

A report on the short term course on Research Methodology in Social Sciences at R.A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics on behalf of UGC Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mumbai.

Day 1

The short term course was conducted from March 14,2016 to March 19,2016. The course began with the inaugural function at 9.30a.m. at the hands of Dr. PrabhakaranPatil, General Manager SEBI Research and Development. He spoke about the relevance of research in finance and industry today. This was followed by a session by Dr. AnuradhaSovanion issues and challenges in research with specific focus on social sciences. Dr. Sovani spoke about the use of experimental design by the researchers. The post lunch session were conducted by Dr. Sudha Mohan who discussed in detail how to formulate a research proposal. She gave instances of practical difficulty with reference to the same.

Day 2

The first session was conducted by Dr. Madhu Nair who spoke on the importance of literature review and all his aspects. The next session was on the applications of secondary data in research Dr. Vasudevlyer spoke on the challenges involved in the collection and interpretation of secondary data. The post lunch sessions were conducted by Principal Dr. ShobanaVasudevan who discussed with live examples on the building of the questionnaire and the rigours involved in.

Day 3

The morning session was conducted by Dr. Anil Sutar from TISS. He discussed at length the applications of statistical tools like sampling and reliability in interpreting results. The post lunch session were conducted by Dr. MadhukarDalvi with hands on experienced on the use of various software packages in social science research.

Day 4

The morning session were conducted by Dr. ParagMahulikar who spoke on identifying and use of appropriate statistical tools in social science research. The post lunch session the participants were given library time in the college premises itself to prepare their research proposal.

Day 5

The research proposal prepared by the participants were assessed and evaluated by Dr. L. M. Dani. Each participants were given seven minutes for the presentation for their research proposal by power point presentation. Dr. Dani gave his valuable inputs to each of the participants. Post lunch session the participants continue to make presentation of their research proposal. Principal Dr. K. Y. Shinde assess and evaluate the proposal.

Day 6

The morning session was conducted by Dr. Siddharth K. who explain to the participants the process of the impact factor and 'h' factor of their research papers. Dr. ShobanaVasudevan engaged the review session with all the participants wherein the participants discussed with her what they have gain, learn and the new perspectives to the research. It was healthy discussion where Dr. ShobanaVasudevan guided the participants how they can use their knowledge in enhancing the research. The post lunch session was conducted by Dr. M. R. Kurup . He informed the participants of the various funding agencies and social sciences. The valedictory session was chaired by Joint Director of Higher Education, Dr. ShailendraDeolankar . Dr. Deolankar addressed the participants on the challenges that globalization had on educational sector. He further emphasise on students centric educational tools to be adopted by the teachers. He also emphasise on the participation of students to be encourage in research activities. The session ended with the participants receiving certificates at the hands of Dr. ShailendraDeolankar.

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Principal & Course Co-ordinator