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PROJECT-RELATED RESEARCH (MASOD 105P)

Work on *ANY ONE* of the projects given below:

1. Conduct an interview with a manual worker in an unorganized industry (such as brick kiln, restaurant, hotels and domestic worker) and write a report about their daily life.
2. Conduct a case study of 3 to 5 individuals with one or more form of addictions (drug, tobacco, alcohol, social media, etc.) and prepare a report about the pattern they follow in everyday life.
3. Conduct focus group discussion on un-employment in a colony or village and write a report about major findings from the discussion.
4. Conduct an observation of one festival/ritual/social practice of one community (other than one's own) and prepare a report based on your findings.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT-RELATED RESEARCH (MASOD 105P)

1. **INTRODUCTION:** Project-Related Research (MASOD 105P) is an independent research-oriented paper offered in the MA Sociology programme. The paper is designed to introduce learners to the fundamentals of sociological research, academic writing, and prepare a report in accordance with UGC guidelines for Distance and Online Education.

2. **OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of Project-Related Research (MASOD 105P) are to enable learners to:

- Develop an understanding of sociological research processes.
- Identify and articulate a researchable sociological problem.
- Review and critically engage with existing literature.
- Formulate clear research questions and objectives.
- Prepare a structured and academically sound research report.

3. COURSE OUTCOMES (COS):

CO1: Ability to identify and define a sociological research problem.

CO2: Ability to locate, review, and synthesize relevant literature.

CO3: Ability to develop research questions and objectives.

CO4: Ability to conceptualize a research framework grounded in sociological theory.

CO5: Ability to prepare a standard research report following academic conventions.

4. STRUCTURE OF PROJECT-RELATED RESEARCH (MASOD 105P):

1. Introduction

1.1 Statement of the Problem

1.2 Significance of the Study

1.3 Research Methodology

1.4 Objectives of the Study

1.5 Research Questions

2. Review of Literature

2.1 Thematic Review of Literature

2.2 Research Gap

3. Research Findings and Analysis

3.1 Background of the study (Locality or individual)

- 3.2 Thematic findings from the field
- 3.3 Analysis of the data from the field
- 4. Conclusion
 - 3.1 Summary of Key Insights
 - 3.2 Scope for Future Research

(Note: Literature Review should include 5 to 10 relevant literature)

Referencing Style (APA 7-style version Recommended)

- **Book:** Desai, A.R. (2000). *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*. Mumbai: Popular Prakashan.
- **Journal Article:** Patel, T. (2012). Gender and Population Policy in India. *Sociological Bulletin*, 61(1), 28–50.
- **Edited Book Chapter:** Nanda, M. (2011). Science and Hindutva. In U. Mehta (Ed.), *Modern India: A Theoretical Retrospective* (pp. 145–168). Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- **Internet Resource:** UNDP India. (2024). *Human Development Report: India Factsheet*. Retrieved from.
https://www.in.undp.org/content/india/en/home/library/human_development/india-factsheet.html (Provide the URL).
- **Thesis:** Broze, Stefne Lenzmeier (2003). The role of information in cancer patients ' involvement in their cancer care. PhD Dissertation. Ohio: Ohio State University.

Format For Project-Related Research (MASOD 105P)

Length	Min. 20 pages & Max. 30 Pages
Language	English
Format	A4 size, typed
Font	12pt with 1.5 spacing

5. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED:

- Complete Project Report on A4 paper, double-spaced.
- Certificate of originality signed by student and supervisor.
- Cover Page: ([Available Here](#))
- Declaration for Project Submission: ([Available Here](#))
- Supervisor’s Details

- For Eligible Criteria in clause 6. a) and 6. b), institutional affiliation proof
- For Eligibility Criteria in clause 6. C), a brief CV and work experience in the selected topic

6. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SUPERVISOR:

The programme allows the students to choose their supervisor, but the selection is subject to the following criteria:

- i. Assistant Professor or above with a PhD in Sociology or a related discipline, permanently affiliated to a recognized higher education institution, with relevant research experience.

OR

- ii. Assistant Professor or above with a Master's degree in Sociology, NET qualified, and having a minimum of two years of full-time teaching and/or research experience in a recognized institution.

OR

- iii. A qualified professional with interdisciplinary expertise (e.g., Social Work, Development Studies, Gender Studies), permanently employed in a recognized academic or research institution.

A supervisor may guide a maximum of five students. A token remuneration as per the Tezpur University norm will be paid per student upon submission of the final dissertation.

7. DEPARTMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC)

A DAC will be constituted to ensure academic rigour and oversight. Responsibilities include:

- Verifying supervisor eligibility and matching with student topics.
- Constituting an Assessment Committee to monitor progress.

8. ACADEMIC SUPPORT IN ODL/ONLINE MODE

To ensure structured engagement, the following modalities will be adopted:

- Scheduled online or in-person meetings with supervisors (monthly across semesters).
- Participation in webinars or workshops on proposal writing, research ethics, data analysis, and citation.
- Access to digital libraries and academic databases.
- Fieldwork or community engagement where feasible, to promote experiential learning.

9. FINAL SUBMISSION

One soft copy of the final project report, including the cover page and declaration, must be merged into a single PDF document and uploaded at the following link ([Available Here](#))

10. EVALUATION OF PROJECT-RELATED RESEARCH (MASOD 105P)

- Total marks for Project- Related Research (MASOD105P) is of 100 marks.
- Minimum 50% required to pass the Project- Related Research (MASOD105P)
- Assessment will be conducted by an external evaluator appointed by CDOE, TU.

11. RESUBMISSION POLICY

If a student fails, they may revise and resubmit the dissertation within the stipulated timeframe by paying a re-evaluation fee.

12. EXEMPTION CLAUSE

The project/dissertation is a mandatory component of the MA Sociology programme. No exemptions are permitted.