

ICSSR Sponsored

Two-Week Capacity Building Program (CBP) for social science faculty members belonging to the disadvantaged sections (Online Mode)

(5th May – 19th May 2021)

Focus-area of the Workshop: Research Methodology and Publication

In the present-day globalized world, capacity building and its enhancement has become the key for survival especially in the academics where developments have become more dynamic than hitherto. This is equally true for those who chose to be a social scientist in the wake of multi-pronged approach being followed towards assessment of the faculty members apart from their invaluable contribution to the academics in the form of teaching and learning. There have been several developments in the field of social sciences and largely disciplines of social sciences have become closely associated with the advancement in their research. Research in this way has gained importance for the faculty members in social sciences such that professional growth is almost unthinkable when it's devoid of research activities. Acknowledgement of this aspect in the new national education policy, 2020 has enhanced the value of research in social sciences. Apart from this, there are other crucial aspects of the research where it acts as a capital for remunerative as well as professional gains in the academics in the form of undertaking minor/major projects, publishing research articles/books/chapters/monographs, blending regular lectures with research aptitude for the benefit of the pupils, receiving academic appreciation in the form of supervision of thesis, promotions, etc. Simultaneously, the enhancement in potential of the faculty members add prestige to the institutions they are affiliated with which will act as a pull factor in drawing demand in the given competitive face of the liberalised higher education apart from the improvised global institutional ranking. Given the fact that capacity building program is crucial for the real contribution in academics, it has become desirable to make this also an exercise to strengthen our affirmative action policies in the system of higher education by organising such training with a priority to those belonging to the disadvantaged sections such as scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward classes, women, and minorities. Amid the present situation of pandemic, the training program shall be organised in virtual/online mode which will provide a conducive environment to the learners as well as resource persons to become part of this academic exercise without compromising safety measures that may arise in travelling apart from economising the entire exercise. In order to be a truly gainful program, assignments shall be shared to the participants that may strengthen the process to check their progress on learning. Also, at the end of the program each participant shall develop and contribute a paper on select themes which shall be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal.

Objectives:

The rationale of organising the workshop is to strengthen our academics by capacity building of the faculty members belonging to the disadvantaged sections and are working in social sciences

discipline at different academic institutions of higher education located in the country. In the wake of limited time of twelve working days, the proposed capacity building program is devised to orient faculty members towards specific objectives:

- 1) To hone research aptitude by erudite lectures on themes related to social research.
- 2) To deliver information about developing research proposal for conducting projects.
- 3) To develop comprehension on doing qualitative research.
- 4) To equip participants with the knowledge of using SPSS for conducting social research.
- 5) To impart writing skills with a focus on publication in peer-reviewed journals, books, etc.
- 6) To develop an article on the select themes for publication in peer-reviewed journal.

Themes for the capacity building program:

With an aim to achieve the above-mentioned objectives, the proposed capacity building program would be focusing on the following broad themes:

- a) Research Methodology with a focus on ontology, epistemology, and methodology of doing social research.
- b) Preparation of research tools and choice of appropriate method to undertake qualitative studies.
- c) Utilisation of statistical package for social sciences (SPSS) to deal with the quantitative information or undertaking quantitative social research.
- d) Writing research proposals for procuring minor/major projects from different funding organizations involved in promoting social research.
- e) Ethics and strategies to develop research article for the peer-reviewed journals in social sciences.

Who Should Participate?

The objectives of the workshop highlight and intend to enhance the professional (research as well as publication) skills among the young faculty members (belonging to the disadvantaged sections) of varied disciplines of social sciences. Therefore, all the young faculty members from the disadvantaged section employed (regular/ad hoc/contractual) in any Indian educational institute/university should feel encouraged to apply before 26th April 2021. The maximum intake of participants for the capacity building program shall be 30 including 20 outstation faculty members. It is our humble request to those who have attended any capacity building program sponsored by ICSSR to refrain themselves from applying. It is important to mention that this capacity building program shall be organized through virtual medium (Google Meet) and therefore, the participant should be aware about the usage of online platform and willing to participate (interaction, submission of feedback, assignments, etc.) through the same.

Application Fee and Procedure:

There is no application fee for the course, and thus all the eligible and interested faculty members may apply through scanned copy of filled application form and a brief write up (motive of attending the program) before 26th April 2021, 05:00 pm. The shortlisted candidates will be notified on 29th April 2021.

About the Hosting Institution:

Tezpur University is one of the prestigious institutes of the country with NAAC A grade rating, and is located in cultural city of Tezpur, Assam.

This two-week capacity building program for social science faculty members belonging to the disadvantaged sections is organized by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University, Assam in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi. Dr. Ambedkar Chair is a newly established chair in Tezpur University and is primarily involved in furthering ideas and philosophy of Dr. Ambedkar through different mechanism. This chair is closely associated with Department of Sociology and is functional along with all other departments in the School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Tezpur University, Assam.

Important Dates:

Last date for Applying: 26th April 2021 (05:00 p.m.)

Date of Notification for the selected Candidates via email: 29th April 2021

Date of Commencement of the Two-Week CBP (online): 5th May 2021

For application kindly enclose (scanned) copy of:

- a. Filled application form
- b. Category certificate
- c. Motive of attending the CBP (in about 250 words)

Kindly email your application (with necessary enclosures) to ambedkarchairtu@gmail.com

Whom to Contact for any information/clarification?

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Application Form

- 1) Name (in block letters):
- 2) Category (SC/ST/OBC/Minority/General/PH) (Please attach scanned copy of the certificate):
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- 3) Gender (Male/Female/Third Gender):
- 4) Name of the highest earned degree (along with the Discipline):
- 5) Designation:
- 6) Department:
- 7) Name of the Institute/University:
- 8) Date of present employment:
- 9) Teaching experience (in years):
- 10) Nature of the employment (Regular/Ad hoc/ Contractual):
- 11) Email ID:
- 12) Mobile:
- 13) Address for Communication:
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- 14) Did you attend any Capacity Building Program sponsored by ICSSR? If Yes, give details:
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Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Applicant)

Forwarded/Recommended by the HOD/HOI: