DH Methods Bootcamp: Text, Data, and Archives

Two-Day Workshop and Research Project Colloquium

27th & 28th January 2026

Venue: IIT Indore

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The exponential growth of digital data has transformed how scholars and practitioners in the humanities and social sciences conduct research. Textual corpora, bibliometric databases, and digitised archival collections now enable new approaches for computational interpretation, network analysis, and data-driven storytelling. The Digital Humanities (DH) framework enables researchers to combine traditional interpretive methods with computational techniques, allowing them to explore large-scale textual corpora, visual datasets, and archival materials. The two-day programme, Digital Research Methods for Text, Data, and Archives, combined with a PhD–Masters–DH Research Project Colloquium, offers a comprehensive introduction to contemporary DH tools, methods, and research applications. Designed for scholars across disciplines, the event aims to develop methodological competency, promote collaborative research communities, and support early-stage researchers in building sustainable DH projects.

Key Features:

- Hands-on sessions using open-source, free-access tools
- Guidance from DH practitioners and research scholars
- Presentation and feedback platform for DH research projects
- Opportunities for collaboration and interdisciplinary networking

Who can Participate?

- **PhD scholars**
- **Master students**
- **Early-career researchers working on DH-led archival, computational, or heritage projects**

The workshop is fully beginner-friendly—no coding experience is needed. Sessions will include interactive demonstrations, guided exercises, trial datasets, and open-source tools.

Plenary Speakers

Dr. Shanmugapriya T

Assistant Professor - Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

Ishita Shah

Designer, Historian, Curator Consulting on Cultural Preservation, Critical Interpretation, and Creative Dissemination

Important Dates:

- **Application deadline: 30th Dec. 2025**
- **Notification of confirmation: 5th Jan. 2026**
- **Travel bursaries to participants of research colloquium (10 participants):** 12 Jan. 2026

Registration Fee

- **No Fee**

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Day 1: Hands-on Training

Participants will receive practical, guided training in:

- **Text Mining & Processing:** extracting patterns, keywords, and semantic structures from large text corpora
- **Bibliometric Analysis:** mapping scholarly trends, citation networks, and research influence
- **Data Visualization:** turning datasets into visual insights
- **Digital Archiving Methods:** organizing, structuring, and preserving digital collections
- **Text Encoding & Annotation:** TEI-based markup and structured representation of texts
- **Network Analysis:** examining relationships between texts, authors, institutions, and datasets

Day 2: Research Project Colloquium

Day 2 Highlights

- Present your DH project or proposal
- Get expert feedback from faculty and peers
- Discuss methods, design, and digital workflows
- Refine and strengthen your project
- Network with DH researchers and practitioners

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