

Faculty Development Programme (FDP)

Research Methodology in Humanities

The Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on *Research Methodology in Humanities*, conducted by AIU Academic and Administrative Development Centre (AIU-AADC), Berhampur University in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi and the Department of English at Berhampur University, spanned over six days from December 04-09, 2023. This was the 7th training programme organised by the Centre during the calendar year 2023. The FDP aimed to enhance the research capabilities of participants through a structured program featuring a total of 12 lectures and six practice sessions, with two lectures and a practice session each day. The program provided a plethora of benefits to the participants including their exposure to several research methodology tools and techniques applied in humanities. Several renowned speakers/experts provided training to our participants. In total, 86 faculty members, and researchers from various institutions of the country and abroad registered and attended the program, out of which around 70 per cent were female participants.

Inauguration of the Faculty Development Programme (FDP)

The inauguration of the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on *Research Methodology in Humanities* was conducted in a hybrid mode, symbolizing a blend of physical and virtual participation. The inauguration was graced by the presence of Prof. Geetanjali Dash, Vice Chancellor of Berhampur University, who served as the Chief Patron of the event. Adding to the honour, Prof. Goutam Buddha Sural, Vice Chancellor of Bankura University, joined the programme as the Chief Guest, bringing his valuable insights to the significance of research in humanities. The inaugural session was further enriched by the presence of Dr. Amarendra Pani, Joint Director & Head, Research Division at the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi. Dr. Pani assumed the role of Guest of Honour, contributing to the ceremonial opening of the FDP. The organizational leadership was represented by Prof. Shruti Das, Head of the Department of English at Berhampur University, and Dr. Mrutyunjay Swain, Nodal Officer of AIU–Academic and Administrative Development Centre (AIU-AADC), Berhampur University, who served as the Convenors of the Programme. Their roles were pivotal in ensuring the smooth and effective execution of the FDP. The distinguished presence of these esteemed figures in academia added prestige to the inauguration, setting the tone for a week of enriching discussions, insightful lectures, and collaborative learning in the field of Research Methodology in Humanities.

Lecture 1: Introduction to Research Methodology by Dr. Professor Shruti Das

Following the grand inauguration of the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Research Methodology in Humanities, the participants were privileged to engage with the inaugural lecture delivered by Prof. Shruti Das, Head of the Department of English at Berhampur University. Prof. Das's insightful talk served as a foundational exploration of Research Methodology. She meticulously delved into various types, characteristics, and phases of research methodologies,

providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of the available research frameworks. Emphasizing the importance of effective writing in research, she also shared valuable insights on crafting research papers that contribute meaningfully to the academic discourse. As a prominent figure in the academic realm, Prof. Shruti Das's contribution set a promising tone for the week-long FDP, inspiring participants to approach research methodology with a fresh and dynamic mindset.

Lecture 2: Discourse Analysis as a Tool in Research by Dr. Mendem Bapuji

The second lecture of the inaugural day was delivered by Dr. Mendem Bapuji, a distinguished faculty member from the Department of Linguistics at Berhampur University. Dr. Bapuji's lecture was dedicated to the profound exploration of Discourse Analysis as a research technique. The lecture extended beyond theoretical discussions, emphasizing the practical application of discourse analysis in research. Dr. Bapuji elucidated how texts could be meticulously examined at multiple linguistic levels, including phonological, morphological, syntactic, semantic, and pragmatic dimensions. This holistic approach empowered participants to navigate the intricate layers of discourse, offering a comprehensive understanding of how language functions in different literary texts.

Lecture 3: Research in Translation Studies by Professor Jatindra Kumar Nayak

In the first session of the second day of the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Research Methodology in Humanities, participants were introduced to an enlightening lecture by Prof. Jatindra Kumar Nayak. Prof. Nayak's examination of the translation of the Bible provided participants with concrete examples and case studies, illustrating the challenges and intricacies involved in translating sacred and culturally significant texts. His expertise and engaging presentation style contributed significantly to the FDP's objective of providing participants with a comprehensive perspective on research methodologies in the field of Humanities.

Lecture 4: Research in Translation Challenges by Professor GJV Prasad

In the second session of Day 2 at the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Research Methodology in Humanities, participants were privileged to engage in an interactive session facilitated by Professor GJV Prasad from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). This session provided a unique opportunity for participants to delve into the practical aspects of translation, drawing from Prof. Prasad's extensive firsthand experiences as a translator. Professor GJV Prasad shared valuable insights gleaned from his personal journey as a translator, offering a candid and enriching perspective on the challenges faced in the translation process. Participants benefited from the real-world anecdotes and case studies presented by him, gaining a deeper appreciation for the complexities inherent in the art of translation.

Lecture 5: Feminist Research Methodology by Dr. Priyanka Tripathi

The Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Research Methodology in Humanities entered its third day with an illuminating inaugural lecture by Dr. Priyanka Tripathi from IIT Patna. Dr. Tripathi's session was dedicated to the exploration of Feminist Research Methodology, offering

participants a comprehensive understanding of diverse feminist methodologies. Her engaging lecture delved into the theoretical foundations of feminist research, showcasing the multitude of approaches that feminist scholars employ to address research questions.

Lecture 6: Research in Culture Studies by Professor Ashes Gupta

The second session of Day 3 featured an engaging lecture by Professor Ashes Gupta from Tripura University. Prof. Gupta's presentation was dedicated to research in culture studies, encompassing a wide-ranging discussion on the origins, attributes, and methodologies within the field. A central theme of Prof. Gupta's lecture was the advocacy for the decolonization of cultural studies. He delved into the implications of cultural studies being predominantly Western-centric and provided compelling arguments for embracing diverse perspectives and voices in the field. Participants were encouraged to critically examine existing paradigms and contribute to the broader goal of creating a more inclusive cultural studies discourse.

Lecture 7: Research in Cultural Studies by Professor Ashes Gupta

The first session of the fourth day at the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on *Research Methodology in Humanities* was marked by an insightful lecture delivered by Professor Ashes Gupta from Tripura University. Prof. Gupta continued to enrich participants with his expertise, this time focusing on the theme of digitally archiving Sharinda. During the session, Prof. Gupta delved into the intricacies of digitally archiving Sharinda, emphasizing its significance in the broader context of literature, culture, and the human mind. The session provided participants with a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness between physical spaces, literary expressions, and cultural identities.

Lecture 8: Research in Film Studies by Dr. Alka Singh

In the second session of Day 4, participants were engaged in an engaging and enlightening presentation by Dr. Alka Singh from the National Law University (NLU), Lucknow. Dr. Singh's expertise shone through as she delved into the world of research in film studies. Dr. Singh's lecture was centered around a comprehensive analysis of different forms of visual writing within the context of film studies. Participants were taken on a journey that explored the nuanced ways in which visual elements contribute to storytelling in the realm of cinema. The session facilitated a deeper understanding of the multifaceted nature of film as a medium of expression and cultural representation.

Lecture 9: Research Methodology in Environmental Humanities by Dr. Jagriti Upadhyaya

The first session of the fifth day at the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Research Methodology in Humanities featured a compelling lecture by Dr. Jagriti Upadhyaya from Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice. Dr. Upadhyaya's expertise in Environmental Humanities was evident as she delved into various aspects of research methodology within this interdisciplinary field. Dr. Upadhyaya's presentation began with an exploration of the significance of Environmental Humanities, emphasizing its role in addressing complex environmental issues through a humanistic lens. Participants gained insights into the unique

challenges and opportunities posed by research in this dynamic field, highlighting the interconnectedness between human societies, the environment, and ethical considerations.

Lecture 10: Research in Trauma Studies and Psychoanalysis by Dr. Priyanka Tripathi

In the second session of Day 5, the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Research Methodology in Humanities welcomed back Dr. Priyanka Tripathi from IIT Patna for an insightful presentation on research in trauma studies and psychoanalysis. Dr. Tripathi's expertise in the field was evident as she explored into the multifaceted aspects of trauma studies and psychoanalysis. The session commenced with an exploration of key terminology, providing participants with a foundational understanding of the specialized language used in this area of research. Dr. Tripathi then proceeded to discuss the historical development of trauma studies, tracing its evolution and contextualizing it within the broader field of psychoanalysis.

Lecture 11 & 12: Research Methods in English Language Teaching by Prof. Veda Sharan

The concluding day of the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Research Methodology in Humanities featured two impactful sessions by Prof. Veda Sharan from the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad. In the first session, Prof. Veda Sharan provided participants with a comprehensive overview of research methods specifically useful for English Language Teaching. The session covered a range of methodologies applicable to the field, offering educators and researchers diverse tools to enhance the effectiveness of language teaching. The second session focused on the critical process of writing a Ph.D. thesis. Prof. Sharan guided participants through the fundamentals of thesis writing, detailing the various stages involved in producing a high-quality and impactful thesis. Throughout both sessions, Prof. Veda Sharan shared valuable dos and don'ts in research and thesis writing, drawing on his extensive experience as a scholar and educator. This practical guidance provided participants with a roadmap for navigating the complexities of academic research, ensuring a robust and ethically sound approach to their work.

Valedictory Programme

The Valedictory Programme marked the culmination of the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on *Research Methodology in Humanities*, acknowledging the enriching experiences and insights gained throughout the week. The FDP succeeded in offering participants a diverse range of perspectives, methodologies, and practical experiences in humanities research. The content covered throughout the program contributed to enhancing participants' research capabilities and fostering a holistic understanding of the research process. Prof. Geetanjali Dash, Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University, played a pivotal role as the Chief Patron, providing leadership and support to the FDP. Donna Akiba Sullivan Harper, Ph.D., Professor Emerita, Department of English, Spelman College, served as a distinguished Guest Speaker. Her presence added significant value to the FDP, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the participants. Prof. Shruti Das, Head, Dept of English, Berhampur University, served as one of the Conveners, playing a crucial role in organizing and coordinating the FDP. Dr. Mrutyunjay Swain, Nodal Officer, AIU-AADC, Berhampur University, served as another Convener who contributed to the success of the program with his vital role in coordinating the technical, administrative and academic activities. The

organizers expressed their sincere gratitude to all the speakers who contributed their valuable insights and expertise to make the FDP a success. The speakers' diverse backgrounds and experiences enriched the program, providing participants with a well-rounded view of research methodologies in the humanities. Dr. Meenakshi Kulkarni was adjudged as the best participant in the FDP program. The Valedictory Programme not only served as a formal conclusion to the FDP but also provided an opportunity to express gratitude, acknowledge contributions, and reflect on the valuable experiences gained. Participants, organizers, and speakers alike celebrated the success of a week dedicated to advancing research methodologies in the humanities.

Esteemed **Prof. Gauri Dutt Sharma**, Vice Chancellor, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya and President, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi, the chief guest of the occasion addressing the participants

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Berhampur University Madam **Prof. Geetanjali Gash**, the chief patron of the programme, delivered her presidential address during the valedictory session.

Esteemed **Prof. (Dr.) Donna Akiba Sullivan Harper**, Professor Emerita, Department of English, Spelman College, USA, the guest of honour of the valedictory function delivered an inspiring talk to the participants.