

VEER KUNWAR SINGH UNIVERSITY, ARA

UG Semester–V Internship Programme (2026)

PRE-FIELD TRAINING SCHEDULE – 24 CLASSES

Socio-Economic Survey of the Musahar Community in Shahabad Region

Revised Schedule: 06 August 2026 – 07 September 2026 | **Platform:** Teachmint

MODULE I – Orientation and Conceptual Foundation

Day	Date	Topic	Resource Person
1	06 Aug 2026, Thu	Inaugural Session: Introduction to the Internship Programme, Objectives, NEP-2020, Experiential Learning and Overview of the Socio-Economic Survey	Prof. Sanjay Kumar
2	07 Aug 2026, Fri	Understanding the Musahar Community: History, Distribution, Social Exclusion and Contemporary Challenges	Prof. Sanjay Kumar
3	08 Aug 2026, Sat	Rural Society, Poverty, Social Justice and Inclusive Development	Dr. Vandana Singh

MODULE II – Fundamentals of Social Science Research

Day	Date	Topic	Resource Person
4	11 Aug 2026, Tue	Meaning, Nature and Importance of Social Science Research; Types of Research	Prof. Sanjay Kumar
5	12 Aug 2026, Wed	Research Process, Research Problem, Objectives, Variables and Indicators	Dr. Vandana Singh
6	13 Aug 2026, Thu	Research Design, Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research	Dr. Vandana Singh
7	14 Aug 2026, Fri	Sampling Techniques, Complete Enumeration and Survey Planning	Dr. Dweepika Shekhar Singh

15 August 2026: Holiday (Independence Day).

MODULE III – Research Methodology and Ethics

Day	Date	Topic	Resource Person
8	17 Aug 2026, Mon	Primary Data, Secondary Data, Reliability, Validity and Data Quality	Dr. Dweepika Shekhar Singh
9	18 Aug 2026, Tue	Research Ethics, Informed Consent, Confidentiality and Ethical Issues while Working with Vulnerable Communities	Dr. Vandana Singh

15 August 2026: Holiday (Independence Day).

MODULE IV – Survey Instruments and Questionnaires

Day	Date	Topic	Resource Person
10	19 Aug 2026, Wed	Introduction to the Ten-Day Survey Schedule and Questionnaire Structure	Dr. Dweepika Shekhar Singh
11	20 Aug 2026, Thu	Detailed Discussion on Questionnaires: Day 1 to Day 5	Dr. Dweepika Shekhar Singh
12	21 Aug 2026, Fri	Detailed Discussion on Questionnaires: Day 6 to Day 10	Dr. Arbind Kumar Singh

MODULE V – Digital Data Collection and Documentation

Day	Date	Topic	Resource Person
13	22 Aug 2026, Sat	Google Forms, Student IDs, Household IDs, Mobile-Based Data Collection and Data Validation	Dr. Dweepika Shekhar Singh
14	25 Aug 2026, Tue	Field Diary, Qualitative Notes, Observation Techniques, Case Studies and Ethical Photography	Dr. Dweepika Shekhar Singh

24 August 2026: Holiday. **26 August 2026:** Holiday.

MODULE VI – Field Survey Techniques

Day	Date	Topic	Resource Person
15	27 Aug 2026, Thu	Data Management, Excel, Data Cleaning, Coding and Introduction to Data Analysis	Dr. Vandana Singh
16	28 Aug 2026, Fri	Interview Techniques, Rapport Building and Communication Skills	Dr. Vandana Singh
17	29 Aug 2026, Sat	Village Entry Protocol, Meeting Community Leaders, Household Mapping and Transect Walk	Dr. Arbind Kumar Singh

24 August 2026: Holiday. **26 August 2026:** Holiday.

MODULE VII – Practical Training

Day	Date	Topic	Resource Person
18	31 Aug 2026, Mon	Working with Marginalised Communities: Gender Sensitivity, Safety, Conflict Management and Behavioural Protocol	Dr. Arbind Kumar Singh
19	01 Sep 2026, Tue	Mock Interviews, Role Play and Questionnaire Administration Practice	Dr. Arbind Kumar Singh
20	02 Sep 2026, Wed	Formation of Student Teams, Allocation of Households, Distribution of Responsibilities and Team Coordination	Dr. Vandana Singh

24 August 2026: Holiday. **26 August 2026:** Holiday.

MODULE VIII – Review, Assessment and Final Orientation

Day	Date	Topic	Resource Person
21	03 Sep 2026, Thu	Pilot Survey, Field Demonstration, Common Errors and Quality Control	Dr. Dweepika Shekhar Singh
22	04 Sep 2026, Fri	Review of Pilot Survey, Discussion of Problems, Doubt Clearing and Refinement of Survey Techniques	Dr. Dweepika Shekhar Singh
23	05 Sep 2026, Sat	Data Quality Assurance, Daily Reporting System, Faculty Supervision, Field Ethics and Student Responsibilities	Dr. Vandana Singh
24	07 Sep 2026, Mon	Valedictory & Final Orientation: Distribution of Survey Materials, Researcher's Oath, Instructions for Field Survey and Interaction with Students	Prof. Sanjay Kumar

24 August 2026: Holiday. **26 August 2026:** Holiday.

FACULTY-WISE DISTRIBUTION

Faculty Member	No. of Classes	Areas Covered
Prof. Sanjay Kumar	4	Orientation, Musahar Studies, Importance of Research, Final Orientation
Dr. Dweepika Shekhar Singh	8	Research Methodology, Sampling, Data Quality, Survey Design, Questionnaires, Google Forms, Data Management, Pilot Survey, Review
Dr. Vandana Singh	8	Inclusive Development, Social Science Research, Research Design, Ethics and Conceptual Framework, Data Quality
Dr. Arbind Kumar Singh	4	Interview Skills, Field Protocols, Community Interaction, Practical Training and Team Management
Total	24	

Class Timing: Classes will be conducted anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The exact time will be communicated one day before each class according to the availability of the Resource Person.

Platform: Classes will be conducted on Teachmint. Students are required to download the Teachmint App and join using the designated classroom link/ID circulated by the programme.

Assessment: Attendance and active participation; short quizzes on research methodology and survey ethics; Google Forms practice; mock interview evaluation; field diary and observation notes; questionnaire administration practice; household mapping; pilot survey performance; and viva voce before field deployment.