

**SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY**  
**Programme: MHRM**  
**Semester: I**  
**Syllabus with effect from: June 2015**

<b>Paper Code:</b> PA01CHRM11	<b>Total Credits: 3</b>
<b>Title Of Paper:</b> Social Research Methods	

Unit	Description in detail	Weightage (%)
	<b>Learner Objectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulate researchable questions</li> <li>• Define a research strategy and design a research project to answer a research question</li> <li>• Discuss the practice and principles of qualitative and quantitative social researches in the social work field.</li> </ul>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Science &amp; Scientific Method</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science – Concept &amp; Meaning</li> <li>• Meaning and characteristics of scientific method</li> </ul>	<b>20 %</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Social Research: Nature &amp; Concept &amp; Types</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meaning and definition of Social Research</li> <li>• Nature scope and importance of Social research</li> <li>• Types of research: Historical, Descriptive, Analytical, Experimental, Interdisciplinary, Participative, action and evaluative research.</li> <li>• Concepts used in research: Variables, Attributes, Universe, Sample, Hypothesis, matching, Measurement, Control</li> <li>• Social Research Process</li> </ul>	<b>20 %</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Research Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research design: Concept, Meaning and importance of research Design</li> <li>• Types of Research Design:</li> <li>• Experimental Design: After only, Before-After, Ex-post facto experimental Design</li> <li>• Non Experimental Design: Exploratory, Descriptive and Diagnostic</li> </ul>	<b>20 %</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Problem Formulation and Hypothesis Testing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problem formulation: Identifying probable issues for research, selecting specific research issue,</li> <li>• Formulation of objectives, clarifying the objective.</li> <li>• Concepts and relevance of Hypothesis formulation..</li> </ul>	<b>20 %</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Case studies on :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualitative and Quantitative Research Project</li> <li>• Governmental and Non Governmental Research Projects on Social Issues</li> </ul>	<b>20 %</b>

**Basic Text & Reference Books:**

- Kothari, C. R 2004 Research Methodology: Methods & Techniques, New Delhi, New Age International
- Krishnaswamy, O. R. 1993 Methodology for Research in Social Science, Himalaya, Bombay
- Laldas, D. K. 2000 Practice of Social Research, Jaipur: Rawat



- Mikkelsen, Britha 2005 Methods for Development Work and Research- A New Guide for Practitioners, New Delhi : Sage publication
- Ramchandran, P. 1968 Social Work Research and Statistics, Bombay : Allied Publishers
- Rubin, Allen & Babbie Earl 1968 Research Methods for Social Work, USA Wadsworth, West,Brooks/Cole and Schirmer

