

RM 6201

Research Methodology

Academic Research

Eco System

Module I-A

@ CSE/Maths, IIT Patna

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ResM Syllabi : Research

▪ Module I: Foundations → Terminology

▪ Module II: Problem Visualization & Conceptualization

▪ Module III: Design & Data Analysis DONE

- Design
- Data Analysis

▪ Module IV: DONE

- Qualitative Methods
- Quantitative (Statistical) Methods

▪ Module V: Ethics, Publishing, Quality, & IPR

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ResM Syllabi:

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Module I (6 lecture hours) – Research Method Fundamentals: Definition, characteristics and types, basic research terminology, an overview of research method concepts, research methods vs. method methodology, role of ICT in research, Nature and scope of research, information-based decision making and source of knowledge. The research process; basic approaches and terminologies used in research. Defining research problem and hypotheses frame to prepare a research plan.

Module II (5 lecture hours) - Research Problem Visualization & Conceptualization: Significance of literature survey in identification of a research problem from reliable sources and critical review, identifying technical gaps and contemporary challenges from literature review and research databases, development of working hypothesis, defining and formulating the research problems, problem selection, necessity of defining the problem and conceiving the solution approach and methods.

Module III (5 lecture hours) - Research Design & Data Analysis: Research design – basic principles, need of research design and data classification – primary and secondary, features of good design, important concepts relating to research design, observation and facts, validation methods, observation and collection of data, methods of data collection, sampling methods, data processing and analysis, hypothesis testing, generalization, analysis, reliability, interpretation and presentation.

Module IV (16 lecture hours) - Qualitative & Quantitative analysis: Qualitative Research Plan and designs, Meaning and types of Sampling, Tools of qualitative data Collection; observation depth Interview, focus group discussion, Data editing, processing & categorization, qualitative data analysis, Fundamentals of statistical methods, parametric and nonparametric techniques, test of significance, variables, conjecture, hypothesis, measurement, types of data and scales, sample and sampling techniques, probability and distributions, hypothesis testing, level of significance and confidence interval, t-test, ANOVA, correlation, regression analysis, error analysis, research data analysis and evaluation using software tools (e.g.: MS Excel, SPSS, Statistical, R, etc.).

Module V (10 lecture hours) – Principled Research: Ethics in research and Ethical dilemma, affiliation and conflict of interest; Publishing and sharing research, Plagiarism and its fallout (case studies), Internet research ethics, data protection and intellectual property rights (IPR) – patent survey, patentability, patent laws and IPR filing process

ResM: Modules I & II

I: Foundations

- Defn, Character/Types, Terms, Overview,
- Method(ology), ICT, Nature/Scope,
- Info-based DM & Know Process; Approaches.
- Define Problem, Hypotheses & Plan.

... (6 Lecture)

II: Visualization & Conceptualization:

- Littr Survey, Review, Gaps & Challenges → Research Q
- Dev. Hypothesis, Define & Formulate,
- Solution approach/methods: Selection,

... (5 Lectures)

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ResM: Module V

V: Ethics, Publishing, Quality, & IPR: :

Ethics & dilemma, Research and Publication Ethics;

Conflicts of Interest (CoIs);

Publishing, Sharing, Affiliation;

Plagiarism and its fallout

(Digi Pers) Data Protection (DPDP Act/Rules);

(Right to) Transparency :

IPR: Types of Patents, Patentability,

Patent laws and IPR filing.

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Teaching

AI

Academic Ethics

Algorithms

Machine/Deep Learning

Data Analytics

Statistics & Tools

Research Methodology

Data Struct. & Algorithms

Prog. Lang. & Methodology

Compiler Construction

Embedded System Design

OO Design, Comp & Systems

Image Processing

Computer Vision

Multimedia System

Pattern Recog / Classification

Software Engineering & Adv.

Stochastic Optimization

Public Policy (Most in Use)

Grievance Redressal (2019-26)

CU Common Counselling (2022-23)

CUET (2020-22)

Prevention of Suicides (2022-23)

IITs Admissions & Counselling (2006-16)

NBA UG Accreditation (2008-11) → NAAC

About Me

Professor CSE;
Tech. & Edu,
Consultant,
Policy

Ext. Funding

Google, India

Microsoft, USA

National, Germany

Leadership

Academic:

IIT KGP, BITS, JNU

Admin:

IIT KGP, BITS

Recognition

Test of Time Award (2022)

Karamveer Chakra (2013)

CVC: Whistleblower (2013)

SC: Unsung Hero (2011)

RTI National Award (2009)

Distinguish PhD Nominee(1997)

Commonwealth Scholarship

Univ. Medal (1992)

Research Interests

Higher Edu. & Tech for Society

Machine Learn, IoT, Multimedia

Scientomterics, Edu. Data Ming.

Prog. Lang., Software Systems

Evo. Algo, Comb. Optimization

Worked for

JNU (2015 – 24)

IIT Kharagpur (2000-17)

IIT Kanpur (2005-6, 2013-4)

NSC Germany (2001-4)

BITS Pilani (1997 – 2000)

DRDO (1986 - 95)

DST (1983 - 86)

Education

Sheffield, UK

NLU Delhi

Roorkee

Allahabad

Research Articles (250)

Masters (80), Doctoral (20)

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About You?

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About Us

- ❖
- ❖ **About You ?**
 - ❖ **Your Exposure to?**
 - ❖ **D & D (Design & Development)**
 - ❖ **System Integration,**
 - ❖ **Applications**
 - ❖ **Case Studies in ResM?**
 - ❖ **Your Choice?**
- ❖ ...

About Course?

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**Acad. Res. Eco Sys
Terminology &
Foundations**

Objective?

**What is
the Objective
Of This Course?**

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ResM

→ **What is Research ?**

- **Research**

→→

- **Discovery of
New Knowledge.**



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Objective?

**Make Thesis-Students
Ready for Research, Etc.?**

What? | How? | Let us do it

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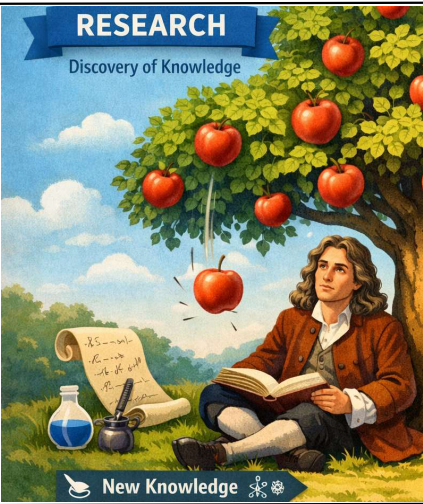
ResM

→ **Since childhood,**

→ **Research** →

→ **Discovery of**

→ **New Knowledge.**



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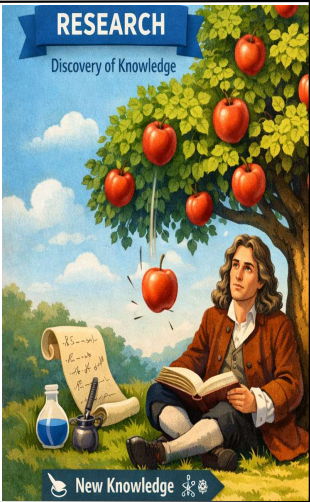
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➔ **Discovery !**

➔ **Can it be planned?**

➔ **Can it be studied ?**

**for
PhD MTech Theses, etc.?**



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ResM : New Mantra

Innovation ?



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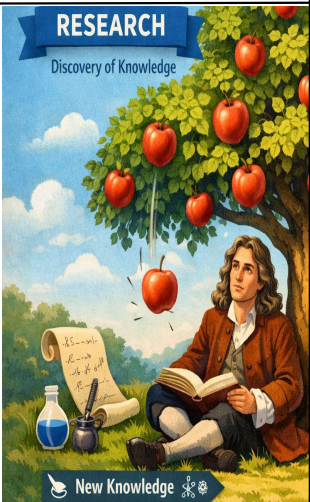
❖ **Thesis Research**

➔ **Research = Re + Search**

➔ **For New Knowledge**

➔ **Mostly Incrementally?**

➔ **In ResM?**



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ResM : Innovation: R&I

New Mantra?

➔ **R is added by I**

R&I

- **Discovery**
- **Research**
- **Innovation**



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Discovery of Knowledge

- **Discovery**
- **Research**
- **Innovation**

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ResM : R&I

New Mantra?

- ➔ **R for R &D**
- ➔ **R for R & I**
- ➔ **R for I & Practices**
- ➔ **R for P & P**
 - ➔ **Academia & Industry**
 - ➔ **Academia & Society**
 - ➔ **Industry & Commercialization**

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ResM : Innovation: R&I

New Mantra? R&I

- ➔ **R is followed by D**
 - ➔ **R & D**
- ➔ **I is followed by ???**
 - ➔ **I & S**

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ResM : R&I

- ➔ **Research for**
 - ➔ **Publications**
 - ➔ **Practices**
 - ➔ **Commercialization**
 - ➔ **Applications,**
 - ➔ **Patenting, etc.**
 - ➔ **Start-ups, Unicorns, etc.**
- ➔ **Discovery for Knowledge,**
 - ➔ **In tune with Resources for Money**
- ➔

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ResM : Innovation: R&I

New Mantra? R&D, I&S, Innovate PhD

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**First ‘practical PhDs’
awarded in China –
for products rather
than papers**

The programme is designed to train more elite engineers who can help to boost the country’s innovation.

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R&I

- **R & D**
- **I & S**
- **Combining three → RDI**
- **RDI Fund ~ 1 Lakh Crore**
 - **~ 1 Trillion**
- **ANRF India (~NSF USA)**
 - **For You to Grab.**

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ResM : Innovation: R&I

What’s Emerging:

- **PhD Theses, by**
 - **Publications**
 - **Patenting**
 - **Practices**
 - **... (To Be Added (TBA))**

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Research

Research → Knowledge Creation

- Focuses on **creation of new knowledge**, or **deeper understanding** of existing concepts.
- Aims to **discover, explain, or validate** theories, models, or algorithms.
- Driven by **questions, hypotheses, problem exploration**.
- Success measured by **novelty, correctness, rigor, citations**.
- **New learning algorithm** or improving algo. complexity.
- Output: **papers, algorithms, models, system, prototypes, benchmark datasets**.

Innovation

Innovation → Value Creation

- Focuses on **application of knowledge** to create **practical value**.
- Aims to translate **ideas into usable products, processes, or services**.
- Driven by **needs, impact, and adoption**.
- Output is typically **products, systems, startups, patents, or deployments**.
- Success → **usability, scalability, adoption, and impact**.
- Output: A **system** or software.

Question ?

Feedback ?