

TEN-DAY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE (RMC) ON INTEGRATING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

17th to 26th November, 2026**SIIB, Hinjewadi Pune***Sponsored by***INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH (ICSSR)***Organized by***SYMBIOSIS INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (SIIB)**

ICSSR - RMC

An ICSSR RMC is a fully funded 10-day Research Methodology Course sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research for M.Phil., Ph.D., and Post-Doctoral Fellows in social sciences. This course has a limited intake of 30 participants, which allows close interaction with resource persons and individual attention to each participant's research work.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The participants should have enrolled for M.Phil/Ph.D./PDF in a UGC-recognized university/deemed university/college/institute of national importance, or an ICSSR Research Institute. Their application should be duly forwarded by the affiliating institution. Faculty members are not eligible, since ICSSR sponsors this programme especially for research scholars under the Capacity Building Programme.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates may send their duly filled registration form to the course director on or before **20.10.2026**. The registration form and brochure can be downloaded from the SIIB website: <https://www.siib.ac.in>. Candidates may send scanned copies of the registration form and supporting documents by email to ganesh.valiachi@siib.ac.in, followed by a hard copy to the below-mentioned postal address. The duly filled registration form, forwarded by the supervisor and head of the department/institute, should be accompanied by:

- *Fill out the application form attached to this brochure*
- *One-page biodata of the candidate along with academic certificates.*
- *PhD registration certificate.*
- *Research proposal.*
- *Attested copy of Caste/Community certificate (if applicable).*

NO REGISTRATION FEE

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CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

Participants will be provided a certificate on successful completion of the course. It is mandatory for all participants to attend all classes/sessions and submit assignments whenever required.

Course Director**Prof. Dr Alka Maurya**

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ABOUT SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (DEEMED UNIVERSITY)

Founded in 1971 by Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, Symbiosis International (Deemed University) is headquartered in Pune, with campuses across Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Nashik, Noida, and Nagpur. Ranked 24th among Indian universities and 40th overall by NIRF (2025), it is home to constituent institutes spanning management, law, engineering, health sciences, and more. Guided by its motto "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" – the world is one family – the university is known for its strong international collaborations and diverse student community from over 85 countries.

ABOUT SYMBIOSIS INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (SIIB)

Established in 1992 as the Symbiosis Institute of Foreign Trade (SIFT), SIIB was later renamed to reflect its expanded focus on international business. It is a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune, which holds an A++ grade from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). SIIB offers specialized MBA programmes in International Business (its flagship programme, since 1992), Agri-Business Management (since 2004), and Sustainability Management (since 2009). Guided by the Symbiosis motto "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family), the institute emphasizes experiential, "learning-by-doing" pedagogy and offers international exposure through partnerships with over a dozen global universities across countries such as Germany, Canada, France, Australia, and Israel.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE (RMC)

The rapid integration of Artificial Intelligence into every domain of human activity has created an urgent methodological challenge for the social sciences – the tools to illuminate complex social phenomena are available, but researchers are often inadequately equipped to use them with rigour. This ICSSR Research Methodology Course, proposed by Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SIIB), Pune, addresses this gap by helping faculty and early-career researchers move from conventional survey-based methods to AI-assisted approaches – including predictive modelling, natural language processing, and computational content analysis – while staying firmly grounded in sound research design, data ethics, and interdisciplinary inquiry. Drawing on SIIB's focus on international business and global trade, the course pays particular attention to AI applications for trade data, financial text, and cross-border datasets, equipping participants to conduct rigorous, internationally competitive research in an increasingly digitised world.

OBJECTIVES OF THE RMC

- Build fluency in AI analytics – NLP, automated content analysis, and ML for social science research.
- Train in digital data collection – extracting, cleaning, and coding data using AI tools.
- Strengthen mixed-method and predictive research design.
- Instil ethical awareness – algorithmic bias, data privacy, and academic integrity.

OUTCOMES OF THE RMC

- Hands-on proficiency in Python, R, and AI-assisted tools.
- Stronger research design and validity frameworks for digital-era research.
- Ability to design AI-integrated courses for PG/doctoral curricula.
- Readiness to lead ethical, compliant research practice.
- Enhanced institutional research output and publication competitiveness.

IMPORTANT DATES & VENUE

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION	20.10.2026
INTIMATION TO THE SELECTED PARTICIPANTS	25.10.2026
COURSE DATES	17TH – 26TH NOVEMBER 2026
COURSE VENUE & ACCOMMODATION	SIIB CAMPUS, HINJEWADI, PUNE, MAHARASHTRA

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APPLICATION FORM

1. Full Name (in block letters): _____
 2. Gender (Male/Female): _____ 3. Date of Birth: _____
 4. Category (Gen/OBC/SC/ST): _____
 5. Program enrolled in (M. Phil/Ph. D/PDF): _____
 6. Date with year of Registration: _____
 7. Topic of Research: _____
 8. Post Graduation with Subject: _____
 9. Present Status of Research Work (Preparing Synopsis/Literature Review/Pilot Survey/Analyzing Data/ Writing Thesis): _____
 10. Name of the University/College/Institute/: _____
 11. Address for Correspondence: _____
 12. Mobile No.: _____ 13. Email: _____
 14. Accommodation Required (Yes/No): _____
 15. Whether earlier attended ICSSR sponsored/Similar Course? (Yes/ No) _____
- If yes, specify Date, Duration and Place _____

I, hereby submit my application form along with the brief synopsis of the undertaken research proposal (1000 words), Self-attested copy of the caste of ST/SC/OBC/Disability certificate (if applicable) and duly forwarded M. Phil/Ph. D/PDF Registration letter.

Date:

Place:

Recommended By

Signature of the Applicant

Forwarded By

Research Supervisor
(Signature and seal)

Principal/Dean/HoD
(Signature and seal)