Book Review

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Qualitative Research in Multidisciplinary Perspective is published by the Center for Research, HRD and Publications, Prime University in June, 2014. Professor Dr. Profulla C. Sarker, distinguished Vice Chancellor of the Prime University, 2A/1, North East of Darussalam Road, Mirpur-1, Dhaka, Bangladesh authored this valuable book. This book is divided into nine chapters in 223 pages. The book is appropriately designed to inspire readers to gain knowledge about the entire gamut of research methodology and understand the concept of research, its scope and various types of research including approaches to research in geo-social settings. It includes a chapter on ethical issues likely to crop up in various types of research, especially for collecting information and analyzing of data in avoiding plagiarism. This volume also discusses ways of writing a research project proposal citing examples and using different methods and techniques to conduct research as well as to collect data.

The author carefully deliberates on different types of sampling, pointing out which sampling is more suitable for a particular type of research for the selection of the study population and at the same time for the selection of the study area. The book focuses on different types of qualitative research methods and techniques applied to conduct in depth as well as intensive studies along with their limitations. Moreover, topics like qualitative vs. quantitative research and their strengths and weaknesses, data analysis methods and techniques, writing research report, drawing conclusions and policy implications along with guidelines for using references are all included in this volume.
The book “Qualitative Research in Multidisciplinary Perspective” covers in particular such wide-ranging subjects as Anthropology, Sociology, Social Work, Economics, Political Science, Public Administration, International Relations, Peace Studies, Gender Studies, Development Studies, Demography, Criminology and Gerontology, and in general touches on disciplines of Law, Business Studies, Education and Public Health. The book is well-written and is undoubtedly a comprehensive repository of knowledge about research methodology. The book can be an excellent reference material for academics, researchers, administrators, practitioners and the students of social sciences. I strongly believe the book will be a complete guide for those who are devoted to doing research, particularly those focused on social sciences and students doing research for advanced studies.

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