

കേരള കേന്ദ്ര സർവകലാശാല / केरल केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय  
**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**  
केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम, 2009 के तहत स्थापित / ESTD UNDER THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES ACT, 2009  
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**10-DAY ICSSR SPONSORED  
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE**  
for M. Phil./Ph.D./PDF Scholars in Social Sciences

**05-14  
March 2026**



**Nilgiri Guest House  
CU Kerala, Kasaragod**

## CONCEPT NOTE

Research in the social sciences is a disciplined process of inquiry that enables scholars to develop credible explanations about society, institutions, and human experience. It involves framing clear questions, gathering evidence systematically, documenting procedures transparently, and interpreting findings with caution. In a developing democracy such as India, research has direct public value because it supports equitable development and informed debate. It can identify inequities, evaluate policies and programmes, and improve practice in education, health, and environment. At the same time, research must remain self-critical. Robust studies question taken-for-granted assumptions, acknowledge limitations, and avoid overclaiming. This discipline strengthens knowledge capital and supports responsible innovation.

Research methodology provides the logic that connects research questions to evidence and then to justified claims. It strengthens literature review through rigorous searching and synthesis, supports concept and theory building, and guides decisions on population, sampling, and tool development. It equips scholars to use quantitative techniques such as hypothesis testing, correlation, regression, and structural equation modelling, alongside qualitative approaches including observation, case study, and textual analysis. The course also engages debates on Indian knowledge systems, orientalism, and decolonising research so that inquiry remains context-sensitive and ethically grounded. Digital and AI tools can improve efficiency in searching, organising, and analysing data, but they must be used responsibly, with attention to bias, privacy, and academic integrity. This ten-day Research Methodology Course aims to develop methodological judgement and practical skills for rigorous, ethical, and publishable social science research.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

1. To help research scholars in developing their research problem.
2. To help the research scholars in developing a suitable methodology for their research work.
3. To train research scholars in developing research proposals, research reports and research articles.
4. To impart necessary skills relating to data collection and analysis.
5. To sensitise research scholars on matters related to ethical considerations in research and publication.
6. To provide an opportunity for the young research scholars to interact with the experts in the area.
7. To provide a great learning experience and an opportunity for sharing their ideas and thoughts with experts and peers.

## THEMATIC FOCUS

- Indian knowledge system and social science research
- Hypothesis Development and Variable Identification
- Literature Review and Theoretical Modelling
- Sampling Design and Tool Development
- Quantitative Data Analysis and Statistical Techniques
- Qualitative Research Approaches
- Integration of AI and Digital Research Tools
- Research Ethics and Scholarly Publishing
- Experimental Research Design



## ELIGIBILITY

Candidates enrolled for M. Phil/Ph.D./PDF in a UGC recognized university/ deemed university/colleges/institutes of national importance and ICSSR Research Institutes/ Recognised Institutes.

## INTAKE

The intake for the course shall be maximum of 30 (10 from local, 10 from Kerala state other than local, and 10 from outside the Kerala state) participants from social science disciplines.

## MODUS OPERANDI

Theoretical sessions followed by Interactions, Field Visit, Group Activity, Research Games and Proposal Presentation

## MODE OF APPLICATION

Interested candidate can apply for the course by filling and submitting an online registration form by attaching a signed and scanned copy of registration form and recommendation letter (refer to the addendum attached after the brochure). The original registration form should be produced on the first day of RMC.

Google form link: <https://forms.gle/yNdzoWfH8ahjrQ777>

## ALLOWANCES

- a. Accommodation for outstation participants on request.
- b. Travel allowance by the shortest distance will be reimbursed to the outstation participants only as per the ICSSR guidelines and subject to the production of original ticket(s) of Train (second /sleeper class) or regular Bus fare subject to a maximum of ₹ ₹ 1000/- per participant (to and fro). No local conveyance would be reimbursed.

## CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Central University of Kerala is one of the 15 central universities established under The Central Universities Act, 2009 by the Parliament of India. The university is situated in Kasaragod, the northernmost district of the Indian state of Kerala. Based on the noble idea of Amrutam tu Vidya (knowledge is eternal), and guided by the lofty ideals of academic and social commitment, moral steadfastness, intellectual honesty and creativity, the University seeks to impart knowledge, wisdom, and values by passionately striving to draw out the human potential for building a responsible society through a wholesome process of mentoring.

## INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES

The Institute for Educational and Developmental Studies, Noida, is an independent research institute dedicated to advancing knowledge in the fields of education and development studies. Committed to academic excellence and societal impact, the Institute provides meaningful insights and pragmatic policy recommendations to address contemporary challenges. Emphasizing the crucial intersection of intellectual theory and real-world applications, we seek to transform ideas into actionable frameworks that drive positive change in society.

## TIME LINE

- Last date for submitting application through the Google form : **4<sup>th</sup> February 2026**
- Intimation to the selected candidates : **8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**
- Last date of confirmation by the selected candidates : **10<sup>th</sup> February 2026**



### CONTACT FOR DETAILS

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### HOW TO REACH THE UNIVERSITY?

The Central University of Kerala is well connected by road to two main Railway Stations - **Kanhangad Railway Station (KZE)** and **Kasargod Railway Station (KGQ)** which are **12 km** and **25 km** respectively from the University. The University is also accessible by air with two International Airports - **Mangalore International Airport (IXE)** and **Kannur International Airport (CNN)** at a road distance of **83** and **98 km**, from the University.



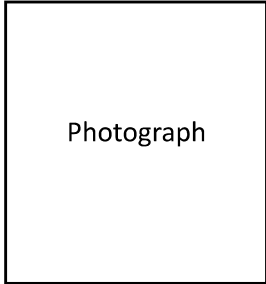
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**REGISTRATION FORM**

1. **Name (in block letters):** .....
2. **Gender:** Male/Female/Other: ..... **Category:** GEN/OBC/SC/ST/PWD/Minority
3. **Mobile No.:** ..... **Email:** .....
4. **Educational qualification:** M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF .....
5. **Date of Enrolment:** ..... **Subject/Specialisation:**.....
6. **Department:** .....
7. **Name & address of the affiliating institution/University:**  
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8. **Topic of Ph.D.:** .....
9. **JRF/NET/SET:** .....
10. **Research experience (in years):** .....
11. **No. of Publications:** ..... Research paper: ..... Book: ..... Chapter: .....
12. **Have you attended any similar course earlier? Yes / No**  
If yes, provide details: .....
13. **Would you require accommodation during the programme? Yes..... No.....**
14. **Address for Correspondence:** .....

**Place:** .....

**Date:** .....

(Signature of the Applicant)

(Supervisor)

# CERTIFICATE OF RECOMMENDATION

By The Principal / Head of The Department

I (Dr./Prof.) ..... certify that  
Ms./Mr.....enrolled in Ph.D./PDF in  
(Department).....of (Institution/University)  
.....to attend the  
**ICSSR Sponsored Ten-Day Research Methodology Course for Ph.D/PDF scholar in  
Social Sciences from 05 March 2026 to 14 March 2026** organized by **Department of  
Education, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod, Kerala.**

He/she will be relieved on time to participate in the above course, if selected.

**Place:**.....

**Date:** .....

**(Signature with Stamp of the Principal / Head of The Department)**