





## Indian Council of Social Science Research

Sponsored

Ten Days Research Methodology Course for M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF Scholars in Social Sciences

11th to 21st March 2024



Organised by

A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies

North-West Gandhi Maidan Patna, 800001, Bihar

Dr. Aviral Pandey Co-Course Director Dr. Habibullah Ansari Course Director

# A. Title: Ten Days Research Methodology Course for M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF Scholars in Social Sciences

#### B. Organiser:

A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna, Bihar, India 800001

#### C. Duration:

11<sup>th</sup> March 2024(Monday) to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (Thursday)

#### D. Background:

The motto of the (Indian Council of Social Science Research) ICSSR's research methodology course (RMC) is to give an exposure to M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF Scholars in Social Sciences to the latest developments in their subjects and to enhance their general methodological and writing skills. Taking cue from this, A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies (ANSISS) is organising a Ten Days Research Methodology Course (RMC) for M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF Scholars in Social Sciences sponsored by the ICSSR.

#### E. Programme Content:

#### E.1. Goal

To enhance the quality of social science research and the academic profile of higher educational institutions in India.

#### E.2. Objectives

The main objective of the RMC is to provide training in social science research methodology to M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF Scholars belonging to social sciences. Participants from the Social Science discipline are expected to benefit from the RMC. By the end of the RMC, they are expected to get a sense of undertaking quality research and to write good research papers, books & project reports. More specifically the objectives of the proposed RMC are as follows:

 To enhance skills to develop a good research proposal: identification of central question, formulation of research questions/hypothesis, data collection.

- To familiarize the participants about the data sets for research.
- To familiarize the participants about the statistical and econometric techniques for handling quantitative/qualitative data.
- To provide an intensive introduction to data software (STATA/SPSS/Appropriate software) in managing data and performing basic statistical/econometric analysis.
- To familiarize participants about writing research papers/articles in reputed journals.

#### E.3. Overview of the Course Module

- 1. Methodological/Epistemological issues
   in social research: Origin of social
   science research, different types of
   research inquiry.
- 2. Research Paper/Project Proposal: Selection of topics for research, review of literature, hypothesis formulation, conceptual framework, type of research design.
- 3. Field Research: Tools and methods of field work, interviews, ethnographic fieldwork.
- 4. Designing a Primary Survey Based Research: Tools for designing primary survey based research, Sampling, Questionnaire Designing, Data collection methods, etc.
- 5. Analysis of Quantitative and Qualitative
  Data: Descriptive analysis, Correlation

analysis, econometric modeling.

- 6. Application of Computer Software: Use of
   SPSS/STATA/Excel.
- 7. Ethics in Research: Ethics in research, IPR, Plagiarism.
- **8. Academic** Writing: Types of academic writing, writing papers for journals and books, and publication process.

### E.4. Pedagogy

RMC's Pedagogic approach includes; a. Sessions by experts, b. mentoring by discipline experts, c. review of written project proposals/research papers by 'peers' (if any), d. presentation by participants and discussion thereof, hands-on training on selected aspects of data analysis.

Mentors will be assigned to the participants after third day of joining the RMC. Each participant will be connected to mentors. Each participant will be expected to respond to the comments offered by the mentors to improve the funding potential. Participants will be required to submit the research paper of a length of at least 3000 words by the end of the day 9. Each participant will be given 10 minutes for presentation. Participants will also appear in a test with multiple choice questions (MCQ). Medium of the delivery of all 'transactions' in RMC, including but not limited to lectures, presentations, comments, hands-on training, and communications will be normally in English and Hindi.

#### F. Application Related Information:

#### F.1. Eligibility

Under the RMC, the participants should be enrolled for M.Phil/Ph.D./PDF in a UGC recognized university/deemed university/colleges/institutes of national importance and ICSSR Research Institutes and their applications should be duly forwarded by the competent authority of the affiliating institution.

#### F.2. Number of Participants

The total number of participants will be around 30.

#### F.3. Selection Process

Interested candidates are invited to apply for the RMC using the prescribed application format. Please submit the completed application along with a one page write-up stating the reasons for your participation in the course and one publication (if applicable), either email ansiss.rmc2024@gmail.com via to and aviralpandey.ansiss@gmail.com or by post to A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Near Gandhi Sangrahalaya, North-West Gandhi Maidan, Pin code-800001, Bihar. Kindly mention 'Application for the RMC' in the subject line/on the envelope. The deadline for receiving applications is February 25, 2024. Please ensure that you have attached essential credential certificates to your application. Selection will be done on the basis of a. academic rigor, b. logical consistency, c. clarity on the application. An evaluation will be done by a panel of experts. Selected candidates will receive invitation letter latest by 01 March 2024.

#### F.4. Application fee and Procedures

There will no application fee for attending the programme. The shortlisted candidates will be notified on the date as per timeline.

#### **G.** Training Materials:

Each Participant will receive reading materials either in soft-form (in a pen drive) or print-form which will be prescribed by the resource persons of the ten day programme.

#### H. Logistic:

Outstation participants will be offered accommodation during the period of the RMC. The expenditure on boarding and lodging of these candidates will be borne by the host Institute. Limited travel supports (as per Institute's norms) will be extended to outstation participants. Participants are expected to carry laptop during the course of RMC. On successful completion of the programme, a certificate will be given to participants.

#### I. About the Institute:

Anugrah Narayan Sinha Institute of Social Studies (ANSISS) was established by the Government of Bihar, in the memory of Shri Anugrah Narayan Sinha, an ardent follower of Mahatma Gandhi since the days of the Champaran Satyagraha Movement, first Deputy Chief Ministercum-Finance Minister of Bihar and one of the architects of modern Bihar. The institute was inaugurated on the 31st of January, 1958, by Desh Ratna Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the First President of India. Later it was made a statutory autonomous body through legislation on the 8th of October, 1964 under the A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies Act 1964 by the Govt. of Bihar. The Institute is governed by the Board of Control and funded by the Department of Education, Government of Bihar and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) through the Ministry of Education, Government of India. The Institute is located in a sprawling campus situated on the southern bank of the river Ganga at a distance of 3 kms from Patna Railway Junction and in the North West end of the Gandhi Maidan on the Ashok Raj Path opposite the Divisional Commissioner's Office. Even though located in the heart of the city, it boasts of a picturesque location with quiet surroundings. At present, Shri Baidya Nath Yadav (IAS), Secretary, Department of Education, Government of Bihar is the Director-in-Charge of the Institute, and the Honorable Minister, Department of Education, Government of Bihar is the Chairman of the Board of Control of the institute.

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## **APPLICATION FORM**

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Gender-	attested Photo
Date of Birth-	
Category (Gen/BC/EBC/OBC/ SC/ST/other) -	
(Kindly enclose certificate, if required)	
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Are you a PDF Scholar in a UGC recognized university/deemed university/colleges/institutes of national importance and ICSSR Research Institute-	
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