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**“A National Level Ten Days Workshop on
Research Methodology and Quality Writing Skills for Social
Science Research”**

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Concept Note

The success of scholarly research in social sciences hinges on a deep understanding of advanced research methodologies. Especially researching on human behaviors and actions and their interactions with the society, state and environment needs to be addressed flawlessly as its interface among them is dynamic hence the impact would also be dynamic. Until the last couple of decades, there was a plethora of theory but a dearth of data to prove the facts, and this, therefore, called for a shift to a large-scale factual analysis. However, lack of adequate research skills among researchers in conducting the good quality research and analyzing the facts has resulted in poor outcome of the social science research. Also, there is a lack of skills among the social scientists to make use of modern technologies and software to collect and use empirical data. Only a small number of social scientists have made quality research by conducting scientific survey, collecting appropriate data, and using appropriate methodology and that resulted in various policy formulation across the country. Still the gap in conducting quality research with the application of scientific research methodology among the researchers exists. Although the advanced techniques and the latest developments in social science research is available now-a-days and its usage is also gradually increasing, the basic of the research methodology is fading away. All these show that there is a need of proper research methodology course to be conducted for the diverse group of the social scientists.

Additionally, quality of writing of the research outcomes are missing in the social science research currently. The publication houses, especially open access

publications, have increased with aim of publishing more scientific articles. On the other side, importance of requirement of peer-reviewed or high-ranked or Scopus/Impact factored articles have increased during the submission of PhD thesis in academia. Besides, due to the PhD thesis submission requirements, researchers tend to publish low quality articles in the predatory journals, and this affects their employability in the job markets. This resulted in increasing the demand for the good quality manuscripts for the high-level/ top-rated publications. Despite AI could replace the writing of the research outcomes, the good quality of critical writings can come through only human interface.

In the current scenario, the evidence-based policy making is prime focus in academia and policy circle. Hence this workshop will help to the researchers as evidence-based policy makers. Therefore, this proposed course is designed specifically for M.Phil, PhD scholars and postdoctoral fellows in social science, aiming to enhance their research capabilities and methodologies and good quality writing skills. It focuses on basics of research techniques with applications of the latest developments in research practices, ensuring participants are equipped to conduct impactful research and high-quality writings.

With this background, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, intends to conduct 10-days national level workshop on Research Methodology Course for social scientists to enhance the ability of researchers in understanding of tenets of research and data collection method, handling and processing the large-scale data and its analysis and disseminating the final outcomes.

Syllabus for the Coursework

First week

Day 1: Theme 1— Research Design

Day 2: Theme 2— Exploration of Various Research

Day 3: Theme 3— Applications of Statistics and Software in Social science Research

Day 4: Theme 4— Qualitative Research Analysis

Day 5: Theme 5— Quantitative Research in Social Science

Second-week

Day 6: Theme 6— The art of doing research

Day 7: Theme 7— The art of academic writing

Day 8: Theme 8— Ethics, plagiarism, and Citation Management

Day 9: Theme 9— The process of publication

Day 10: Theme 10— Paper Clinic

About the Workshop

1. The workshop has been designed for researchers involved in social science research, especially **M.Phil / PhD scholars** and **Post-Doctoral Fellows** from the Indian academia.
2. The preferences will be given to rural background and marginalized communities scholars.
3. The workshop will place its emphasis on basic research methodologies with the applications of software/statistical packages.
4. The workshop will address the design aspects of field level observation, including survey method.
5. The workshop enables the candidates to apply appropriate research methods to address real-world problems in social science.
6. The workshop also will cover basic mechanism behind the analysis of data like regression methods.
7. The participants are requested to come with their own laptops installed with SPSS/STATA/R.
8. Also, this workshop enables the candidates to develop their academic writing skills and to prepare the high-quality manuscripts for the various publications.
9. **Total number of participants projected for this workshop: 30**(10 within Bengaluru, 10 within the state and 10 outside the state)
10. No Registration fees.
11. No accommodation for the local participants only if they are from Bengaluru based academic institutes.
12. Participants should bring *Bonafide certificate* from their concerned academic institutes.
13. The participants will be provided with certificates upon the successful completion of the workshop.
14. **Last date to apply: 31st July 2024** & **Announcement of results: 3rd August 2024**
15. **Link to apply:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bZrZ2QRGLWCp58tpIbUUTyGhHjTB2Bj_2Qkuww301Ug/edit

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