

# SYLLABUS

## Certificate Course in Social Survey Methods and Techniques

### Objectives:

1. It is of pedagogical importance as it helps the students to acquire the first hand experience about the geography of a particular place.
2. It also helps the students to learn the various techniques of data collection from the field and to understand any pre-defined problem in proper perspective.

### Marks and Evaluation:

Total Marks: 100

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs): 50 (Each question carries 2 marks)

### Module

**Unit I** : Meaning of Social Surveying ; Need and importance of field work in socio-geographical studies

**Unit II** : Concept of case study and its identification in varying socio- geographical contexts

**Unit III** : Tools and Techniques of Data Collection: Questionnaire Survey, Participatory Rural Appraisal Techniques, Participant Observation, Focus Group Discussions etc.

**Unit IV** : Preparation of a report on socio-economic condition of a nearby village and Seminar Presentation

(Duration- 10 minutes per participant, which is to be monitored and evaluated by the concerned experts)

### Course Outcomes:

- This course will help students to proceed with a research problem and the steps he/she should adopt and tools to be used for doing quality research
- The students shall get a chance to observe ground reality directly and minutely
- It will help to develop understanding about designing and writing a research report

### Suggested Readings:

- 1) Creswell J., 1994: *Research Design: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches* Sage Publications.
- 2) Dikshit, R.D. 2003. *The Art and Science of Geography: Integrated Readings*. Prentice - Hall of India, New Delhi.
- 3) Mukherjee, Neela 1993. *Participatory Rural Appraisal: Methodology and Application*. Concept Publs. Co., New Delhi.
- 4) Special Issue on “ Doing Fieldwork” *The Geographical Review* 91:1-2 (2001)
- 5) Stoddard R.H., 1982: *Field Techniques and Research Methods in Geography*, Kendall/Hunt.
- 6) Wolcott, H. 1995 . *The Art of Fieldwork*. Alta Mira Press, Walnut Creek, C.A

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