



**ICSSR SPONSORED
TEN DAYS RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE
IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PHILOSOPHY AND
WITH ADVENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:
STRATEGY, PLANNING AND CONTENT**
Organized by School of Buddhist Studies & Civilization
Gautam Buddha University



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Venue: International Convention Centre, GBU.



Date: 9th to 18th March, 2026



Time: 10AM to 5PM

Registration Form



Registration Link QR





Concept Note on

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Introduction: A Ten-day workshop on research methodology in Social Sciences and Philosophy integrated with the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in research, equips participants with cutting-edge tools for rigorous inquiry. This proposal outlines a structured program blending qualitative, quantitative, and AI-enhanced methods to foster innovative social science research. Participants, such as doctoral scholars and early-career researchers, gain hands-on skills for ethical, data-driven analysis.

IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL CHOICE OF TOPIC:

Choosing the right topic for research is an integral part of research. The right topic is one which suits (1) the taste and training of the student, (2) the purpose of research, and (3) the product intended. Random and haphazard decision on a topic may lead to unforeseen difficulties. Careful and systematic selection on a topic will contribute to successful completion. The time spent on choosing a topic should not be regarded as wasted.

The prospective research worker may not be able to formulate his topic in precise academic terms – in this he will, in most cases, require the help of a research supervisor. But he must at least be able to identify and express a suitable area and problem – suitable to himself, suitable for research, and suitable for the product. In fact, to come out with a suggestion of this kind is itself a test of the student's temperament for research. After all, research follows a good deal of basic training in the branch of knowledge, and this basic training wisely exploited should be able to throw up openings for research. Research is largely a matter of personal initiative. A candidate, who is entirely dependent on the research supervisor for a selection of topic in the first instance does not hold promise of research.

About the Research Methodology Training Programme:

Capacity-building on an individual level requires the development of conditions that allow participants to build and enhance existing knowledge and skills. It also calls for the establishment of conditions that allow individuals to engage in the “process of learning and adapting to change.” Research is a simultaneous process of thinking, studying, analyzing, and writing. Social science research is characterized by diversity of theoretical perspectives, methodological strategies, data collection practices,

and analysis techniques. This has made it always necessary to provide training and orientation on a continuing basis to young Research Scholars to equip them with methodological skills.

In India, most Ph.D. scholars face difficulty finalizing their Ph.D. thesis and presenting their research in a presentable form. Though the newly initiated pre-Ph.D. Coursework by UGC has provided orientation to Ph.D. scholars. The research scholars are always in a dilemma about how to write different components of Ph.D. work, i.e., synopsis, thesis, summary, and research articles, which are mandatory for completion of a Ph.D. work. Therefore, any researcher must be well-equipped and have control over the research methodology and techniques.

The School of Buddhist Studies & Civilization is organizing a Ten-Day Research Methodology Course for Research Scholars in the social sciences from 09th to 18th, March, 2026. This Research Methodology Course is sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi. The Course will include various aspects of research methodology and techniques used in the field of social sciences.

Objectives of the Training Programme:

- The aim of the course is to improve the methodological and writing skills of the Research scholars and develop their potential as future academicians/social science researchers.
- The main objective of the workshop is to provide the research scholars with a set of skills and potential to commence the research in the field of Social Sciences very effectively, so that the students can give the output of their research in a high-quality published work.
- The other important objective is to educate the participants on the use of statistical techniques in data analysis in the field of social sciences and to provide practical/hands-on experience for their Ph.D. research work, with an introduction to basic software knowledge for data Analysis.

Brief Summary of Course content:

The course will be conducted in both lecture and interactive modes. In addition to the interactive classroom lectures, the participants will also be introduced to how to use the software like SPSS and STATA for data analysis. The contents of the course are:- (1) Meaning, Objectives & Types of Research, Research Approaches, Problem identification and formulations of Research Question; (2) Research Design, Selection of research topic, Review of Literature; (3) Concept and history of fieldwork, Stages of fieldwork – selecting a research setting, gaining access, (4) Observation and Case Study, Concept and types of interview, Survey Method and Sampling, Basic Quantitative Analysis, (5) Qualitative and Quantitative Research, Ethics in Social Science Research, (6) Academic Writing, Papers for Journals, Preparation of Reports. (7) Ethics in Academic Writing, Methods for Avoiding Plagiarism, (8) Structure

of Paper, Report, and Book, Elements of writing, e-library training (9) Research Proposal, writing a research proposal, field visit & data collection; (10) Analysis of data using SPSS and STATA software.

Resource Persons:

The resource persons from different parts of the country representing the leading Institutions/Universities will deliver the expertise in the workshop.

Eligibility Criteria:

All registered Research Scholars in Social Science disciplines from the UGC recognized university/deemed university/colleges/institutes of national importance and ICSSR research institutes Candidate will be selected on the basis of (1) the strength of their research proposal (1000) words in English), (2) stage of research (pre-data collection/fieldwork phase), and (3) first-time applicants for Research Methodology/similar workshops.

Intake:

The maximum intake for the Course shall be 30 seats (20 for outstation and 10 for local). Those who have attended any such program sponsored by either the UGC or ICSSR should not apply. The selection committee will select the participants for the Course based on the stage/phase of their research work. The aspects like representation of different Social Science Disciplines, Social Background, Gender, etc., shall also be taken into consideration while selecting the Candidates. Notification for selected candidates will be communicated through the registered email. Attendance for all the sessions is mandatory; otherwise, the certificate shall not be issued.

How to apply:

Interested candidates can apply to the Course Director with a duly filled registration form on or before 4th March 2026. Registration form is enclosed with this notification. Registration form and brochure can also be downloaded from the University website www.gbu.ac.in. The candidates are required to fill the Google form through the link- (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVSk0r-4LAYpkFz4mDh-KBphTtwqc0NjhBH51go39uojADUA/viewform?usp=dialog>) with a filled registration form duly forwarded by the supervisor and Head of the Department/Institution.

Registration Fee, Travel Allowances and Accommodation:

There is no registration fee for this Ten Days Research Methodology Course. Boarding and lodging is free. Free food and refreshments for all participants shall be provided. Accommodation will be provided to the outstation participants only. Travelling Allowance would be payable to the selected-out station participants only for second-class/ sleeper class/regular bus fare subject to a maximum of

Rs.1000/- per participant as per ICSSR rules. The participants, to claim TA should present original tickets. No local conveyance would be reimbursed.

Duration of the course, important dates & venue:

- Last date for the receipt of the application form: 4th March, 2026
- Selection to be communicated: 5th March, 2026
- Confirmation to be communicated: 5th March, 2026
- Workshop/Course Dates: 09th to 18th March, 2026
- Venue: International Convention Centre, Gautam Buddha University

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1. Name (In Capital Letters): _____
2. Date of Birth: _____
3. Educational Qualifications: _____
4. Gender (Male / Female): _____
5. Social Category (General / SC / ST / OBC / PHs / Minorities): . _____
6. Marital Status: Married / Unmarried: . _____
7. Pursuing Ph.D. in the subject of _____
8. Date of Ph.D. Registration: _____
9. Topic of Research: _____

10. Area of Specialization: _____
11. Present Status of Research work (Preparing Synopsis/Reviewing Literature? Preparing Tool/
Colleting Data/ Analyzing Data/ Writing Thesis/ any other: _____
12. Department: _____
13. Name of the Institution and / or University (Ph.D. Enrolled): _____
14. Mailing Address: _____
Mobile No. _____
Email _____
15. How many Research Methodology Programmes have you attended so far? _____

I am hereby submitting my registration form along with photograph and duly forwarded by Head/Dean/Department/Faculty.

Date: _____ Place: _____

(Signature of applicant)

Recommended By: _____

Supervisor: _____

Head/Dean _____

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