



REFRESHER COURSE ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

(21st November to 12th December 2012)

Organized by UGC-Academic Staff College and Department of Economics,
Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur (C.G.) 495 009

Aims & Objectives:

A common challenge faced by almost all social science researchers is that of choosing an appropriate methodology for their research and evaluation. Social science research is characterised by a diversity of theoretical perspectives, substantive orientation, methodological strategies, data collection practices and analysis techniques. This has created a need to impart training on a continuing basis to college and university teachers and researchers so as to equip them with advanced methodological skills for addressing the contemporary issues of society.

The course is aimed at enhancing the knowledge and skills appertaining to the research methodology in social sciences and acquaints the participants with the latest techniques, trends and advancement in research methodology. This programme draws on the range of expertise available within the Institute, as well as related academic departments of other reputed institutes, in order to provide an advanced training in social research methodologies, combined with a focus on a number of special areas in social sciences. The objectives of the programme are outlined below.

Objectives:

- 1) To provide opportunity to facilitate the Social scientists/teachers for upgrading their knowledge and skills in learning advances in research methodology in social sciences, using ICT tools
- 2) To acquaint with the qualitative and quantitative techniques in data collection, analysis and processing
- 3) To familiarize the participants with computer applications – Statistical Packages for Social Science (SPSS) and Geographical Information System (GIS).

Modules of Course:

The course will be organized under three modules-

Module – 1 Philosophical issues in Research methodology of social science, identification and formulation of a research problem, review of related literature, searching through E-resources & library consultation, making hypothesis, research design, type of research design, research approaches.

Module – 2 Sampling techniques, method of data collection, primary, secondary and other data, designing of questionnaire and interview schedule, data acquisition through PRA, RRA & PLA, reliability and validity of measuring instrument, important parametric and non-parametric tests.

Module – 3 Analysis of data, computer application in data analysis, SPSS, MS Excel, GIS etc., interpretation of results, research findings and their application, report writing and presentation.

Training Methodology:

Interactive class room sessions with ICT interventions, thematic lectures and demonstrations, assignments, case studies, preparation & testing of questionnaire, interview schedule, group exercises, report writing and presentation.

About ASC and Department of Economics:

UGC-Academic Staff College (ASC) was established in the lush green campus of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (A Central University) in 2009. ASC is endowed with good infrastructure and dynamic staff, who are actively involved in capacity building through organisation of various kinds of training programmes. The ASC has a state of art ICT Laboratory equipped with high speed internet facilities. Excellent e-class room facilities further create an ambient environment for interactive learning and teaching. The facilities of Central Library of Vishwavidyalaya, equipped with more than 1 lakh books and journals, Science

Direct and INFLIB NET, have been extended to ASC, which make possible an easy access to books, journals and e-resources. ASC has been provided adequate logistic support of guest house, medical facilities and transport by Vishwavidyalaya. The ASC has developed strong linkages with reputed national and international institutes and invites eminent academicians and researchers as resource persons as per the needs of the training programmes. The highly motivated faculty, state of the art facilities and excellent logistics are the strengths of ASC and key to the successful organisation of many quality programmes.

The Department of Economics was established in GGV in 1989, aiming to produce the best economists and financial analysts for catering to the needs of the academic and corporate world. In this endeavour, quality teaching is the most important objective of the Department. The Department is actively engaged in research and developmental activities. Through primary survey & research, we have been providing inputs to policy makers, administrators and industrialists. Apart from Central Library, the department has its own enriched departmental library and is equipped with computer lab facilities. It is also worth mentioning that Department of Economics has organized a number of seminars, conferences & workshops on emerging issues, UGC Golden Jubilee National Seminar, First Annual Conference of Chhattisgarh Economic Association, three days National Workshop on Advanced Research Methodology and Computer Applications in Social Sciences and Workshop on the Women Entrepreneurship Programme, being notable among them.

The Department has young and highly motivated faculty members from reputed institutes across India. Trained faculty and facilities make possible the successful organization of programmes.

Eligibility and Application of Participants:

The university/college (recognized by UGC) teachers of social sciences viz., Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Psychology, Anthropology, Forensic Science, History, Geography, Education, Statistics, Social Work and related subjects with at least 1-2 years of experience are eligible to apply for the programme. The candidates need to apply through

proper channel in prescribed application format which can be downloaded from university web site: www.ggu.ac.in. A Demand draft (Any Nationalized bank) of Rs 500/- drawn in favour of Director ASC, GGV, (CG) is to be attached along with the application form. Applications without DD will not be considered. **The participants are paid TA & DA as per the norms of UGC.**

Important Dates:

1. Duly completed applications, through proper channel, should reach the Director, UGC-Academic Staff College, Guru Ghasidas University Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) 495 009 by **3rd November 2012**
2. Selected participants shall be intimated through Email/speed post by **10th November 2012**
3. Arrival of participants to ASC-GGV, Bilaspur by **20th November 2012**

Bilaspur city of Chhattisgarh is well connected by rail and roadways. Regarding any further queries related to the course and other details, please contact the coordinators.

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