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# RESEARCH

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CLASS – BSW 3



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## **BSW SEMESTER V**

### **Research Practicum**

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A BSW semester V student is required to complete a Group Research project as part of their academic requirements. For the same, each group was allotted a guide. Students choose their research subject and formed groups in the second week of the semester, in August 2021, and then submitted their research project at the conclusion of the semester. Despite the fact that this was a collaborative project, each student was required to write his or her project report according to the guidelines provided. The research was carried out using the survey approach. This was covered as part of the assignment, and 20 points were given for it.

### **Objectives of the Research Project**

- Develop skills in the application of scientific methodology in the study of social work-related topics.
- Learn the application of the statistical procedures in order to interpret the research findings.
- Develop skills in writing a research dissertation in an organized, systematic and logical manner.
- Encourage the process of independent study and orderly presentation that can contribute to social work education and training.

The class was divided into five groups. Both languages - English and Marathi were used to write the research practicum. The practicum was created in English by three of the five groups, and in Marathi by the other two. Each group was led by a student coordinator and a research guide. In order to write the research, the students had to use a combination of theory and practise. Dr. Anita Panot, the subject instructor, was involved in the whole process from planning to completion of the practicum from August 5th to October 7th, 2021. An individual research practicum was submitted on October 7th, 2021. An APA style, online referencing, writing skills, and SPSS research training were also held as part of this course.

### **GROUP WISE TOPICS:**

#### **Group: 1**

Research Topic: To study the problems of migrant construction workers in Satara, Kalyan and Kandivali-Borivali.

Guide: Dr Vaijanta Anand | Group coordinator: Suhaj Shid

This topic was chosen to study the problems faced by the migrant workers in the society. The study was conducted to learn more about their family condition, economic position, and migration trends and the effects of the covid 19 pandemic on them.

### **Group: 2**

Research topic: Effect of lockdown on education of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard tribal students in Thalasseri, Palghar

Guide: Sameer Mohite | Yogesh Bhurkud

The topic was chosen in order to understand the effects of the covid 19 pandemic and its subsequent lockdown on the tribal children.

### **Group 3:**

Research topic: Perspective on Gender Equality - Survey among the Banjara community in Mankhurd Youth

Guide: Dr Ronald Yesudas | Group Coordinator – Shyamrao Jadhav

The topic was chosen exclusively for the Banjara community since this community has no history relating to gender and gender equality. To learn more about it the group conducted extensive study on this community.

### **Group 4:**

Topic: Knowledge and Attitude of Adolescents (age group 13-16) on LGBT community in Mumbai.

Guide: Ms Reny Ranjan | Group Coordinator: Enrica Emmanuel

The topic was chosen to examine the knowledge of the adolescents on the LGBT community and the attitudes that they hold towards them.

### **Group 5:**

Topic: Problems faced by Katkari tribes due to land Alienation

Guide: Ms Pallavi Xalxo. | Group Coordinator: Annette Zacharia.

The topic was chosen because one of the students in the group was put in an NGO that works with Katkari's and has witnessed the issues faced by this community. The study's goal was to examine the Katkari tribes' socioeconomic and demographic features, to investigate the various types of

land encroachment and determine the scope of the problem of Katkari tribal lands being alienated from non-tribal individuals and institutions.

**“Research is creating new knowledge” – Neil Armstrong.**

“It was the first time as a student that I had the opportunity to work on a research project, and my topic was the issues that the Katkari tribe encountered as a result of land alienation in the Raigad district's Mangaon Taluka. Understanding Katkari tribe's challenges and way of life was a completely new and fascinating experience for me, as we were working on this project as a group. It was a really useful and grassroot level experience for me, and it provided me with more practical skills to conduct further study on any issue.” – Annette Zacharia.

“My goal was to improve my understanding of research papers and how to do research on a certain issue. I was able to understand the process, which entails effort, errors, reflection, and strategy refining. By organizing initiatives that demand shared learning and co-creating in this research project, I was able to work in groups to get to know one another, better comprehend each other's viewpoints, and foster cooperation and exchange of ideas.” – Shyamrao Jadhav.

“I've learnt to perform online research, as well as the vital topics that need be addressed in research, the different types of research, and to discover the topics to conduct research. "The research models were well-understood by me. The research questionnaire was designed with the understanding that it should be based on the study objectives. Along with this, I also got an understanding of operating an excel sheet. The research that we conducted online was definitely an exciting experience. ”– Sachin Shedge.

It was the first time as a student that I had the opportunity to work on a research project. My topic was the problems faced by 10th and 12th class students in Talasari tribal area in online education. I couldn't grasp the concept of research at first, but I gradually came to understand it as I went through the process of choosing on a study topic and setting goals. This study experience has given me a better knowledge of the online learning problems that tribal students in grades 10 and 12 face. There are several hurdles that students face, including network troubles, financial difficulties, the lack of a dedicated device for learning, and parents' income being insufficient to support their family. This was a new study topic for me, and the learning experience was unforgettable. I learned how to enter data into an excel sheet and create a table for the first time. I learned to write and formulate operational definition, hypothesis, study design, sample strategy, data collection tools, ethical considerations, and report writing. My group research experience has been fantastic. This research taught me a lot of things, both big and small. This research will be extremely beneficial to me in the future. I am keen on researching on any issue in future opportunities. As a social worker, this study experience has been really beneficial to me.”– Varsha Zine.

“This research assignment was very engaging which gave us the opportunity to understand knowledge and perspective of the adolescents on the LGBT. Our research faculty Dr. Anita Panot

ma'am has made us comprehend the vast concept of research in a very precise and accurate form, which makes it easier for the students to use these concepts in any and every type of research. Dr. Anita Panot has been very approaching and welcoming to all her students for the research which created a sense of security and ability to perform better. The period of preparation and study of this research was very exciting and brought a sense of accomplishment, which was not possible without the endless guidance and support of Dr. Anita Panot and our Research Guide Ms. Reny Rajan. For beginners in research, these faculty members are a treasure to have.” – Jayati Sinha.

The whole procedure was done online as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown. Twenty-one students utilised their cell phones to conduct their entire research project. Both the languages - Marathi and English were used in the research practicum. Despite the pandemic, one of the groups conducted offline data collecting by visiting and interacting with the community they were targeting.

### **Experience of research practicum**

For us research was a completely new and complicated process. It was because we overheard seniors talking about the level of difficulty of the procedure, the mental strain involved, and so on. However, as we began to comprehend and study each topic, it became clear that research technique is a simple procedure when carried out correctly. We obtained clarity on the subject, especially after theoretical lectures by our faculty, Dr. Anita Panot ma'am, who assisted us in our research practicum as well. We were afraid for the practicum because it was entirely online; nevertheless, one thing that we were extremely clear about was the conceptual understanding; we were able to get basic knowledge and clarity from theoretical lectures. While we were performing our research practicum, we came across terminologies like literature review and data collection that we found intriguing. Furthermore, we have improved significantly in our individual skills, such as working in a group as an active contributing member, professionalism, technology-based communication skills, discipline, and many more.

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