

Capacity Building Programme

for faculty members of Social Sciences

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Concept Note

The North Eastern states of India, also known as North East Region (NER), comprises eight Indian states namely Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. The region shares a common border with five countries namely Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Myanmar and Nepal. It is connected with the rest of India by a narrow land corridor, 20 km wide at its narrowest. This geographical remoteness has caused a sense of separateness from the so-called mainland, but the region is one of the most ethnically diverse regions on earth with overlapping ethnicities, cultures and colonial history, and sometimes it is also referred to as mini-India. Thus the rich cultural mosaic of the region opens itself to social research and academic enquiry, which has to be undertaken with all the rigour and vigour of scientific academic research.

Social research in India and particularly in the North East is undergoing a transformation. It is evolving from a traditional and conservative craft, to a critical, analytical and dynamic process. The inter-disciplinary approaches in social research are yet another sign of this evolution. But this transformation is not without confusion and academic muddles especially in the field of social sciences. Research methodology per se is conceptualised by a very few people. However, every profession is not without research method. It is through proper learning and application of research methodology that a person can strengthen and advance one's own profession. The validity of any finding in research lies entirely upon the soundness of the research methodology and methods adopted by the researcher. The significance of this capacity building programme lies in attempting to lead young faculty and social researchers into the changing nuances of current social research, and important areas such as the inter-disciplinary aspect of social science research, the relationship of social research to the society and the role of social science approach in promoting research for peoples' development and enhancement.

Objectives

- Develop capacity for conceptualising and writing research proposals
- Enhance skills to prepare an appropriate research design, including conducting an overview of literature, formulating research questions and hypotheses, collection of information and analysis,
- Enhance capacity for writing research papers for publication
- Develop capacity for planning and writing a book
- Develop capacity for applying for grants.

Sub Themes

- Meaning of and Aspects of Research
- Research Design
- Field Research
- Observation and Case Study, Interview
- Survey Method and Sampling, Basic Quantitative Analysis
- Analysis of Qualitative and Quantitative Data
- Ethics and Good Practices of Research, Ethics in Academic Writing
- Academic Writing, Publication Process, Paper Clinic

Who can apply and How to apply

The programme is specially designed for faculty members of Social Sciences. Those intending to join the programme are required to apply online (visit www.dbuniversity.ac.in >> announcements) and the last date of submission of application is 26th May 2018. The selection of candidates for the programme will be confirmed by the 31st May 2018. Those selected for participation will be required to confirm their participation by 10th June 2018.

Travel Cost and Accommodation

Train fare (Sleeper Class) or Bus fare upon production of the ticket will be reimbursed. Local hospitality will include food and lodging at the University Hostels.

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About Assam Don Bosco University

Assam Don Bosco University was established in the year 2008 by its sponsoring body, the Don Bosco Society. Don Bosco Society is actively engaged in educational and social services in 132 countries. Its global network of educational and social service organisations include 15 universities, 96 institutions of higher education and thousands of schools and social development centres, catering preferentially to the less privileged and marginalized sections of society.

The university strives to mould intellectually competent, morally upright, socially committed and spiritually inspired persons at the service of India and the world. It aims at excellence in the teaching, learning and evaluation process, in research, consultancy and extension programmes, all the while ensuring continuous and on-going evaluation of every process in the system. In the short while for which the University has been in existence, it has made a name for its Social Commitment programmes through which it reaches out to the less privileged people around the campus, for its mentoring programme through which every student is placed under a mentor who guides the student through the years of study in the University and for its Human Resource Management and Development System.

The University has been given a 12B status by the University Grants Commission, hence, becoming the first private University to attain this status in North East and the fourth in the country.

Direction

