



National Level Training Workshop
in
**Writing and Publishing Social Science
Research (Bilingual)**



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Concept note:

Writing plays an important role in social science research. It has been the most acceptable and conventional form of research output in social sciences. The language of academic research has its own specific terms and conventions and the language of academic publishing has its own complexities. For researchers, publishing a thesis, research paper or research report is an inevitability fraught with possibilities and challenges. It has often been seen that researchers are aware of the complexities, challenges, and possibilities related to writing and publishing, but they lack the desired skills, accurate information and appropriate training. This creates a kind of disorientation and mental panic among the researchers.

The programme, conceptualised in a workshop mode, is particularly focused on catering to researchers who face challenges of writing and publishing their research in regional contexts and in vernacular languages. To address such a multilingual composition of participants, the programme will be conducted in bilingual mode (Hindi and English).

The larger ambit of this training workshop is aimed at making meaningful interventions in the domain of vernacular social sciences, a field that has to be nurtured with increased activities and attention. This is also an area of concern in New Education Policy 2020 and it is necessary if we have to aspire for a true decolonisation of education, as acknowledged in NEP 2020. Imparting skills pertaining to writing and publishing in vernacular languages is vital as a good share of social science researchers come from Indian languages background where either English is not their first language or they face difficulties in acquiring and practicing academic level language skills in English. In such a scenario, the task is how to make available academic resources

in vernacular and how to best train researchers working in vernacular for the production of quality research outputs that are empirically grounded and rigorous as well as theoretically well informed and insightful. The workshop aims to intervene at this level by focusing on the components of writing and publishing in the field of social science research.

Writing and Publication are also closely interrelated to other aspects of research i.e. data gathering, interpretations, and analysis. However, academic writing and publishing has its own intricacies, conventions and required guidelines. An ignorance of these often lead to difficulties in publishing research outputs in reputed journals which lead to anxieties among researchers. Many of these aspects are also ignored in university classrooms. This Five days training workshop is a step to address some of these concerns through interactive manner. The sessions are designed to address both conceptual and skill related complexities on the subject.

This is five days programme in off line mode. Organized by Centre for Social Studies, it will be held in its campus in Surat.

Centre for Social Studies, Surat

The Centre for Social Studies (CSS) is a multi disciplinary social science research institute. With research as its core activity, CSS formulates ideas, undertakes empirical studies, theorizes, and disseminates knowledge through training and publications in vernacular and English languages.

Founded by the late Professor I.P. Desai in 1969, CSS receives financial support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR, Ministry of Education, Government of India) and the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Gujarat.

With an emphasis on empirical research and Gujarat as its core research region, the Centre also undertakes studies related to other parts of the country.

Theoretical contributions of CSS are well recognised in the fields of social stratification, agrarian relations, social movements, education, Dalit society, tribal society, and development practices. The focus of the Centre's research since its inception has also been to assist in policy formulation for issues on social development. During the last five decades, CSS has completed over 320 research studies sponsored by regional, national, and international agencies. CSS has published more

than 165 books and over 650 research articles (in English, Gujarati, and Hindi).

With research as its core activity, Centre for Social Studies, Surat has also been organising research methodology, Capacity Building, and Writing-Publishing Training Programmes specifically addressed to needs and challenges of doctoral, post-doctoral and early career faculty members to enhance the skill and knowledge among the social science researchers.

This training workshop in writing and publishing social science research is a part of this commitment.

Following are some of the key aspects planned for discussion in the Training Programme

- Challenges pertaining to social science research and publication in contemporary times
- Understanding the process of academic writing in social sciences.
- Comprehending stages of the writing process.
- Various key Ingredients of research based writings: Titles, abstracts, introduction, field notes, presentation of statistical data, case studies, conclusion, footnotes, and bibliography etc.
- How to develop research proposal?
- How to select appropriate journal for publication
- Understanding editorial processes
- Plagiarism and other ethical issues
- Understanding peer-review process, UGC Care List, API system, spurious and fake journals etc.
- Digital Resources: Challenges and Opportunities

Who can apply

This training programme is for social sciences and humanities researchers enrolled as doctoral and post-doctoral programmes as well as for early career faculty members from across India.

How to apply

Interested researchers can apply through the application form attached along with this note. These can be downloaded from CSS website (css.ac.in) too. Submit your applications, complete with all details and

duly certified by the head of the department/institution/organisation (whichever is applicable). If the applicant is currently employed, approval of leave to attend this programme is also required from the head of the organisation or leave granting authority.

Send your application on webinar@css.ac.in (in the subject clearly mention **Application for National Level Training in Writing and Publishing Social Science Research [Bilingual]**)

- **Last date for the receipt of application: 20 February 2026**
- There is no course fee or registration fee for this training programme
- Food and accommodation for all the participants will be taken care of by the organising institute. Accommodation will be provided only to participants coming from outside Surat on a shared basis.
- Train fare (Second class III tier non A.C. sleeper; both ways) from the place of stay to Surat/ bus fare will be reimbursed as per ICSSR and CSS rules after submission of actual ticket or a maximum amount of Rs.1000 whichever is less.

Key Points:

- Last date of receiving the application: **22 February 2026**.
- Intimation of selection: 25 February 2026
- Period of the Training Programme: **23 March to 28 March 2026**
- Venue: Centre for Social Studies, Near VNSGU Campus, Udhna-Magdalla Road, Surat, Gujarat, PIN: 395007.
- Inquiry: webinar@css.ac.in; (M) **99250 80120**; (O) **0261-2977172/174**.



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APPLICATION FORM

1.	Name	:	
2.	Date of Birth	:	
3.	Gender (M/F)	:	
4.	Social Category <i>(Put a tick mark)</i> <i>Attach certificate (if any)</i>	:	SC/ ST/ OBC/ General/ Minority Group
5.	Institute/ University/ College	:	
6.	Educational Qualification	:	
7.	Discipline	:	
8.	Topic of Research (Ph.D./Post Doc.)	:	
9.	Ph.D. Registration No. <i>(Attach certificate)</i>	:	
10.	Status of Research Work <i>(Put a tick mark)</i>	:	(i) Preparing Synopsis (ii) Reviewing Literature (iii) Preparing Tool (iv)

		Collecting Data (v) Analysing Data (iv) Writing Report (v) Thesis submitted
11.	Have you attended similar course / any training programme earlier at Centre for Social Studies, Surat.	: Yes () No ()
11.1	If YES, provide details:	:
12.	Mailing Address	:
	Telephone No./ Mobile No.	:
	E-mail:	:
13.	Recommendation by the Head of the Institution/ College/ Supervisor	:

Accommodation Required: Yes (), No ()

Signature and Seal
Head of the
Institution/
College/ Supervisor

Date:

Signature of the
Applicant