One Week Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP)

(07th - 13th September, 2020 Time 3:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m.

On

'Digital Tools for Sustaining Academic Research during Pandemic COVID 19'

A REPORT

The College Library in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assessment Cell (IQAC), Hamidia Girls' Degree College organised a One Week Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on the topic 'Digital Tools for Sustaining Academic Research during Pandemic COVID 19'. The sessions were held everyday from 0300 p.m to 0500 p.m from September 7, 2020 to September 13, 2020.

The Programme was an opportunity for the academic community to discover Digital Tools that are necessary for academic research especially during the phase of lock down when they do not have physical access to libraries and institutional resources due to Pandemic COVID 19. Throughout the seven days programme, each day one Subject Knowledge Expert was invited as Resource Person to deliver his/her lecture/presentations with the motive to empower our academic community with the ability to sustain academic research irrespective of physical boundaries.

Registration to the programme was open to the academic community and library professionals of India as well as abroad through online mode. The programme was conducted on Zoom platform and was telecasted live on YouTube. Around 300 participants participated in the programme. The participants included faculty members, research scholars and library professionals from different parts of the country. Academicians from across the world like Saudi Arabia, Philippines, Egypt and Nigeria also attended the programme with great enthusiasm.

At the end of each day programme, question answer session was conducted to clear the doubts of the participants, after which feedback of participants was collected through google forms.

The Inaugural programme was held on September 7, 2020 at 3 p.m. in the presence of the Guest of Honour -Prof. Prashant Agarwal, Dean, College Development, University of Allahabad; Special Guest -Dr. B. K. Singh, University Librarian, University of Allahabad and our Resource Persons Dr. Nabi Hasan, Librarian and Head, IIT, Delhi.

The Guest of Honour, Prof. Prashant Agarwal, Dean, College Development, University of Allahabad highlighted the importance of research and said that research is an important factor for country's

development. He further discussed about fundamental research and the need for good reading habit. He added that libraries play a great role in organizing relevant resources from a large pool of resources, the benefits of which will hopefully be highlighted by the resource persons of the programme.

The Special Guest Dr. B.K. Singh, University Librarian, University of Allahabad congratulated the organizers for selecting the theme of the programme which is fruitful for the present scenario. He added that such programmes play a great role in raising awareness about the scholarly content and digital tools which can be utilized by the research community irrespective of physical boundaries. He further said that after the completion of this programme hopefully every participant will be enlightened with the vast knowledge of expert resource persons invited to the programme.

Keynote address and presentation was delivered by Dr. Nabi Hasan, Librarian and head, IITD on the topic 'Tools for Maximising Academic Visibility'. In a very short duration of time, Dr. Nabi Hasan highlighted various content mapping/bibliographic, scientometric/ access tools through which academicians can increase the visibility of not only them own selves but also of their institution, department or university.

Earlier, welcome address was delivered by Dr. Yusufa Nafees, Principal of the College. Mrs. Tazeen Ahsanulla, Manager of the College showered her blessings for successful completion of the programme. Brief introduction of the Programme was given by Mrs. Kashish Fatima, Librarian and Convener of the Programme and Vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Sabiha Azmi, Coordinator, IQAC.

The second day of Faculty Development Programme (FDP) was based on the topic 'Subscription based Digital Information Resources'. The resource person Dr. Habibur Rahman Khan, Assistant Librarian, Jamia Millia Islamia delivered his lecture through power point presentation and talked about various Digital Information Resources which can be subscribed by libraries to support academic teaching and learning.

The resource person for the third day of Faculty Development Programme (FDP), Dr. Rumman Gul, Librarian and Knowledge Management Expert, Government Degree College, Tangmarg, Jammu and Kashmir delivered his enlightening lecture on 'Digital Information Resources with Special Reference to Open Educational Resources.

On the fourth day of Faculty Development Programme (FDP), Dr. B.K Singh, University Librarian, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj delivered a very informative session on Plagiarism Detection and Copyright Infringement. He also highlighted few plagiarism detection tools which can be very helpful in carrying out the research work by academic community.

The fifth day of Faculty Development Programme (FDP) was divided into two sessions. The first session was delivered by Dr. Nishat Fatima, Associate Professor, Department of Library Information Science, Aligarh Muslim University on the topic Reference Management. She discussed comprehensively various systems and styles of referencing which can be used in academic research works.

The second session was carried out by Mr. Shakeel Ahmad, Lecturer and Librarian, Deanship of Library Affairs, Imam Abdurrahman Bin Faisal University, Dammam, Saudi Arabia. He discussed various Free Online Reference Management Tools and also gave hands on training on Mendeley.

On the sixth day of Faculty Development Programme (FDP), Dr. Akhtar Parvez, Librarian, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad enlightened the participants about predatoy publishing and discussed various digital strategies that can be used to locate the standard journal to publish the research work

The Seventh and last day of the Faculty Development Programme (FDP), started with an interactive session by Mr. Anjesh Kumar, Administrative Officer, G.B Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj. It was followed by Valedictory Programme. Mr. Anjesh apart from theoretical presentation on Statistical Data Analysis, also provided practical training to participants on SPSS.

The Faculty Development Programme (FDP) ended with a Valedictory Programme. Dr. Yusufa Nafees welcomed all the guests present in the programme. Mrs. Kashish Fatima, Convener of the programme coordinated the reminiscences of participants. Later, the guests of the programme, Dr. Rehana Tariq, Former Principal, Hamidia Girls' Degree College & Honarary Director of B.Voc and M.Voc. and Dr. Akhtar Parvez, Librarian, MANUU, Hyderabad boosted the moraleof the participants with their encouraging words. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sabiha Azmi, Coordinator, IQAC.