



**Two Weeks Capacity Building Programme (CBP) titled,
“Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences and Social Work”
for Young Social Science Faculty**

**Sponsored by
ICSSR, New Delhi**

Organised by

**Department of Social Work
Assam University, Silchar**

**Date: 7 to 20th November
Venue: Assam University Silchar**

Concept Note:

In social sciences and social work there are broadly two approaches to research namely, quantitative approach and qualitative approach. The difference between the two approaches can be highlighted through – (i) Assumptions about nature of reality (Ontological Assumptions), (ii) Assumptions about possibility of knowledge (Epistemological Assumptions), (iii) The Logic of Inquiry, and (iv) Research methods. Quantitative research which finds its roots in French intellectual tradition is broadly based on theoretical assumptions grounded in ‘Positivism’. Qualitative research which finds its roots in the German intellectual tradition is broadly based on theoretical assumptions grounded in ‘Interpretivism’.

In quantitative research, it is assumed that the nature of social reality is objective and therefore it assumes that it is possible to objectively state social facts. In quantitative research, the researcher uses deductive logic to draw generalizations about social phenomenon under study. Consequently, the researcher uses structured methods such as surveys and experiments. Quantitative research is defined as the systematic investigation of phenomena by gathering quantifiable data and gathering statistical, mathematical or computational techniques.

The main aim of the course will be to enhance the research methodological and writing skills of young academicians and develop their potential as expert researchers in social sciences and social work disciplines with the following specific objectives.

Objectives

1. To highlight the differences between quantitative and qualitative research in social sciences and social work.
2. To discuss the different approaches to quantitative and qualitative research in social sciences and social work.
3. To understand the details of quantitative and qualitative research designing, data collection, data analysis and data interpretation procedures in social research, and software assisted analysis of quantitative and qualitative data.
4. To discuss the debates around quality and credibility of qualitative data and understand the importance of triangulation in social sciences and social work research.

5. To build data dissemination and writing skills in reporting research findings to the wider audience.

Eligible Participants:

A total of 20 (10 local and 10 outside) participants will be enrolled in the course on first come basis. The participants must be employed in a regular position in UGC recognized university/deemed university/colleges/institutes of national importance and ICSSR Research Institutes in North-East India. Only those applications will be accepted which are duly forwarded by the affiliating institution. An application form is enclosed here.

About Assam University:

Assam University came into existence through Assam (Central) University Act, 1989. It was established in 1994, since then the University is steadily becoming an excellent centre of learning. The University has sixteen Schools on major disciplines. There are 39 Departments under these Sixteen Schools and 6 interdisciplinary centers. There are two campuses of Assam University-the main campus at Silchar and the satellite campus at Diphu. Currently there are around 4500 students enrolled in the different post graduate and integrated courses and around 1500 research scholars in the M. Phil and Ph. D programs.

About the Department of Social Work:

The Department of Social Work started its journey in July 1997. The department runs Five Year Integrated Course in Social Work which leads to BSW (three years) and MSW (two years) Degrees. The course curriculum is designed as per the CBCS pattern prescribed by the UGC and offers the papers of special interest in the area of Family and Child Welfare, Rural Development, Tribal Development, Psychosocial Counselling, NGO Management, Micro Finance and Livelihood, Dynamics of Human behaviour etc. The Department also runs Ph.D. Programme, where the thrust of the current research endeavours in the areas like Healthcare, Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH), Sex Education, HIV/ AIDS, ICDS Services, Panchayati Raj, Non Governmental Organizations, Women in Unorganized Sector, Self Help Groups, Corporate Voluntarism, Water and Sanitation, Disaster Management, Psychosocial problems of Elderly, Cancer, Tuberculosis, etc. The department has initiated outreach activities in the nearby rural communities.

Important Dates

- Last date of Submission of Application Form: 27th September 2019
- Notification of Selection: 3rd October 2019
- Workshop Starts: 7th November, 2019
- Workshop Ends: 20th November 2019

Registration, Transportation & Accommodation

- There are no registration charges for this workshop
- All the selected outstation candidates will be provided AC 3 tier rail fare / State transport corporation bus fare by shortest route
- All the selected outstation candidates will be provided Free accommodation (6th November to 21st November 2019 -Morning)

Contact for Communication:

Applicants are requested to send the advance copy of the application (attached below) getting approval from the Institute /University after scan through mail to this Email id: icsusraus.cb2019@gmail.com and the hard copy by post. Last date of application is 27th September 2019

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Participant’s Application Form

		Paste Recent Passport Size Photo
1	Name	
2	Date of Birth	DD/MM/YY:
3	Gender	Male/Female/Other
4.	Social Category	General/SC/ST/OBC/Other:
4	Present Designation	
5	Institution/ University	
6	Department/Section	
7	Contact Address	
8	Email	
9	Mobile No	
10	Accommodation Required	Yes/ No :

Signature of the Applicant with Date:

Registrar/Director/ Institution Head
(with stamp)