

Event Title	Workshop on Mastering the Skills of Doing Research
Organiser	Department of Political Science, Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi
Date	Tuesday, 7 October 2025
Venue	Mata Gujri Hall
Time	1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Participation	100+ Attendees

The Department of Political Science, Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi, successfully organized a workshop titled **Mastering the Skills of Doing Research** on 7th October 2025. The event, held at Mata Gujri Hall and attended by over 100 participants, was designed to equip aspiring researchers with fundamental methodological, ethical, and practical skills necessary for academic inquiry.

The workshop opened with the Badge Ceremony for the members of Polimates, the Department of Political Science society. The ceremony served to formally recognize the commitment and teamwork of the office bearers and team heads, who were felicitated by Prof. (Dr.) Madhuri and other faculty members of the Department a gesture met with enthusiastic applause, highlighting the spirit of leadership within the department. Following the ceremony, the official felicitation session took place. Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur, the Principal, presented a token of appreciation (a plant) to the esteemed speaker, Prof. Ashok Acharya. Subsequently, Prof. (Dr.) Madhuri felicitated the Principal. The session concluded with a group photograph capturing the collaborative spirit of the faculty and organizers.

The inaugural segment featured addresses from key dignitaries. In the Principal's Address, Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur underscored the key parameters of quality research. Significantly, she issued a strong caution regarding the excessive and uncritical use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in academic writing, emphasizing the paramount importance of original, critical thought. In her Opening Remarks, Prof. (Dr.) Madhuri delivered the opening remarks, stressing the indispensable connection between research and teaching, asserting that these two activities form the essential foundation of academic excellence.

The central segment of the workshop featured an insightful and enriching session delivered by the keynote speaker, Prof. Ashok Acharya, on Mastering the Skills of Doing Research. Prof. Acharya provided a comprehensive exploration of the nuances of research methodology, effective data collection techniques, and rigorous interpretation. His address strongly emphasized two core components critical for academic integrity: originality and critical thinking. He further engaged the audience with thought-provoking reflections and examples concerning the ethics of research, making the session both intellectually stimulating and highly inspiring for all attendees.

The workshop concluded successfully at 3:30 PM. The formal Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. Moitri Dey, expressing gratitude to the speaker, the Principal, the organizing department, and all participants for their contributions to the success of the event. The occasion was documented through commemorative photographs, and the audience was invited to submit meaningful feedback to inform and enhance future departmental engagements. The Department of Political Science thanks all those involved for making the "Mastering the Skills of Doing Research" workshop a resounding success.

