



**P.B. SIDDHARTHA COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE**

**Siddhartha Nagar, Vijayawada – 520 010**  
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**Title of the Course : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY & IPR**

**Semester : II**

Course Code	22PG201	Course Delivery Method	Blended Mode
Credits	3	CIA Marks	30
No. of Lecture Hours / Week	3	Semester End Exam Marks	70
Total Number of Lecture Hours	45	Total Marks	100
Year of Introduction : 2022- 23	Year of offering : 2022-23	Year of Revision: ----	Percentage of Revision : ---

**Course Objectives:**

- To understand some basic concepts of research and its methodologies
- To develop an understanding of the basic framework of research process.
- To develop an understanding of various research designs and techniques.
- To identify various sources of information for literature review and data collection.
- Ability to write a research Proposal, report and thesis
- To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of IPR Filing and Rights

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of this course the students should be able to:

- ☐ Understand some basic concepts of research and its methodologies
- ☐ Identify appropriate research topics
- ☐ Select and define appropriate research problem and parameters
- ☐ Demonstrate the ability to choose methods appropriate to research aims and objectives
- ☐ Have adequate knowledge on measurement & scaling techniques
- ☐ Have basic awareness of data analysis-and hypothesis testing procedures
- ☐ Prepare a project proposal (to undertake a project)
- ☐ Write a research report and thesis
- ☐ File Patents, Trademarks and Copy Rights

## **UNIT I (12 Hours)**

### **Foundations of Research**

Meaning of Research – Definitions of Research – Motivation in Research – General Characteristics of Research – Criteria of Good Research – Types of Research – Research Process – Research Methods vs. Methodology – Defining and Formulating the Research Problem – Review of Literature – Approaches to Critical Literature Review – Importance of Literature Review in Identifying Research Gaps and Defining a Problem – Development of Working Hypothesis

## **UNIT II (10 Hours)**

### **Research Design, Sampling Concepts, and Data Collection Methods**

Meaning, Significance and Characteristics of Good Research Design – Types of Research Design: Exploratory, Conclusive Research and Experimental – Sampling Theory: Types of Sampling and Errors in Sampling – Data Collection: Types of Data – Data Collection Methods and Techniques for Primary and Secondary Data.

## **UNIT III (10 Hours)**

### **Measurement & Scaling Techniques, Hypothesis Formulation and Testing, Overview of Data Analysis and Report Writing**

Basic measurement scales – Reliability & Validity – Definition and Types of Hypothesis – Hypothesis Formulation and Testing Procedure – Overview of Data Analysis: Methods, Process and Types – Report Writing: Significance of Report Writing, Different Steps in Writing Report, Layout of the Research Report, Types of Reports, Oral Presentation, Mechanics of Writing a Research Report, Precautions for Writing Research Reports – How to Write a Research Proposal – Research Ethics, Conflict of Interest and Plagiarism.

## **UNIT IV (10 Hours)**

### **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**

Definition and Nature and Features of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) – Types of Intellectual Property Rights – Procedure for Grants of Patents – Rights of a Patent – Scope of a Patent Rights Licensing and Transfer of Technology – Why protection of intellectual property is important? – Enforcement of IPR – Infringement of IPR.

## **UNIT V (10 Hours)**

### **Indian and International Scenario and New Developments in IPR**

IPR Developments in India for the past Five Years – Development of IPR Laws in India – International Cooperation on IPR – New Developments in IPR – Administration of Patent System – International Patent protection – Case Studies in Indian and Global Contexts.

## **PRACTICAL COMPONENTS:**

- Students should identify different research problems with examples and describe the characteristics of researchable problems in their academic area/society/community/organization concerned.
- Students are to form in groups (a group consists of 4-6 students) and conduct critical literature survey with regard to the identified research problems and prepare a brief literature review coupled with research gaps and working hypothesis.
- Students are required to identify and develop good research design to address the defined research problems.
- Students are expected to write the research design on Exploratory and Descriptive Research.
- Students are required to develop practical experience in writing a research proposal by conducting a thorough critical review of any three research proposals (examples).
- Students are expected to develop templates for technical report writing.
- Students should conduct a team based mini research project, which is a unified and practical case on a topic of their choice, with approximately 4-6 students per group.
- Students are expected to identify types of plagiarism in academic research, and how to avoid plagiarism in research.
- Students are asked to identify and submit a brief report on Indian patents of International repute.
- Students are asked to write on Patent registration procedure, and visit Official website of Intellectual Property India <https://ipindia.gov.in> to know how to get IPR in India.
- Students are asked to identify and summarise remedies available against the infringement of intellectual property rights in Indian and global contexts.
- Students are asked to submit any five examples of ethical issues in copyright and patents.

## **REFERENCE TEXT BOOKS:**

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2. Cohen, L. Lawrence, M., & Morrison, K. (2005), Research Methods in Education (5th edition). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
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6. Fink, A., 2009, Conducting Research Literature Reviews: From the Internet to Paper. Sage Publications.
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11. Leedy, P.D. and Ormrod, J.E., 2004, Practical Research: Planning and Design, Prentice Hall.
12. Satarkar, S.V., 2000. Intellectual property rights and Copy right. Ess Ess Publications.

### **13. Important Websites:**

- [www.ipindia.nic.in](http://www.ipindia.nic.in) - Intellectual Property Office, India
- [www.patentoffice.nic.in](http://www.patentoffice.nic.in) – Patent office, India
- <http://copyright.gov.in/> - Copyright Office, India
- [ipr.icegate.gov.in](http://ipr.icegate.gov.in) – Automated Recordation & Targeting for IPR Protection
- <http://www.icegate.gov.in>- E- Commerce portal of Central Board of Excise and Customs
- [www.ipab.tn.nic.in](http://www.ipab.tn.nic.in) - Intellectual Property Appellate Board, India
- [www.mit.gov.in](http://www.mit.gov.in) – Department of Information Technology, India
- <http://www.mit.gov.in/content/office-semiconductorintegrated-circuits-layout-designregistry>
- Semiconductor Integrated Circuits Layout-Design Registry (SICLDR)
- [www.plantauthority.gov.in](http://www.plantauthority.gov.in) – Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, India
- <http://nbaindia.org/> - National Biodiversity Authority
- [www.nipo.in](http://www.nipo.in) – The Indian IPR Foundation
- [www.wipo.int](http://www.wipo.int) – World Intellectual Property Organisation
- <http://www.wto.org> – World Trade Organisation

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