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ON

RESEARCH- CONCEPT TO PROCESS

With the encouragement and support of IQAC of MES Asmabi College, P. Vemballur, the PG and Research Department of English organised a national webinar on "Research: Concept to Process" on 6 August 2021 at 11.00 am. Around 180 participants comprising of faculties, research scholars, aspirants and students from various colleges and universities all over India participated in this webinar.

The event started with an invocation to the Almighty followed by a formal welcome address by Dr. T.R. Muralikrishnan, Head of the English Department, MES Asmabi College. Dr. Muralikrishnan extended his warm welcome to the Resource Person of the day, Dr. Kshamata Chaudhary, Head of the Department, Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Kota, Rajasthan. He also welcomed the other dignitaries and participants of the webinar. He narrated the transformation of English department right from its inception to its recognition as a Research Centre, while making rigorous efforts to boost the quality of teaching, research and learning.

In his presidential address, Dr. A Biju, Principal of MES Asmabi College emphasised the key role of research in shaping the students learning endeavour through focussing on aspects like types of research, approaches to research and selection of a concept to conclusion. The felicitation part was done by Sri Salim Arakkal, Secretary and Correspondent of MES Asmabi College. He extended his warm wishes and success for the programme.

Dr. Kshamata Chaudhary delivered the Keynote address highlighting the critical connection between literature and research. She emphasised the importance to look beyond the literary text to gain varied perspectives of research to broaden the outlook of research. Critical parameters contributing to research was also discussed. Key qualities of good researcher along with the objectives of research was elaborated in detail. Speaker summarised the crucial phases of research and how the current pandemic situation has opened up new horizons of research.

The importance of research in literature is underlined with a reference to Judith Langer's quote; "Literature makes us better thinkers". She explained at length about descriptive/analytical, Fundamental/ Applied and Quantitative/Qualitative research. Under the stages of research the prime focus was related to reviewing literature, setting research questions, choosing study design, deciding sample design, collecting, processing and writing reports. The comparison of research to the birth of a baby was an astounding concept from the speaker. The lecture winded up with a reference to the major theoretical studies in literature ranging from Formal criticism to interdisciplinary criticism.

The interactive session was very fruitful for all the participants. The resource person effectively engaged the audience by answering all the queries in a clear and lucid way. Valuable suggestions about research were provided to the participants. The session provided insight into the basic aspects of research from selecting a topic to the actual writing. The comprehensive directions provided became valuable for all the research scholars and aspirants alike. The well-structured and organised talk covered all the crucial aspects of research within a nutshell. Indeed the session opened up new vistas, methodologies and possibilities of research. The invaluable experiences shared by the speaker proved to be insightful and resourceful.

The session concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Smt. Reshmi S, Programme Co-ordinator. Dr. Amitha P Mani, IQAC Member moderated the entire session. The programme was a grand success and well accepted by the participants. The webinar received positive feedback along with numerous request to conduct more such programmes in the future.











