

REPORT ON THE SUMMER SCHOOL IN QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

A summer school on quantitative methods in political science research was held at the Jain University in collaboration with the Lokniti, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi from 10 to 22 May 2012 at the Global Campus of the University. This was the third annual workshop conducted by Jain University.

Twenty participants drawn from some of the **premier research institutions** – Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi School of Economics, National Institute of Advanced Studies, **leading Universities** – Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University, Pondicherry University, University of Hyderabad, Jadhavpur University and **well known media organizations** – Frontline, Economic and Political Weekly, participated in the Workshop. The two week residential workshop aimed at equipping young social science researchers with the skills of quantitative data analysis, focusing not merely on the statistical methods but also dilating on formulating research questions. Data from the National Election Study (2004) was used as the basis for the study.

The resource persons at the workshop included some of the leading researchers in Political Science who have applied quantitative research techniques. They included Dr Pradeep Chhibber (Professor, University of California, Berkeley), Dr Irfan Nooruddin (Professor, Ohio State University), Dr Siddarth Swaminathan (Professor, ISEC), Professor Yogendra Yadav (Member UGC and Senior Fellow CSDS), Dr Suhas Palshikar (Professor, University of Pune), Mr Sanjay Kumar (Fellow, CSDS) , Dr Divya Vaid (Associate Fellow, CSDS) and Dr Sandeep Shastri (Pro Vice Chancellor, Jain University). Ms Kinjal Sampat, Ms Jyoti Misra and Ms Sohini Mukherjee from Lokniti, CSDS, Delhi assisted in the conduct of the Workshop.

Every participant made a presentation at the end of the workshop, by choosing an appropriate research question and using the quantitative data to analyze the same. It is hoped that most of these presentations will develop into full length papers that would be published in leading research journals.

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