

**DOCTORATE OF PHILOSOPHY**

**SYLLABUS**

**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (PHD18001)**



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**PHD18001 - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY*****Unit-I: Research Preparation and Planning*****12 hours**

Objectives of research – Understanding research and its goals. Critical thinking. Techniques for generating research topics. Topic selection and justification. Techniques involved in designing a questionnaire – Methods of scientific enquiry – formulation of hypotheses and testing of the same – Development of a research proposal – Theoretical and Experimental Processes.

***Unit-II: Review of Literature and Research Resources*****12 hours**

Sources of information. Literature search. World Wide Web, Online data bases – search tools. Citation indices - Principles underlying impact factor – literature review – Case studies, review articles – record of research review -- Role of the librarian. Ethical and Moral Issues in Research, Plagiarism, tools to avoid plagiarism – Intellectual Property Rights – Copy right laws – Patent rights.

***Unit- III: Research Strategies/Design*****8 hours**

Quantitative Research Design: Descriptive, Cross sectional, Analytical, Case Control and experimental.

Qualitative Research Design: Research Strategies - Case Studies Experiments – Ethnography- Phenomenology - Ground Theory (GT) Action Research - Mixed-Methods – Longitudinal

***Unit-IV: Data Collection, Analysis and Inference*****16 hours**

Sample size determination & sampling techniques/strategies, Research tool preparation – Piloting, pre testing validity reliability. Basic Statistical Distributions and their applications. Descriptive analysis – Frequency, Crosstabs, Measures of Central Tendency, Dispersion, Skewness, Kurtosis. Inferential Analysis – Parametric and Non Parametric tests. Correlation and Regression Analysis-Time series analysis: Forecasting methods. Factor analysis, Cluster Analysis and Discriminant Analysis (Basic ideas only). Principles of Experimentation, Basic Experimental Designs: Completely Randomized Design Randomized Block Design and Latin Square Design. Factorial Designs:  $2^2$ ,  $2^3$  and  $2^4$  – Accuracy, Precision and error analysis.

***Unit-V: Academic Writing & Presentation*****12 hours**

Proposal submission for funding agencies, Elements of Style. Organization of proposals, Basic knowledge of funding agencies, Research report writing, Communication skills, Tailoring the presentation to the target audience – Oral presentations, Poster preparations, Submission of research articles for Publication to Reputed journals, Thesis writing, and Research report writing,

Referencing styles. Elements of excellent presentation: Preparation, Visual and Delivery. Oral Communication skills and Oral defense.

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