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Organize

One Week Faculty Development Programme

On

**“Research methodology in Social Sciences: Issues, Trends and
perspectives “**

June 3-10, 2022

The purpose of conducting the FDP was because the growth and development of Social Sciences has changed conventional disciplinary boundaries and there is a need to study and inquire about the same. Big Data and method driven approach is making inroads in Social Sciences. Social Sciences require adapting, focusing and reorienting it to undertake critical inquiry into the epistemologies and practices their institutionalisations and methods. The Faculty Development Program (FDP) aims to understand the trends in Social Sciences in response to competing epistemologies and methodologies.

The main objective of the FDP was:

1. To explain the Doctoral scholars, graduated PhDs, and faculty, contemporary quantitative and qualitative research methods, and requisite knowledge to develop their competency in scholarly publishing.
2. To understand the significance of research skills and current opportunities in research by subject matter experts having demonstrated experience in interdisciplinary research and practice.
3. To appraise the participants with the research tools and techniques that will be useful for enabling publishing in top grade journals by the participants, as publishing in top grade journals is a challenge faced by the majority of academicians today.
4. To examine both the theoretical and practical issues concerning research methodology

The salient novel points of takeaways in terms of Learning Outcomes were:

- Define the theories, trends and perspectives of research process
- Devise a relevant research problem and write a research paper.
- Understand the fundamentals of literature review.
- Examine the data collection process and data analysis using cutting-edge research methods.
- Find and implement research methods for different research problems.
- Compose and implement MOOC Courses
- Execute independent research and publish in scholarly journals.

The salient novel points of takeaways in terms of Operational Outcomes were:

- FDP will assist in networking with Academia from different Universities who may later be tapped for Amity University Programs
- Resource persons in the FDP may later be invited for Expert Lecture

Day - 1: 3 June 2022 (Inaugural Session) at 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Prof. (Dr) Shruti Singh, AISS-AUUP welcomed all the dignitaries, speakers and participants to the One Week Faculty Development Programme on “Research methodology in Social Sciences: Issues, Trends and perspectives” (June 3-10, 2022). She thanked them for their time and interest in the programme. She highlighted that the Faculty Development Program (FDP) aims to understand the trends in Social Sciences in response to competing epistemologies and methodologies. The aim here is to broaden the scope of understanding of scholars and faculty in social sciences about the contemporary quantitative and qualitative research methods, and also to develop their competency in scholarly publishing. Dr Singh also mentioned that the participants will be appraised of the various research tools and techniques that are particularly relevant for publishing in top grade journals, as this is a challenge faced by the majority of academicians, especially young scholars and PhD students, today. She then called upon Prof (Dr) Nirupama Prakash, Director, AISS to give the Welcome Address.

Welcome Address by Prof. (Dr) Nirupama Prakash, Director & Head, AISS – AUUP – Prof. Prakash inaugurated the session by welcoming all the dignitaries and participants, and reiterated the purpose and aims of the Faculty Development Programme. She highlighted the importance of research as a means to create new knowledge and acknowledged how Amity University is at its core a research driven university. Prof. Prakash spoke at length about the importance of a Faculty Development Programme, especially with rapid changes in education technologies and skill sets. She congratulated the Programme Directors and conveners along with the coordinators for organising such a program. Prof. Prakash expressed her gratitude to Dr Sagina Hooda, Deputy Registrar, Amity Academic Staff College, Amity University Noida, for her support and help in organising the Faculty Development Programme.

Special Address by Dr Sheetal Sharma, CES, JNU - Dr Sharma warmly welcomed the dignitaries and participants to the programme, and spoke about the spirit of academic cooperation and collaboration that led to the birth of this Faculty Development Programme. She elaborated at length about how the Faculty Development Programme is important due to its focus on research methodology. Dr Sharma mentioned that keeping up with developments in research methodology is crucial for faculty members in order to keep up-to-date and keep their skill sets upgraded. This also prevents obsolescence in academia. She also mentioned how with the New Education Policy 2020, online modes of education, events like this Faculty Development Programme become even more important.

Key Note Address by Prof (Dr) Abha Chauhan, President, Indian Sociological Society, Professor Jammu University – Prof. Chauhan expressed her gratitude at the invitation to address the program as well as the warm welcome. She spoke at great length and detail about research methodology and its importance in social sciences in general, but sociology in particular. Prof. Chauhan defined methodology and its types and delineated how research needs to be done. She also differentiated between methods and methodology. Prof. Chauhan spoke about the importance of theory and a theoretical understanding, and highlighted how research and theory are very closely related to each other. She also focused on the difference between qualitative and quantitative data, and used the examples and case studies

of prominent sociologists in order to explain how such data is to be used and the relationship between theory and research. She spoke about a need to do objective analysis, and bring about contextualising and indigenising perspectives within the social sciences. Prof. Chauhan stressed the importance of combining methods, methodology, techniques and theory in research.

Vote of Thanks by Prof (Dr) Shruti Singh, AISS-AUUP – Dr Singh thanked the dignitaries and participants for attending and sharing their valuable knowledge and time. She expressed special gratitude towards Prof (Dr) Abha Chauhan for her time and enlightening address. Dr Singh especially thanked Dr Sheetal Sharma and Prof. (Dr) Nirupama Prakash for their help and support. She also thanked Dr Sagina Hooda from Amity Academic Staff College, the programme coordinators and all her colleagues.

Post this she handed over the stage to Dr Sanjana Sharma Marwaha, the Program Co-ordinator of the day's sessions.

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Day -1:3 June 2022

Session- 1, 3 June 2022 at 11:00 a.m.to 1:00 p.m.

Prof. (Dr) Shweta Prasad, Professor, Department of Sociology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Topic: Doing Rapid Group Ethnography: Experiences from the Field

Session: II, 3 June 2022, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Prof. Manish Kumar Verma, Professor, Department of Sociology, Baba Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Lucknow

Topic: Art of Writing Research Paper/Position Paper/Review Paper

Day -2: 6 June 2022

Session- 1, 6 June 2022 at 10:30 a.m.to 1:00 p.m.

Dr.Dev Nath Pathak, South Asian University

Topic: “Conversations: An Anti-Methodological Methodology”

Session: II, 6 June 2022, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Sudha Khokhate, Bangalore University, Bangalore

Topic: “Research Ethics in writing a paper”

Day -3: 7 June 2022

Session- 1, 7 June 2022 at 10:30 a.m.to 1:00 p.m.

Prof (Dr) Thamillarasam, University of Madras, Chennai

Topic: Significance of Research Methods in Social Sciences

Session: II, 6 June 2022,

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Vinita Saroha,

Topic- Navigating the pathways of research publishing in Scopus indexed journals

Day -4: 8 June 2022

Session- 1, 8 June 2022 at 10:30 a.m.to 1:00 p.m.

Dr Amit Kumar Arora, Associate Professor, KIET Group of Institutions, Delhi-NCR.

Topic – “Introduction to SPSS and Data Entry and Descriptive Statistics and Graphical Representation in SPSS “

Session: II, 8 June 2022, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dr Amit Kumar Arora, Associate Professor, KIET Group of Institutions, Delhi-NCR.

Topic – “Correlation and Regression Analysis in SPSS and Practical training session on SPSS”.

Day - 5: 9 June 2022 at 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Session- 1, 9 June 2022 at 10:30 a.m.to 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Sheetal Sharma, Centre of European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Topic: Feminist Epistemology: A critical outlook to research

Session- II, 9 June 2022 at 02:00 pm.to 04:30 p.m.

Dr. Swasti Alpana, Delhi University, Delhi

Topic: Gender Studies and Research Design: Trends and challenges

Day - 6: 10 June 2022

Session- 1, 10 June 2022 at 10:30 a.m.to 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Sheetal Sharma, Centre of European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Topic: MOOCs/Research Fellowships/Grants in India and Europe

Session- 2, 10 June 2022 at 02:00 pm.to 04:00 p.m.

Dr. Santosh Kumar Singh, Department of Sociology, Punjab University, Chandigarh

Topic: "Field work as a "Wanderer": Celebrating the moments of serendipity"

Valedictory Session & Vote of Thanks- 10 June 2022 at 04:00 pm to 04:30 p.m.

Guest of Honor Prof Anand Kumar

Prof Kumar’s session began with the difference between a good and bad research; suggesting that good research should focus on what is it and why is it. He further discussed

the responsibility of the researcher and what will it be. A researcher needs to be curious to understand and analyze every situation, but also recognize one's limitation. A researcher should not believe that their research is the ultimate research on that particular subject, recognizing the limitation and making head way for futuristic research gives us a valid hope. Additionally, Prof. Kumar elaborated on the value of Review of literature, economizing the text and lastly be in touch with the social relevance of the research.

Address by Prof. (Dr) Nirupama Prakash, Director& Head, AISS – AUUP – Prof. Prakash thanked Prof. Anand kumar for gracing us with his time. She congratulated and thanks all the dignitaries and participants for a success completion of the FDP.

Special Address by Dr Sheetal Sharma, CES, JNU - Dr Sharma warmly thanked Prof. Anand Kumar for his valuable time and blessings. She, further, thanked the dignitaries and participants, and spoke about the spirit of academic cooperation and collaboration that led to the birth of this Faculty Development Programme. Dr Sharma mentioned that keeping up with developments in research methodology is crucial for faculty members in order to keep up-to-date and keep their skill sets upgraded and welcomed more future collaboration with Amity University.

Vote of Thanks by Prof (Dr) Shruti Singh, AISS-AUUP – Dr Singh thanked the dignitaries and participants for attending and sharing their valuable knowledge and time. She expressed special gratitude towards Prof (Dr) Anand Kumar for his time and enlightening address. Dr Singh especially thanked Dr Sheetal Sharma and Prof. (Dr) Nirupama Prakash for their help and support. She also thanked her team for making FDP a successful event. She then thanked all the participants who attended this One Week Faculty Development Program.

The day concluded with a Self-Assessment Quiz of 20 marks which covered both the sessions, followed by an end of the day Feedback form. Both of these were mandatory for the participants.

Total Registered participants-250
Attended-150