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About the Institute

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About the Workshop

The renewed role of research techniques and methods, using innovative tools, techniques, and e-resources available in various libraries to promote information resources and improve the quality of research in the social sciences, is a prime concern in the present context. Presently, various tools and techniques are being applied in social science research for data visualisation, data analysis and managing information for different purposes in research. The workshop is aimed at equipping participants engaged in research with the knowledge to conduct their studies systematically, using various tools and techniques available for different purposes at different levels of research.



This workshop will make an effort to serve the purpose of providing effective information on e-resources and the use of various research tools available for retrieving relevant information, reviewing literature, analysing, referencing, and writing research reports, and plagiarism checks. Most of the research tools are Open-Source Software and are freely available to the wider network of social science research. The focus of the workshop will be on bibliometric analysis, content analysis, MS Excel, Smart PLS or N-Vivo and SPSS, computer and internet-based applications for research and the use of Open Source Software like Mendeley/Zotero, Data Visualisation Techniques, Overleaf/LATEX, Software for Plagiarism check like Turnitin, and other useful techniques for various purposes in research.

Applications are invited from young faculty members and research scholars in social sciences, humanities, librarians and information managers of universities, colleges and research institutions. The workshop is fully sponsored. Selected participants will be provided with free lodging and boarding, and out-station participants will be given modest shared accommodation in the MPISSR Guest House, Ujjain, on a shared basis. Travel for outstation participants (Sleeper Class rail fare for the shortest route only) will be reimbursed on the production of the ticket. Applications in the prescribed format should reach us on or before **December 24, 2025**. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for participation.

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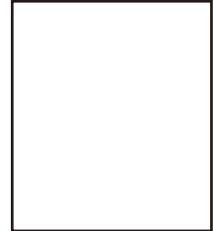
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Application Form



Name: _____

Gender (M/F) _____ Social Category (SC/ST/OBC/EWS/General) _____

Marital Status _____

Date of Birth: _____

Institute/University/College: _____

Position Held: _____

Educational Qualification: _____

Discipline: _____

Topic of Doctoral Research (Area of Research Interest): _____

Have you attended a similar course earlier: Yes () No ()

If yes, provide details: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Mobile No.: _____ E-mail: _____

Accommodation required: Yes () No ()

Signature of the Applicant

Forwarded by Head of Institution

This is to certify that the applicant will be relieved from his/her duty to attend the Workshop (19 to 23 January 2026).

Signature

Name: _____
(With Official Seal)