



Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP)

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi
Kamand, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh

12 Days INTERDISCIPLINARY Refresher Course
on

Reclaiming Indian Intellectual Traditions in Social Sciences and Humanities

(Online Mode)

March 09 – 21, 2026

About the Course:

Since the introduction of Western education by the colonial administration, the traditions of acquiring knowledge—as well as the methods of inquiry and the purposes of education—underwent a profound transformation in India. Colonial policies, with their emphasis on modern disciplines and subsequent domination of Eurocentric approaches in knowledge systems, systematically marginalized indigenous intellectual traditions and distorted the foundational aims of knowledge creation and dissemination. The education in post-Independent India not only retained but also encouraged adoption of those ‘modern’ epistemological methods and continued structuring of disciplines in Indian universities. The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) marks a critical shift. It encourages incorporation of inclusive, holistic, and multidisciplinary approaches and embraces epistemic plurality. It aims to rebuild knowledge systems and, thereby, reform the very structure of contemporary education systems. It directs us to develop frameworks that are rooted in India’s cultural ethos, intellectual traditions, and civilizational heritage. While NEP might be reinvigorating interest in India’s civilizational and knowledge traditions, there remains a significant gap in recognizing and reclaiming contributions of intellectuals, thinkers, and scholars of the late 19th to mid-20th century India who laid critical foundations for developing social sciences that attended to socio-cultural and political economic realities in India. Here's a brief overview of what this course includes:

Objectives

- To reintroduce participants with the scholars and intellectual traditions that developed in the late-19th till mid-20th century Bharat;
- To encourage participants to reintroduce scholars and thinkers like Benoy Kumar Sarkar, D.R. Gadgil, J.C. Kumarappa, Irawati Karve, M.N. Srinivas, A.K. Saran, Dharma Kumar, C.N. Vakil, P.R. Brahmananda, Radhakumud Mukerjee, A.K. Dasgupta, D.P. Mukherjee, Ardeshir Darabshaw Shroff, B.R. Ambedkar, Dharampal, R.C. Mazumdar, H.C. Roychaudhuri, Sri Sitaram Goel, Ananda Coomaraswamy, Jadunath Sarkar, among others in curriculum, pedagogy and also produce academic works engaging with them;
- To reclaim those methodologies and ideas in research and classroom teaching for fostering intellectual decolonization;
- To build a network of scholars who consistently engage and advance teaching and research rooted in intellectual traditions of India.

Participants Eligibility Criteria

- Faculty members working in universities and colleges that are included under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act. The teachers of colleges that do not yet come within the purview of Section 2(f), but have been affiliated to a university for at least three years, will be permitted to participate in the courses. These conditions apply only to Residential Training Programmes/Courses.
- For the Refresher course (RC), participation in the FIP is a prerequisite for admission. The teacher may opt for a refresher course after a one-year gap following FIP.

Application/Registration Procedure

- The participants should first register at <https://mmc.ugc.ac.in/> and create an account.
- After logging in as participant using User ID and Password, from the dashboard, click on “Apply for Guru Dakshta (FIP), Refresher Course and Short-Term Programme/Faculty Development Programme”, next start filling the application form.
- In the application form, select “Apply for” as “Refresher Course”, next give details of your earlier participation in FIP, next select “Programme Name & Centre Name” as “Indian Institute of Technology Mandi”, later fill in the remaining items and submit the application form.

Salient Features of the Course

- The Refresher course will be of two weeks' duration, with a minimum of 12 working days and 72 contact hours (six hours a day, six days a week). The course will have 48 hours of lectures by resource persons and 24 hours of hands-on sessions, project works and other activities.
- There will be MCQ based assessment examination conducted at the end of the course. This course will be considered for fulfilment of the requirements as laid down by UGC for Career Advance Scheme.
- Application / registration is free of cost.
- A Certificate will be issued to those who have attended all the sessions and have qualified the Assessment examination.
- This course is beneficial for individuals looking to stay updated with current trends in research and improve their overall academic and professional output. After attending the refresher course, the participants will independently and accurately be able to perform better research, writing and analysis.

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Important Dates	Contact
Application Deadline Date: 25th February 2026	mmttp@iitmandi.ac.in
Programme Start Date: 9th March 2026 End Date: 21st March 2026	

Relevant Important Links:

- **Step-by-Step Process:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11VQVN2QnIK1YDYWJwl66j4OJFC49Q1lq/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=107195621035338052957&rtpof=true&sd=true>

- **User Participant Manual Link:**

<https://mmc.ugc.ac.in/S/MMTTP%20User%20Manual%20Participants.pdf>

- **MMTTP Website:** <https://mmc.ugc.ac.in/>