

**SEMESTER** :VI  
**PAPER NO** : 15  
**TITLE OF PAPER** : RESEARCH IN SOCIAL WORK  
**MARKS** : 100

**Objectives:**

- Understand the nature of social science research and its application in the study of social phenomena.
- Help students learn the research process and develop abilities to prepare research design in the realm of social work.
- Familiarize students with basic statistical techniques.

**Course Contents:**

**Unit –1: Research as Scientific Method**

- 1.1 Basics of Research: Meaning, nature and types of research
- 1.2 Use of scientific method in the study of social phenomena
- 1.3 Significance of Research in Social Work

**Readings:**

- Kothari, C. R., ,2004 , Research Methodology –Methods and Techniques, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., New Age International (P) Ltd., New Delhi.
- Kumar, R., 2006 , Research Methodology, 2nd ed., Pearson Education, New Delhi. ( Chapter I & II)
- Laldas, D. K., 2000, Practice of Social Research, Rawat Publication, New elhi.

**Unit – 2: Designing Research**

- 2.1 Steps in Research Process
- 2.2 Hypothesis: Formulation and testing
- 2.3 Research Design- Steps

**Readings:**

- Kumar, R., 2006, Research Methodology, 2nd ed., Pearson Education, New Delhi. ( Chapter IV, VII & VIII)
- Laldas, D. K., 2000, Practice of Social Research, Rawat Publication, New Delhi.
- Kothari, C. R., 2004 , Research Methodology –Methods and Techniques, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., New Age International (P) Ltd., New Delhi.

**Unit – 3: Sampling and Data Collection**

- 3.1 Sample Design: Universe, Sampling Unit and Source list
- 3.2 Types and methods of sampling

### 3.3 Sources of data; methods and tools of data collection

#### **Readings:**

- Kumar, R., 2006, Research Methodology, 2nd ed., Pearson Education, New Delhi. ( Chapter XII & XIV)
- Kothari, C. R., 2004 , Research Methodology –Methods and Techniques, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., New Age International (P) Ltd., New Delhi.
- Laldas, D. K., 2000, Practice of Social Research, Rawat Publication, New Delhi.

## **Unit – 4: Statistical Application Data analysis and Statistics**

4.1 Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Median and Mode)

4.2 Measures of dispersion (Range, Quartile Deviation, Mean Deviation and Standard Deviation)

4.3 Data analysis and interpretation

#### **Readings:**

- Gupta, S.C., 2012, Fundamentals of Statistics, 7<sup>th</sup> revised ed., Himalaya Publishing House, New Delhi.
- Kumar, R., 2006, Research Methodology, 2nd ed., Pearson Education, New Delhi. ( Chapter XV & XVI)
- Kothari, C. R., 2004 Research Methodology –Methods and Techniques, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., New Age International (P) Ltd., New Delhi.
- Laldas, D. K., 2000, Practice of Social Research, Rawat Publication, New Delhi.