details

Applicant's signature

Seal and signature of Head of the Department