

SEMESTER 4
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL RESEARCH

Course: 75 hours

Objectives:

1. To familiarise students with Sociological research
2. To equip learners with skills to participate in the process of social research
3. To expose students to the various stages of research.

CHAPTER-1: Introduction (15 hours)

Social research – Meaning – Stages and Types – Scope and Importance

CHAPTER -2: Research designs (15 hours)

Meaning- Steps in formulating a Design –Types

CHAPTER-3: Hypothesis (5 hours)

Meaning of Hypothesis-Types – Characteristics of Hypothesis

CHAPTER-4: Sampling (5 hours)

Meaning- Nature –Scope- Representativeness- Types of Sampling, Survey, pilot study and census.

CHAPTER-5: Techniques of Data collection (20 hours)

Secondary sources of data.

1. use of library
2. E-resources
3. Journals
4. Newspapers and magazines
5. Government records
6. Other documents – letters, paintings, photos etc.

Primary sources of data

- a) Observation
- b) Interview
- c) Questionnaire
- d) Schedule
- e) Case study
- f) Ethnographic study

CHAPTER 6:- Research Report- (15 hours)

Analysis of collected data

Interpretation of data

Steps involved-Characteristics- Criteria- Steps in following Research, Bibliography.

Report writing assignment as self-study

BOOKS

- 1) William .J. Goode-Methods in Social Research
- 2) Paul.K& Hatt _ Mc Grow Hill book Company .Inc. New York(1952)
- 3) Wilikinson T.S. & Bhandarkar P.L. - Methodology and Techniques of Social Research, Himalaya publishing House, Bombay (1977)
- 4) Sir Claus Moser – Survey Methods in Social Investigation
Graham Kalton – The English Language Book Society London (1979)

- 5) Kothari C.R- Research Methodology, (Methods& Technique), Wiley estern Ltd. New Delhi (1985)
- 6) B.N.Ghosh- Scientific Method and Social Research, Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi (1992)
- 7) Introduction to sociology - Shankar Rao