



Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota

वर्धमान महावीर खुला विश्वविद्यालय, कोटा



Two-Weeks
Capacity Building Programme for Social Science Faculty Members
(Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi)
(December 04-16, 2023)

On

“Recent Trends in Qualitative Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences”

STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY

The university is a state university established in 1987 with the principal aim of dissemination of higher education through Open and Distance Learning (ODL). It is one of the pioneering universities in India offering accessible and affordable higher education based on ODL. Its jurisdiction extends to the whole of Rajasthan and many aspirants from neighbouring states seek admissions every year in the university. Over the years the university has built up its reputation which has been enhanced by the very recent award of ‘A Grade’ by NAAC in its very first cycle of assessment & accreditation. Apart from Ph.D. programme, it offers diverse undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma, and certificate programmes.

KOTA

Kota, renown as the "Education City" of India, is one of the prominent cities of Rajasthan. Nestled along the serene banks of the Chambal River, Kota boasts of a rich cultural heritage and a thriving educational ecosystem. The city's vibrant markets exhibit diverse traditional handicrafts, notably the exquisite Kota Doria sarees, celebrated for their fine craftsmanship and intricate designs.

Kota is also acclaimed for its innovative development, particularly the Chambal Riverfront, India's first heritage riverfront project. This ambitious initiative has created 26 Ghats on both sides of the riverfront, providing a

picturesque setting for locals and visitors alike. A unique attraction is the Oxygen Park, often called the 'Natural Oxygen Factory,' enhancing the city's aesthetic charm and serving as a tranquil retreat amidst lush foliage and oxygen-rich air. Kota's blend of cultural heritage, educational prominence, and modern developments makes it a distinctive and dynamic city in the heart of Rajasthan where tradition and innovation harmoniously coexist.

ABOUT CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

The Capacity Building Programme is titled "Recent Trends in Qualitative Research in Social and Behavioral Sciences". It is a two-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) organized by Vardhman Mahaveer Open University and sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi (ICSSR). This FDP, equivalent to a Refresher Course, aims to empower faculty members in social and behavioral sciences to pursue research in their area of interest. Social science research, as we all know, is very dynamic and constantly reshaping our understanding of the world with new facts, interpretations and approaches. In it, the methodology of research plays a crucial role in building a repository of systematic knowledge which can be used for the benefit of the society at large. Research Methodology itself is a sort of a guiding manual or training for social and behavioral scientists to conduct research using appropriate tools and processes to navigate the complex social landscape and arrive at logical and verifiable conclusions. This FDP will focus on the recent discourses on the philosophical foundations, skillful use of research methodologies and art of transformation of findings into academic publications. In short, this FDP aims at updating knowledge of the participants on quality research, skilling them to carryout scientific research and effectively communicating the research work to the academic fraternity and policy makers.

Key topics: -

- Principles of qualitative research.
- Systematic steps in the research process.
- Reviewing existing literature and citation.
- Gender-related issues in the context of research.
- Utilizing qualitative data sampling methods
- Interpreting data through graphs and maps.
- Necessity, importance, and scope of research.
- Different paradigms and research types.
- Ordinary Least Squares (OLS).
- Use of SPSS
- Ethical standards in academic writing.
- Qualitative response data Analysis
- Principles Component and Discriminant analysis.
- Using ICT tools in Research
- Analysing of case studies.
- Preparing research for book publications.
- Right journals for publishing research.
- Electronic resources for research.
- Plagiarism
- LaTeX document preparation system.
- Writing and publishing research papers.
- Identifying gaps and areas of research.
- Conducting qualitative research
- Sampling and hypothesis testing.
- Recent research trends.
- Terminology in statistical testing.
- Multivariate analysis methods.
- Conjoint analysis for research.
- Research proposals and applying for grants.
- Ethical concerns in research.
- Sampling techniques in research.
- Parametric Tests

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS

Eligibility: The program is open to faculty members (lecturers and assistant professors) in social science and behavioral science disciplines from research institutions, colleges, and university departments.

Selection: Approximately 30 candidates from across the country will be selected. Participants will receive free boarding and lodging, and train fare (sleeper class) reimbursement for outstation participants.

Application Deadline: Interested candidates should submit their CV and application via their respective HOD, Principal, or Head of the Institute by November 24, 2023, via email at skulshrestha@vmou.ac.in. Furthermore, they must complete a Google Form to provide essential preliminary information.

For More Information and Application:

Visit our website at <https://www.vmou.ac.in>

Shortlisted candidates will be notified by November 25, 2023, and certificates will be issued upon full course attendance.

Email at: skulshrestha@vmou.ac.in, **Mobile:**9460804264

Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/91bSsLoc5TLR74Pc6>

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APPLICATION FORM

1.	Name	
2.	Gender	
3.	Social Category (Put a tick mark)	SC/ ST/ OBC/General/ EWS/Minority Group/PwBD
4.	Year of Birth	
5.	Institute Name	
6.	Educational Qualification (Highest)	
7.	Discipline	
8.	Area of interest in Research	
9.	Have you attended any ICSSR sponsored course earlier	Yes/No
10.	If yes, provide details (Topic, Institute and Duration)	
11.	Address	
12.	Email	
13.	Mobile	
14.	Whether you need accommodation	Yes/No

Date: Signature of the Applicant

Signature and Seal
Head/Principal/Registrar/Director