

## **COURSE ON SPECIFIC AREA OF RESEARCH**

The course involves the development of theoretical understanding in a specialized area of interest. This course will be prepared, monitored and conducted by the assigned research supervisor/Guide according to the chosen area of interest of the research scholar. The research scholars will be placed in chosen area to practice social work research and develop a firsthand understanding of the context and learn research skills through practice.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. To enhance the knowledge base of the research scholars in their chosen area of interest.
2. To equip the scholars with skills in review of literature and policies relevant to the research area.
3. To enhance their skills in application of qualitative, quantitative and participatory research methods in the area of interest.
4. To acquire first hand field exposure on specific area of research

### **Unit I: Theoretical Frameworks**

- Concepts Related to the Area of Study
- Theoretical Frameworks

### **Unit II: Policies and Programmes**

- Appraisal of policies related to the topic of study.
- Review of Programme
- Social work practice in the related special area at Multilevel.

### **Unit III: Formulation of Research Design**

- Review of literature related to the topic
- Identification of Substantive, Theoretical, Conceptual and Methodological Issues.
- Draft Research Proposal

### **Unit IV: Application of Research Methods**

- Understanding Social Context
- Qualitative Methods: Participant Observation/ Interviews/FGDs
- Quantitative Methods: Field Survey/ Content Analysis/Analysis of Secondary Data
- Participatory Methods: Time Related, Space Related and Relational Methods.

### **Unit V:**

- Field work related to area of the study (Minimum of 15 days)

### **COURSE OUTCOMES:**

1. Learners will have in-depth knowledge in their chosen area of research.
2. Analytical skill to critically review the literature and policies documents to identify the gap, scope and need in the research area.
3. Skills to apply qualitative, quantitative and participatory research methods in the area of interest.
4. Demonstrable knowledge and First hand field exposure on specific area of research.

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