Workshop on Best Practices for Integrity in Research 17-21 November 2020

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, MNIT, Jaipur organised a five day online workshop on "Best Practices for Integrity in Research" from 17 November to 21 November 2020.. It was coordinated by Prof. Nupur Tandon and Dr. Niraja Saraswat with a team of research scholars, Ms. Anita Chalka, Ms. Divya Jyot Kaur, Ms. Unnati Jain, and Mr. Mohit Joshi.

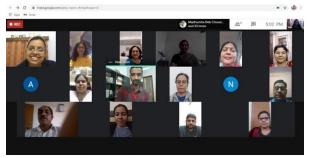
The first session was conducted on "Writing an Impactful Research Paper" by Dr Shaheema Hameed, Assistant Professor, Banasthali Vidyapeeth, Newai. The resource person deeply delved in all the essentialities and nuances on how to write a scholarly paper. Her presentation holistically covered all the parts and steps involved in writing a research paper. The brevity and erudition of Dr Hameeda made the session engaging and wholesome. The participants took home the mantra: "Your idea is important; don't let anyone tell you otherwise."

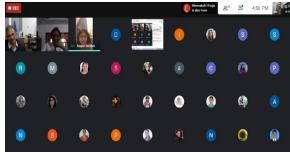




Honesty, objectivity and efficacy are an integral part of any research. With this thought began the second day and session and Prof. Manju Singh, Head, department of HSS, MNIT, Jaipur, talked about how to ensure 'integrity and ethics in research. She shared valuable information on how to avoid fabrication and misconduct in research while following the government and institutional policies.

"Whenever you write a paper, make sure it contributes to the relevant body of existing literature," said the resource person for the third session, Dr. Bhavna Pandey, Assistant Professor, Department of Finance, Amity Business School, Mumbai. The session was conducted on "Research Metrics and Publishing in High End Journals." She enlightened the participants on complex concepts like h-index, Journal Immediacy Index, Eigenfactor, SJR, SNIP, etc., in an understandable and coherent manner. Dr Pandey's comprehensive knowledge of the subject chiselled the essential concepts of ethical publishing. Her personal anecdotes and snippets from her research career made the session leisurely and interactive.





The penultimate session of the workshop began with the thought by Prof. A. B. Gupta, "Every big project essentially has a social component." The resource person, Prof. Gupta, was from the department of Civil Engineering. He, through his vast experience in publication and research, delineated the fascinating topic of "The Philosophy of Transdisciplinary Research". Through his anecdotal approach and rich case studies, he not only supported his arguments, but also inspired the participants to strive to more ambitious, yet always socially beneficial goals.

The last session of the five-day online workshop was on 'Engaged Scholarship for Social Transformation', delivered by Prof. Manju Singh, again. Prof. Singh delved deep into Community Based Participatory Research, which gravitates on the idea, 'Community is core.' The participants' feedback and interactive pursuit bore a testimony to their active engagement in the session. The ideas shared by Prof. Singh stand progressively true and are essential for social transformation today. The workshop concluded with a Q&A, Feedback session, e-photograph, a vote of thanks, and e-memento presentation to the organizing team.



The feedback and responses of the participants were overwhelming. Not only were the expectations of the participants satisfactorily met, they gained a lot of knowledge and information by taking-in the in-depth knowledge possessed and shared by the speakers. Topic knowledge of the participants was considerably improved. The entire workshop was based on much needed guidelines on important concerns regarding research. Oration, high-relevancy of the topic, and clarity were highly liked by the participants. They also gained a lot of hands-on tips from the very informative, brainstorming sessions. According to the participants' responses, the sessions were well-detailed, and systematically explained. Majority of the participants hoped to attend many more of such sessions/workshops in future and were thankful to the organisers for organising this workshop.