

## Guidelines for Selection of Broad Dissertation Topic by International Participants

Dear Officers, Greetings from College of Defence Management!

1. As you embark on the academic journey of Higher Defence Management Course (HDMC-22), please accept our heartiest congratulations for being nominated for the flagship course of CDM. Allow us to be your intellectual partner and introduce you to the enduring task 'Dissertation' during the conduct of the course.
2. **Research**, at its core, is a simple yet powerful pursuit. It is your academic and intellectual journey into a space where curiosity leads, questions matter and ideas begin to take shape. The ideas, translated into implementation, will transform the environment for future readiness. Therefore, the ideas that emerge are either the **discovery of new knowledge** or **rigorous testing** of the existing knowledge. Every meaningful study begins not with data, but with a question that genuinely intrigues the researcher.
3. You are invited to identify and propose a research topic of your own choice, drawing upon your national context, professional experience, and strategic priorities. The topic should reflect relevance, originality, and preferably align with issues of importance to your Armed Forces.
4. As you reflect on your choice of broad topic, consider the following:-
  - 4.1 *Does the topic trigger and stimulate your curiosity?*
  - 4.2 *Does your quest sustain over time?*
  - 4.3 *Does it connect with your professional experience or operational exposure?*
  - 4.4 *Does it align with an area you are passionate about or wish to explore deeply?*
  - 4.5 *Does it address a contemporary issue of relevance and significance?*
  - 4.6 *Will your study generate or deduce the much-needed meaningful thought, policy, or practice?*
5. A **well-chosen topic** does more than filling up a choice as an academic requirement, it is your **personal intellectual mission**. It is something ***you will engage with, question, refine, and possibly carry forward beyond this course for effective fruition.***
6. We at the CDM, assure you that you will not traverse this path alone. You shall have an intellectual companion; experienced **mentors** assigned to you ***will guide and support throughout.*** We will equip you with the necessary **research methodology**, provide access to **relevant resources** and **software tools**. What we seek from you at the outset, is **thoughtful intent in choosing a subject that matters to you, considering your passion, expertise and interests.**
7. Your dissertation in addition to academic submission, will ***be shared with relevant stakeholders*** in your respective countries and ***could contribute to professional thought and policy considerations.***
8. We invite you to propose a topic of your own, along with a brief rationale and confirmation that the topic is under consideration/ approval by your concerned authorities.
9. ***The intellectual journey begins with this one decision. Make it count!***

### Format for forwarding Broad Dissertation Topic

1. Forward your proposed dissertation topic as per below mentioned format, to email ID [ds53.ids@gov.in](mailto:ds53.ids@gov.in) or [sugunk17@gmail.com](mailto:sugunk17@gmail.com) :-

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2. **Queries/ Clarifications.** For queries/ clarifications with respect to selection of dissertation topics/ research work/ research process etc. if any, you may kindly contact:-

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