



Capacity Building Programme

for Young Social Science Faculty Members

(Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi)

(06 DECEMBER TO 17 DECEMBER 2022)

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Social science research is a dynamic and ever changing domain. New studies and new publications bring along new facts and interpretations, make us aware about fresh ways of looking at research, and push us towards new approaches, perspectives and methods of making sense of social realities. These developments in the field of knowledge production make social science research a constantly evolving area rather than static one. However, teachers and researchers working in their specific domains often do not get an opportunity to update their research skills. Addressing these concerns, Centre for Social Studies, Surat (CSS) is organising a 12 days capacity building programme at CSS Surat Campus for young faculty members in social sciences across the country.

The course intends to cover philosophical and conceptual aspects of social science research, methodologies, techniques and skills required to undertake research, and necessary steps, cares and know-how regarding converting research into writings and publications.

This course aims at making its participants familiar with basic philosophical tenets of social sciences, the trajectories of shifts in methodologies in the last hundred years, some key interventions in Indian and global landscape of knowledge production in the field of social sciences and how to convert research into academic output (publication). We aim to bring together both the theoretical as well as pragmatic aspects of doing research in social sciences.

The core objective of the Capacity Building Programme is to promote and emphasize the advance level understanding of scientific tools and techniques among the faculty members and researchers for conducting high quality research.

Centre for Social Studies, Surat

The Centre for Social Studies is an autonomous social science research institute. With multi-disciplinary research as its core activity, CSS formulates ideas, undertakes empirical studies, theorizes and disseminates knowledge through training and publications in vernacular and English languages.

Founded by late Professor I.P. Desai in 1969, CSS receives financial support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR, Government of India) and the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Gujarat. Besides, CSS also mobilises funds from other government departments and institutions.

CSS has been imparting training to social science researcher and teachers since many years. Over a period of time, we have learnt that 'Capacity building' is a process that progresses knowledge, skills, understanding, systems and institutions of people within a given socio-cultural setup to achieve particular goals.

Capacity Building Programme

The programme aims to provide training to young faculty members and researchers towards their capacity building in doing social science research. To achieve these goals, the Course will address issues i.e.

- ❖ philosophical foundations of social science research
- ❖ key methodological shifts in research methods
- ❖ techniques of gathering information in the field
- ❖ skills related to interpretation and analysis of gathered information/data
- ❖ research tools and techniques for analysing the qualitative and quantitative data (like statistical techniques and tools).
- ❖ contemporary trends and techniques in doing social science research
- ❖ writing, presenting, and publishing research.

The Broad Overview of Course Modules

Twelve days programme will be divided into two parts. Part I will focus on foundations of social science research, selection and formulation of research problem, review of literature, conceptual framework, developing research proposal, and data collection. Part II will deal with applied aspects of gathering, processing and analysing qualitative and quantitative data, and address difficulties as well as challenges faced in publication of research. All the sessions will be interactive in which participants will have scope to discuss and dialogue with resource

persons. Participants will also be working on assignments and making presentations. Participants will also be exposed to field environment. For this purpose, they will be taken to a tribal village of the nearby South Gujarat region and will be given assignments concerning data collection and writing brief reports in a rural setting.

Following is a list of proposed themes and topics, we intend to cover in the twelve days (06 December to 17 December 2022) of the Capacity Building Programme.

1. Week one will deal with:

- **Meaning and aspects of research**
- Philosophical and Conceptual Dimensions of Social Science Research;
- Basic tenets of research; Relevance of Methodology in Social Science Research
- Key conceptual shifts in Social Science Research in recent decades
- Framing Research Problems/ Questions/ Objectives
- Review of literature
- How to develop a research proposal?
- Research Funding in Social Sciences: Opportunities and Challenges
- Ethics in Social Science Research
- Field work: Concept; access to field gaining access, presenting oneself, gathering information; how to write field note; Case Study method; Action Research (Meaning and application)
- Qualitative Research Methods: Research Techniques; In depth interview; Observation; focussed group discussion
- Quantitative Research Methods: Survey Method and Sampling, Introduction, Basic quantitative Analysis (Introduction; application; research tools and operational part), Non parametric test (chi square test); Types of data, units of measurement of variable, getting started with SPSS
- Field visit: Participants will be divided into five groups; each group will be consisted of five participants. They will be taken to tribal village of South Gujarat. They will be assigned five broad aspects of tribal Ashram Shala functioning on Gandhian principles or on other aspects of tribal society mutually decided with resource persons. Based on their field work each group will write and present their research findings. At least 3000 words write up will be expected from each group. Three resource person (faculty members from CSS) will accompany them and will act as facilitators.

2. The second Week will engage with

- Quantitative Research Methods: Bivariate correlation, partial correlation, Bivariate and multivariate regression analysis; ANOVA, Post Hoc Test and Contrast Analysis, Frequency distribution, descriptive statistics, cross tabulations, describing data through graph and chart; Comparing means (one way), t-test
- Working on health and society interface in tribal areas;
- Review of literature
- Writing social science research
- Qualitative research techniques including case studies, ethnography, and content analysis.
- Audio Visual research tools and their methodological challenges in digital era;
- Writing social science research: research report, monograph, journal paper, care in how to phrase title; writing abstract, and writing journal paper.
- Doing research on the urban society;
- Emerging themes of social science research in the global South;
- Challenges in Publishing social science research

Duration of the Course: 06 December to 17 December, 2022 (Twelve Full Workings Days).

Venue: Centre for Social Studies Campus, Surat

Participants

The course is open to all faculty members (lecturers and assistant professors) of social science disciplines working in research institutions, colleges, University departments and ICSSR Institutes. It would be mandatory for applicants to show evidence of his/her research aptitude. About **30 candidates** will be selected from across the country. The participants will be given free boarding and lodging. Sleeper-class train fare (to and fro) by the shortest route will be reimbursed to outstation participants. Besides faculty members of the Centre, resource persons will be invited from universities and other ICSSR institutes within and outside the state of Gujarat.

Guidelines for the Participants

- An applicant must be a faculty member (lecturer/assistant professor or working at an equivalent position in a recognized university/college/ institute in the Social Science.
- The filled-in application (format enclosed) along with the candidate's CV, an abstract of the research proposal in about 300 words, a copy of caste certificate (if any), and a certificate duly forwarded by his/her HOD/Principal/Head of the Institute should reach us (offline or online mode) latest **by October 10, 2022**.
- For further information or to download the application form, see our website: www.css.ac.in or write to us at: webinar@css.as.in
- Shortlisted candidates will be intimated by **October 20, 2022**.
- Certificate will be issued to participants after full attendance in the course.

Last date of Application: 10th October 2022.

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Revised Schedules:

- Capacity Building Programme: 6 December to 17 December 2022.
- Last date of receiving applications: 10 October 2022.
- The date of informing the selected candidates: 20 October 2022.
- Note: Those who have already sent their applications need not apply again.



APPLICATION FORM

Capacity Building Programme for Young Social Science Faculty (06 December to 17 December 2022)

1.	Name	:	
2.	Gender	:	
3.	Social Category (Put a tick mark) Attach certificate (if any)	:	SC/ ST/ OBC/General/ Minority Group
4.	Date of Birth	:	
5.	Institute/ University/ College	:	
6.	Educational Qualification (mention MA onwards only)	:	
7.	Discipline	:	
8.	Topic of Research (currently pursuing; clearly mention if this is different from your doctoral research or whether you continue working on your doctoral research)	:	
9.	A bio note (max 500 words in a separate sheet of paper): This must include a brief about your ongoing Research, abstract or synopsis key conceptual question, your method, and current stage/status of your research	:	

10.	Have you attended similar course earlier	:	Yes ()	No ()
10.1	If Yes, provide details	:		
11.	Mailing Address (both postal and email along with mobile no.)	:		
12.	Whether you need accommodation	:	Yes ()	No ()

Date:

Signature and Seal
Head of the Institution/
College

Date:

Signature of the
Applicant