

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

BEST PRACTICE

Title of the Practice: Social Survey

Goal:

To develop students' skills in practical application of theoretical knowledge of sociology.

Objectives of the Practice:

1. To investigate the causes of arising social problems in rural areas.
2. To make awareness among society about the impact of social problems.
3. To develop social research skills among students.
4. To suggest the solutions of social problems.

The Context

Our students are belongs to rural areas. Today, many social problems have arisen in rural India. These social problems directly or indirectly affect the daily life of students. So suggest the students to select one topic for their research project from these social issues. In this the student collects basic information about the subject given to him. He reviews the various pre-existing streams and approaches regarding their selected research topic. Then he collect new information about that subject. For this he prepares a survey questionnaire, interview schedule or questionnaire to select as a tool of data collection and then goes to the actual field for data collection. After that, the information is acquire, edit, classify, analyse and based on that, a conclusion is drawn and based on that he able to write a project report.

The Practice:

Department of Sociology has select some students to every year for the project. Then students are prepare on selected research topic. Viz. students able to choose on their interest by any burning social problem that has arisen in the area around them, the evaluation of Govt. scheme implemented in that area or social transformation in their village. In this, process students are try to apply the theoretical knowledge of sociology in social research.

Evidence of Success

The different subjects offered to the students for study by the Department of Sociology in the last five years include the following subjects.

1. A Study of Farmers Affected by samriddhi express way. From this study, information was gathered from the farmers of five villages about how they utilized the sudden amount of money received as land compensation, how it affected their income and expenses, what changes happened in their lives due to the sudden money.
2. The effects of TV and mobile phones on rural social capital were studied.
3. The effect of WhatsApp Messenger on the social behavior of students was studied.
4. A Study of Social Impact of Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyaan. And
5. A sociological study of Nanaji Deshmukh Agricultural Sanjeevani Project was done in the context of Vaijapur taluka.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

There were many difficulties encountered while conducting social surveys. The difficulties encountered while conducting the survey are as follows.

1. There are many obstacles while data collection from female respondent.
2. Reluctance of respondents to provide information about the project topic.
3. To prepare the mind-set of students for research work.
4. Lack of financial support for students research work.

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