



Ten Days Research Methodology Course for Research Scholars in Social Sciences (1 to 10 December, 2026)



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About the Institute

The Madhya Pradesh Institute of Social Science Research, located in Ujjain, was founded in 1983 and serves as a leading research institution supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and the Ministry of Higher Education, Government of Madhya Pradesh.

MPISSR focuses on research, evaluation, monitoring, and training concerning the issues of social, economic, cultural, administrative, and civic dimensions. The core activities of MPISSR address challenges and issues pertinent to Madhya Pradesh and its neighbouring states. Recognising the significance and relevance of researchable areas, MPISSR has identified several thematic areas to guide its research endeavours: Studies in PanchayatRaj and Rural Development; Studies in Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes; Studies in Democracy and Electoral Behaviour; Studies in Social Justice and Human Rights; Studies in Education; Gender Studies; Studies in Environment; Studies in Information Technology and Society; Studies in New Economic Policy and Society, and Studies related to Corporate Social Responsibility.

MPISSR caters to the needs of policy planners, academia, government officials, legislators, non-governmental organisations, students, teachers, doctoral and post-doctoral scholars, other research institutions, and national and international organisations. The Institute, since its inception, has been carrying out systemic studies in the form of research projects on issues of topical importance. Most of these studies are commissioned/ sponsored by the various ministries/agencies of central and state governments, national and international organisations. Full academic freedom and high professional quality are the hallmarks of the Institute's research works and environment.

MPISSR strives to make a strong impact on society through the dissemination of the results of its research studies. Since its inception, the Institute has completed more than 200 studies on wide-ranging topics in the social sciences. These cover applied and policy-related studies on various economic, social, political, and administrative issues of Madhya Pradesh and adjoining states. The faculty members of the Institute have published about 40 books and also 250 articles in national-level refereed journals. Besides these, the faculty has been regularly contributing to leading newspapers to stimulate serious public debate and to create public opinion on many contemporary issues.

MPISSR has been publishing two biannual journals, one in English (Madhya Pradesh Journal of Social Sciences) (UGC-CARE Listed-Group-I) since 1995, and the other in Hindi (Madhya Pradesh Samajik Vigyan Anusandhan Journal) (UGC-CARE Listed-Group-I) since 2003. Both journals disseminate views, debates, research findings, and book reviews related to contemporary social science issues. MPISSR has been regularly organising several training and capacity-building programmes and workshops for research scholars and faculty members of social science disciplines related to research methodology. MPISSR has been organising seminars/conferences regularly on contemporary issues. The faculty members have been engaged in national and international seminars to disseminate the findings of their research work among the academic fraternity.

The Institute is overseen by a Governing Body, which serves as the highest decision-making and executive authority. This body comprises 17 members, including distinguished social scientists, representatives from ICSSR, and government officials from Madhya Pradesh. In addition to this, the Institute has a General Body and a Finance and Administration Committee. The academic initiatives are organised and monitored through the IQAC of the Institute.



About the Research Methodology Course

The pursuit of novel information, creative concepts, and cutting-edge methods is known as research. It poses and responds to queries. Curiosity or inquisitiveness is at the heart of this pursuit. A wide range of theoretical stances, substantive orientations, methodological approaches, data gathering procedures, and data analysis techniques are characteristics of social science research. In order to offer advanced methodological skills, it is now important to continuously offer them additional training and specialized courses of study.

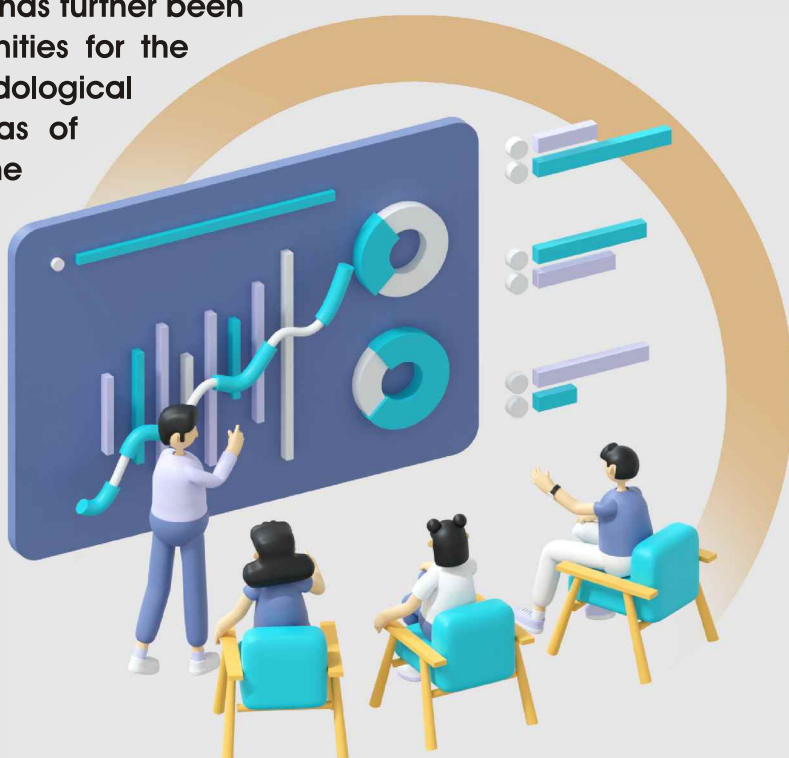
Social science research is multifaceted, diverse, and eclectic; its methods, objectives, and fundamental presumptions differ greatly. Well-crafted designs, which in turn supply the norms and guidelines of research practice, exhibit this diversity. Diversity in the parameters that direct research is reflected in diversity in the research itself. It refers to differences in the ontology and epistemology that form the basis of the technique, which in turn directs the investigation. Diverse techniques adhere to differing ontological and epistemological prescriptions in their theoretical frameworks; they result in distinct research designs.

In the time of change, it is explicitly desirable to overcome obsolescence and inertness of knowledge and ideas by subjecting them to careful revaluation. We are living in the times of unprecedented change and social complexity. Due to increasing socio-economic and political complexities unexpected problems and challenges are surfacing day by day. As a result, the social structure, human relationship and value system are greatly affected and strained. In order to enhance capability of individuals in this dizzying situation, conventional knowledge, skills, attitudes and values require new orientation.

Method is a good servant and a bad master of research. It is in fact a careful and intelligent way of organising and executing research to take the research study to its logical end. It is the orderly way of using them and the order is not something, which exists readymade in the researcher's hands or brain prior to an activity dealing with the problem. A method of research is always selected according to the nature of the problems to be studied. It has been observed that many researchers could not produce research works of high quality because they were either not in touch with the latest research tools and techniques or did not have proper orientation to use the research methods efficiently. The problem has further been

aggravated by lack of opportunities for the

social scientists to refine their methodological skills and to get insight in fresh areas of research in their respective fields. On the other hand, the rapid advancement of knowledge in all disciplines of social sciences has made research an activity of solving problems that adds new dimensions and generalisations on the basis of gathered empirical evidences. Keeping all this in view, the M.P. Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain is organising a ten days Research Methodology Course for Research Scholars in Social Sciences with the financial support from Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.



Course Content

- Introduction to Social Research, Philosophy and Generic Terminology (Ontology-Epistemology-Methodology-Methods)
- Indian Knowledge System and Social Science Research
- Fundamentals of Social Research (Theory-Theoretical Frame Work-Conceptual Frame Works-Concepts and Measurable Variables)
- Quantitative Research Methods (Methods and their Nuances-Social Survey)
- Qualitative Research Methods (Methods and their Nuances- Ethnography, Case Study, Content Analysis, Focus Group Discussion, Observation, Scaling)
- Methodological and Measurement Issues in Social Science Research
- Formulation of Problem in Social Research
- Developing Research Proposal
- Sampling Method: Universe, Nature & Types of Sampling
- Hypothesis Concept & Types of Hypotheses, Formulation of Hypothesis, Testing of Hypothesis
- Designing and Formulation of Questionnaire and Interview Schedules
- Online Data Searching and Use of Internet
- Participatory Learning Methods
- Triangulation and Hybrid Methods
- Descriptive Statistics
- Inferential Statistics
- Analysis of Variance
- Use of SPSS in Data Analysis
- Interpretation of Results and Presentation of Data
- Language of Research
- Ethics in Social Science Research
- Report Writing and Presentation of Research findings
- Application of Research Findings

Participants

Ph.D./PDF Scholars in Social Science disciplines may apply for the course. Applicants for the course can apply through post or e-mail by duly forwarded a hard copy/ scanned application form. Applications are invited on or before **November 16, 2026 (Monday, 5 PM)**. Only short-listed candidates will be informed through e-mail about participation in the course. Modest lodging and boarding will be arranged by the Institute only for the participants for the course period. Travel (Sleeper Class Railway Fare) will be reimbursed to outstation participants for attending this course.

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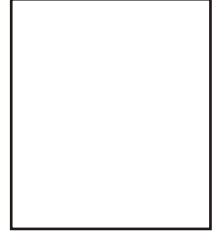


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Application Form



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): _____

Status of Research Work: (i) Course Work (ii) Preparing Synopsis (iii) Reviewing Literature (iv) Preparing Tool (v) Collecting Data (vi) Analysing Data (vii) Writing Report (viii) Thesis Submitted

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 Ten Days Research Methodology Course for Research Scholars in Social Sciences (December 01 to 10, 2026).

Signature

Name: _____

(With Official Seal)

(Please Attach a Brief CV)