

Participatory Research Methods

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Department of B.A. Programme & Department of Environmental Science in collaboration with the Library Progression Committee organized an event called "Participatory Research Methods" on 21 October 2022, Friday between 01:30 PM to 03:00 PM in room number 402. Total participants of this event were 42.

The event began at 01:30 PM with the introduction of Dr. Kavita Singh. Followed by the introduction of Professor Pooja Wadhawan.

Professor Pooja made students aware about the Library Progression Committee; how the library contributes in research work & other academic activities. Her speech made everyone more inclined towards books & libraries. She also threw light on the weekly thought exhibition by various departments. Furthermore, she discussed the online resources available at DU e-library. She encouraged the students to be active & participate in the events organized by the college & seek help from the staff whenever & wherever needed.

After Professor Pooja's talk, Ms. Sakshi Jindal introduced the event's guest Professor Pooja Jaggi. Professor Pooja Jaggi began her interaction with students from a simple question, "What is your notion on research? or What do you understand by the word Research?" to which many students responded by their own level of understanding. Such as, "Research is understanding various aspects of a topic in detail." or "Research is trying to find out more." To which the speaker quoted, "Research is a knowledge creation process." Other students included

"Research is multidisciplinary in nature." & "Research is assumptions backed with evidence." To which the speaker added "Standardized methods that are used to gain more knowledge is research. Research is questioning the data that has been provided to us." The speaker mentioned an example of whether the earth is flat or round, back in the time people's faith was stronger. People believed Earth was flat & were not ready to question it. Some people, who were ready to question it, opened themselves to more possibilities, did their research, backed with strong evidence to prove that the Earth is round.

Research is multidisciplinary in nature, Mathematics & Philosophy are considered to be its mother & father. It is used in every discipline, which broadens the horizon of research. One way to conduct research is the experimental method. It is the conventional research method & we are familiar with that. Students mentioned a few examples of the conventional research methods. In conventional research it is assumed that the researcher / scientist has all the knowledge, which is collected via his / her / their subjects. This doesn't directly benefit the person who participates but the researcher & policy maker(s). Opinion / Perspective of the participant isn't considered.

After having an active discussion on "research & its nature", the speaker discussed the objectives of the event. Such as; Definitions & connotations, Why participatory?, Action based research, Comparison between conventional research & cyclical model, Merits & demerits.

By giving an example of students i.e. students are the major stakeholders of this event, the speaker explained that "Participation is necessary for some action to be taken. Action leads to change & change directly benefits the stakeholders." The speaker further added that participatory research was started by communities in

rural areas for development. This involved people for change. Engagement with communities, their representation / participation is needed for successful research. Research is mostly done for the purpose of benefiting communities (transforming society for the better) but can sometimes be for personal interest in the name of power.

There are three key elements of research : People, Power & Praxis. Speaker, once again, engaged students with a question, "What do they mean by these terms?" To which students responded with "People are the major stakeholders of a research, they are the one to be benefited with the results." A student of political science, defined power to be "struggle for authority", another one added, "power leads to abuse / exploitation" & "authority can lead to misuse of power in the name of participatory". The speaker explained Praxis to be the "practice", taking action for the better.

The speaker then drew the comparison between conventional & participatory research methods, along with their merits and demerits in detail. Followed by 2 videos which discussed the "Space, Time & Relations of Participatory Research Methods" & "Mapping of 5 aspects of Participatory Rural Appraisal".

Based on the information shared throughout the event, the students then participated in a quiz. The quiz consisted of 5 questions in total, to which students answered enthusiastically. Those who gave correct answers to the question first, were applauded, given chocolate by the honorable speaker & had a picture with her.

The event came to an end with a vote of thanks. Kalpavriksh, the photography society of Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi captured the moments to make this event even more memorable. Overall, this event was

successful as all the students who attended the event interacted with the speaker,
put their thoughts forward and brought life to the event.

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