**Course: B.A. (Programme) 3rd Year**

**Subject: Field Technique and Surveying Methods**

**Semester – V**

**Taught individually or shared: Individual**

**Faculty: Dr. Ankur Srivastava**

**Number of classes per week: 4**

**Course Objectives:**

**1) This course shall introduce the basic concepts in field work in geographical studies.**

**2) This paper shall elucidate about defining the field and identifying the case studies, field**

**techniques.**

**3) This course shall provide detailed understanding related to questionnaire development and**

**preparation of the field report.**

**Unit 1:** **Field Work in Geographical Studies – Role, Value and Ethics of Field-Work.**

Topics to be covered:

**(Week 1)** Introduction to field work, its importance in Geography

**(Week 2)** Values and Ethics involved in field work

**Number of classes required** – 10 classes

**Methodology for teaching**: Use of power point presentation, Classroom lectures

And different case studies from India and world

**Suggested Readings**:

1. Special Issue on “Doing Fieldwork” The Geographical Review 91:1-2 (2001).
2. Wolcott, H. (1995). The Art of Fieldwork.CA, USA: Alta Mira Press

**Unit 2:** **Defining the Field and Identifying the Case Study – Rural / Urban / Physical**

**Human / Environmental**.

Topics to be covered

**(Week 3-4)** Explaining, how to choose a suitable field for research purpose.

**(Week 3-4)** Case studies from Rural and Urban area based on contemporary issues

**(Week 3-4)** Case studies from Physical and Human Environment (Mountain, desert, coastal areas including different associated aspects

**Number of classes required**: 12 classes

**Methodology:** Theoretical explanation of different types of scenarios including Rural / Urban / Physical Human / Environmental.

**Readings prescribed**:

1. Mukherjee, N. (2002). Participatory Learning and Action: with 100 Field Methods. Delhi, India: Concept Publs. Co.

**Unit 3:** **Field Techniques – Merits, Demerits and Selection of the Appropriate**

**Technique; Observation (Participant / Non Participant)**

**(Week-5-8)** Topics to be covered: Deep understanding of field techniques and statistical methods, Different techniques involved in field work,

**Unit 4:** **Use of Field Tools – Collection of Material for Physical and Socio-Economic Surveys.**

Topics to be covered: Detailed analysis of primary survey and field ethics, Use of Field Tools – Collection of Material for Physical and Socio-Economic Surveys.

**(Week 9-10)**

**Unit 5:** **Designing the Field Report – Aims and Objectives, Methodology, Analysis, Interpretation and Writing the Report**

**(Week 11-12)**: Understanding of the report writing, formulating and final shape to file.

Suggested Readings:

Robinson, A. (1998). Thinking Straight and Writing That Way. In Pryczak, F. and Bruce, R. P. eds.. Writing Empirical Research Reports: A Basic Guide for Students of the Social and Behavioural Sciences. Los Angeles, USA: Routlege

**e-resources:**

<https://www.researchgate.net/>

<https://www.surveyofindia.gov.in/>

<https://journals.openedition.org/espacoeconomia/21939>

https://www.downtoearth.org.in/

**Criteria of Assessment:**

* Class tests
* Assignment

Tentative Dates of Assessment:

* Assignment- To be submitted before October 10, 2022
* Class test – September 26, 2022