

REPORT

WORKSHOP ON 'RESEARCH TECHNIQUES IN SOCIAL SCIENCE'

On 14th August, 2021 an online workshop titled, 'Research Techniques in Social Science', was held by the Department of History at 10.30am with the approval of the Principal of our esteemed college. The workshop was held via Google Meet and fifty students participated. The speaker was Mr. Satveer Singh, a faculty member of the department. The other faculty members of the department were also present during the workshop. The moderator for the day Ms. Divya Surana welcomed the participants and faculty members. She threw light on the aim of the workshop. The aim of the workshop was to acquaint the students with research techniques, sources and resources pertaining to research in History. The TIC of the department, Dr. Daljit Kaur addressed the students. She welcomed the students and elaborated on the aims of the workshop.

The workshop was structured in four modules with a view to provide hands-on experience to the students. In the first module the speaker explained the concept of research, its relevance, opportunities in research and need of the same in present time. He drew examples from the field of Science and History to explain the role of research in the knowledge and production. The students were motivated for research oriented academic involvement and were provided knowledge about the career possibilities in this domain. However, they were also informed about the difficulties and obvious constraints in pursuit of research works. Students were introduced to various resources available on internet for the purpose of research.

In the second module, the speaker explained the need of visualizing the topic of research using the logical relational diagram. The students were trained in imagining and finding key words pertaining to their research topic and they were given a task to propose key words related to given topic.

In the third module, students were demonstrated live the various portals and platforms in order to train them in locating the sources. They were asked to replicate the steps on their own computers. Here they were given activity of producing a bibliography using the available sources. They were also taught about the various ways of citing the sources using online tools.

In the fourth module, they were thoroughly explained and trained in citation standards particularly the Chicago style and syntax. The citations style included books, articles, magazines, newspapers, websites etc. At the end, the students were given an assignment of writing a research paper for which they were already provided the template containing basic information, source sheet containing various sources and explanation and an article on the relevant subject. They were required to improvise the template using the given information and instructions.

The workshop concluded with remarks of appreciation from the TIC, Dr. Daljit Kaur. A vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Divya Surana. A feedback form was also shared with the students and faculty

members. Most of the students and faculty members appreciated the efforts of the team, which planned and organized the workshop.