

# REPORT OF RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM ON FIELD DATA COLLECTION

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## OBJECTIVES

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
10.00-10.30	Welcome and Introduction Setting Agenda	
10.30-11.15	Process of research	Prof. Chandrakant Puri
11.15-11.30	Tea Break	
11.30-12.30	Field data for policy formulation	Prof. R. Siva Prasad
12.30-1.00	Discussion	
1.00-2.00	Lunch	
2.00-2.45	Planning field data collection	Dr. Swayam Panda
2.45-3.00	Discussion	
3.00-3.15	Tea Break	
3.15-4.00	Dos and Don'ts in Field Data Collection	Dr. Anthony Dias & Dr. Swati Banerjee
4.00-5.30	NEG- study: Planning Field Data-an exercise. Concluding	All participants

## REPORT OF THE SYMPOSIUM

Research Symposium on Field Data Collection for Ph.D. Scholars of Social Science in Interdisciplinary Studies of University of Mumbai and for field Practitioners was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2014 at University of Mumbai. This was jointly organized by Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Contemporary Studies, University of Mumbai and NEG-FIRE, New Delhi.

The objectives of the Research Symposium were as follows:

- To acquaint participant with Research Process;
- To describe best practices in undertaking and planning field data collection in sensitive areas;
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The main purpose was to train possible research investigator, who will be a part of proposed NEG-FIRE Study

on 'Strengthening of SSA and RTE Act Implementation for the children of Nomadic, Mendicants and Entertainer Communities in Maharashtra'. Around 20 participants participated in the event which was held at the Conference Hall of RGCCS at University of Mumbai.

In the First Session, all the resource persons and participants introduced themselves. In his welcome and introductory remarks, **Dr. Chandrakant Puri**, Chair Professor of Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Contemporary Studies and Principal Researcher of the NAG-FIRE Study welcomed all for the symposiums and explained in brief about the background of the symposium and the objectives.

In the Second Session **Dr. Chandrakant Puri** gave presentation on the '**process of research**', wherein he introduced all the participants with the process of research highlighting the importance of field data collection.

After the tea break, **Professor R. Siva Prasad**, Head, Department of Anthropology, Central University of

Hyderabad spoke on 'Field Data for Policy Formulation'. In his presentation, he stressed upon the need of field data and its accuracy for policy formulation as it required authenticity and accuracy. He gave a number of examples which were based on his practical experiences.

Both the sessions generated a very good discussion among the participants.

After the lunch break, **Dr. Swayam Panda**, Advisor of NEG-FIRE Study gave inputs on the subject of '**Planning Field Data Collection**', wherein he shared his experiences of how to be accurate while planning field data collection.

After the tea break the Panel Discussion on 'DOs & DON'Ts' in the field data collection was held wherein **Dr. Anthony Dias** of XISR and **Dr. Swati Banerjee** from TISS spoke at length. They were joined by Dr. Swayam Panda and Dr. Chandrakant Puri. Participants were very happy with the practical tips received for collecting field data.

The last session was 'Planning **Field Data Collection for the NAG-FIRE Study**' wherein would be researcher participated. Dr. Swayam Panda gave brief presentation on background and objectives of the proposed study and then discussion was held about how to conduct this research in Latur and Solapur district. Several participants from these districts were present at this strategic meeting.

Professor Chandrakant Puri thanked all the resource person and participants for being part of this unique Symposium



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