



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
Nagaland University

in association with

**RC 01: Theory and Practice in Sociology,
Indian Sociological Society &
Prof. Aparajita Gangopadhyay Memorial Fund**
invites you to

Five- Day Academic Reading & Writing Workshop
Call for Applications

22nd-26th September 2025

Venue:

Department of Sociology,
Nagaland University,
HQRS: Lumami

Important Dates:

Application Submission Deadline
5th September 2025

Acceptance of Application
8th September 2025

About the Workshop

The proposed intensive workshop aims to arm **research scholars** with the necessary basic techniques of academic reading and writing in the social sciences. Beginning with an introduction to the generic structure of academic texts, it has four sections devoted to:

- i) Techniques of reading: pre-reading, quick reading, detailed reading, dealing with difficult passages, and how to seek internal and external help.
- ii) Writing techniques: elements of coherence and structure, the distribution of emphasis, paragraphs, quotation and paraphrasing.
- iii) Formal conventions of academic texts: competency in citation and referencing, current definitions of plagiarism and how to avoid it.
- iv) Essentials of standard academic formats: research proposals, literature reviews, elements of “publishability”, negotiating stylesheets, and writing for academic journals.

This is a practical workshop – it consists entirely of exercises designed to help participants learn-by-doing. The primary objective is to avoid lectures. Participants will be divided into small groups of 4-5 members who will do both collective and individual in-session exercises. There will be one faculty facilitator to guide 3-4 groups.

Rationale of the Workshop

The simple acts of reading and writing are central to academic practice in the social sciences and humanities. However, while these are formally discussed and taught in the humanities, it is only in the social sciences that something as integral to our disciplines as reading and writing are never taught explicitly. This is a major problem because reading or writing academic texts is very different from, and much more than, simply being competent in the reading or writing of ordinary or non-academic language.

In association with RC 01, Theory and Practice in Sociology, & Indian Sociological Society, the proposed workshop is designed to address a critical gap in the academic skill set of our researchers and faculty members, particularly in the areas of academic reading and writing. In the rapidly evolving academic landscape, the ability to dissect complex texts, synthesize information, and articulate research findings effectively is indispensable. This workshop aims to equip participants with advanced reading strategies, research methodologies, and writing techniques that are pivotal for producing high-quality academic papers, proposals, and dissertations. It will be a Hands-on Training Workshop for 5 days.

Resource Person is going to be **Prof. Satish Deshpande**, Former Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi. Currently M.N. Srinivas Chair Visiting Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru.

Application Submission:

- Total seats for workshop: 30
- **Only PhD Research scholars enrolled in Social Sciences in any university/institute can apply.**
- Application Submission Link: <https://forms.gle/jpYeWT25Tn2zMm4R9>
- Due to funding limitations, the organizers cannot provide any TA/DA. Applicants will have to arrange their travel and accommodation on their own.

Registration Fees:

- ₹1000 per applicant
- Workshop kit, lunch for 5 days and light refreshments will be provided by organizers.
- For any queries contact: 9818859697
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Chief Patron

Prof. Jagadish Kumar Patnaik, Vice-Chancellor, Nagaland University

About Nagaland University

Nagaland University, a Central University established in 1994 is spread across three campuses in three districts. The University Headquarter is located in Lumami, situated in Zunheboto District of Nagaland state. It is about 20 kms from Mokokchung Town. The campus offers basic amenities with Shopping Complex, Health Centre, Post Office, Bank with ATM etc.

Dr. Suraj Beri

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About the Department

The Department of Sociology was established in the year 1997 and over the years it has conducted several programmes and events as part of their academic extension activities. The Department has both Postgraduate and Ph.D. program. The Department also has a Tribal Research Centre to carry out various inter disciplinary research projects on tribal issues in the region.