

Course Structure:

Assignments, hands-on experiences, and presentations at strategic intervals.

Approach

The course aims to empower the participants to better understand the broader processes of change within a research framework and to make an informed choice in conducting research by providing an orientation in multi-disciplinary approaches to understand and apply research methods. The objective of the course is to develop the capabilities of the participants in regard to theoretical and empirical aspects of Social Science Research. It aims to equip them with skills to pursue a topic of research of one's choice by familiarizing themselves with the state-of-the-art methodologies against a multi-disciplinary perspective.

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Inviting Applications

Applications are invited for the 3 days Research Methodology workshop for the Ph.D scholars from Karnataka University Students. Only 75 seats are available for the course (First preference will be given to SC/ST students). In prescribed format send it to the address given below by 17th March 2026. Scanned applications may be sent through mail. Email: dr.bjrsrec@kud.ac.in; Followed by hard copy of the application. Registration form can also be downloaded from the university.



Link and QR code:

Registration link:

<https://forms.gle/YIHGQecWXW3HG6cA>

Last date of receipt of application form: 18/05/2026 Acceptation of Participant to be communicated: 20/05/2026

Workshop Date : 21/05/2026 to 23/05/2026

Registration Fee: There is no registration fee.

Travel and accommodation : Free Boarding and accommodation for the out side participants, will be provided in the Karnataka University guest house.

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KARNATAKA UNIVERSITY DHARWAD

Dr. Babu Jagajivan Ram Studies,
Research and Extension Centre, Organises

THREE DAYS WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Sponsored By

Dr. Babu Jagajivanaram Research Institute
Dept of Social Welfare,
Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.



Date : 21 to 23rd May 2026

Venue: UGC Madan Mohal Malaviya Teachers
Training Centre, Karnatak University,
Dharwad-- 580 003.

About The University

Established in 1949, Karnatak University is the second-oldest University in Karnataka. It is located in Dharwad, a cultural hub celebrated as the home of renowned Hindustani vocalists, musicians, poets, and playwrights, including several Jnanpith awardees. The city is an academic powerhouse, hosting seven universities and premier institutions of higher learning, including IIT and IIIT.

For decades, Karnatak University has provided high-quality education to generations of students, particularly those from North Karnataka. Beyond its teaching mission, the University is recognized for conducting frontier research across all disciplines, with a distinguished reputation in the sciences. Through strategic grants from central and state government agencies, the university has built robust physical infrastructure, comprehensive student support services, and world-class facilities for extracurricular excellence.

About The Centre

The Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Studies, Research, and Extension Centre was established with an initial corpus fund of ₹2 crores and was inaugurated on October 13, 2017. The ceremony was graced by Hon. Smt. Meira Kumar (former Speaker of the Lok Sabha and daughter of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram) and Hon. Shri H. Anjaneya (then Minister for Social Welfare, Government of Karnataka).

The centre operates on the interest accrued from the corpus fund with the primary mission of reshaping society according to the vision of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram. This includes addressing systemic discrimination and social taboos faced by marginalized communities.

Key Initiatives & Academic Scope

- **Comparative Research:** The centre conducts comparative studies between Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram and other global visionaries to highlight the universal relevance of his ideologies.
- **Curriculum Development:** It offers Postgraduate programs, PG Diplomas, and Open Elective courses to integrate Babuji's philosophy into mainstream academia.
- **Digital Preservation:** A multi-user, multimedia Digital Library is currently being established to provide scholars and students with global access to resources regarding his life's work.
- **Cultural Legacy:** The centre maintains a dedicated museum showcasing his life and mission.
- **Outreach & Extension:** The centre regularly organizes seminars, workshops, and special lectures focusing on Dalit issues and the struggles of oppressed classes. Through publication and translation projects, it actively disseminates the values of social justice, equity, and empowerment.

Objectives of the Workshop

1. **Capacity Building:** To strengthen the fundamental research capabilities of scholars.
2. **Methodological Rigor:** To enhance the understanding of diverse research designs and methodologies.
3. **Technical Proficiency:** To provide intensive, hands-on training in both quantitative and qualitative data analysis.
4. **Academic Integrity:** To familiarize participants with the nuances of academic writing, standardized referencing, and the use of anti-plagiarism tools.
5. **Professional Development:** To provide strategic guidance on navigating the publishing process and securing research funding.

Programme Schedule

Day -1: Date 21/05/2026 Timings: 10.15 AM to 05.15 PM

Topic:

1. Methodology and methods of Research
2. Scientific misconduct and ethical use of AI tools in research
3. Nobel prize winning technologies & AI applications
4. Preparation of Questionnaire

Day-2: Date: 22/05/2026 Timings: 09.30 AM to 04.45 PM

1. Primary data collection tools
2. Data processing and analysis in social scientific research
3. Writing a research proposal
4. Quantitative Data Analysis

Day-3: Date: 23/05/2026 Timings: 09.00 AM to 03.45 PM

1. Qualitative Data Analysis (content, thematic analysis)
2. Action Research & Action Plan in Social Science
3. Manuscript writing, drafting, referencing, and avoiding plagiarism
4. Social science research and policy making

Overview

Research is fundamental to the growth and evolution of the Social Sciences. Its significance is amplified in today's globalized society, where development has taken on complex, multi-dimensional forms. To remain relevant, Social Science research must evolve to meet the needs of a society transforming at a rapid pace. Traditional demarcations—rural vs. urban, or rigid categories of caste and gender—are increasingly blurred by technological advancement and shifting socio-economic landscapes. As societal problems become more multifaceted, it is essential to approach research through a contemporary lens, recognizing that methodologies have expanded enormously in both scope and application.

Despite its importance, Research Methodology—the critical backbone of academic training—often receives inadequate attention in Indian higher education. Methodology is frequently with mere "methods" or data analysis techniques, leading to a superficial understanding of the

underlying epistemological frameworks. Furthermore, quantitative methods are often over-privileged as being more "scientific," while the nuances of qualitative inquiry are overlooked.

Modern developments in the philosophy of science emphasize the validity of multiple truth claims, the subjective location of the researcher, and the power of interpretive and ethnographic methods. Furthermore, Social Sciences are increasingly integrating insights from the natural sciences and technology studies. This workshop seeks to bridge the gap between these evolving global perspectives and current institutional coursework.

Research Methodology: The Workshop

The choice of research methods must be guided by the nature of the inquiry. For instance, a scholar measuring the impact of a policy change utilizes different theoretical perspectives than one studying how implementation processes shape outcomes. While their methods differ, the two approaches are complementary.

This workshop provides a forum for students to interact, exchange ideas, and refine their ongoing work. It seeks to expose research scholars to:

- The distinctions between method, methodology, and theoretical perspectives.
- Critical interrogation of the assumptions underlying dominant research strands.
- The concept of validity within both positivist and interpretivist frameworks.
- Recent advancements in the philosophy of Social Science research.

Workshop Design

The program features a series of plenary talks by senior social scientists, interspersed with hands-on sessions. Participants will work in small groups to gain a practical grasp of selected tools and techniques. The workshop culminates in the presentation of research proposals, allowing participants to incorporate their new learnings into their own projects.

Themes

- **Foundations of Research:** Introduction to research philosophy, types of inquiry, and ethical guidelines.
- **Problem Formulation:** Identifying research gaps and articulating research questions.
- **Ethics & Integrity:** Comprehensive coverage of research ethics and scientific misconduct.
- **Modern Technology:** AI applications in research and insights from Nobel Prize-winning technologies.
- **Quantitative Techniques:** Data collection tools (surveys/questionnaires) and exposure to statistical packages like SPSS (Descriptive and Inferential Statistics).
- **Qualitative Techniques:** In-depth data analysis, including content and thematic analysis.
- **Academic Writing:** Manuscript drafting, standardized referencing, and strategies to avoid plagiarism.