

WORKSHOP ON 'WRITING A RESEARCH PAPER'

13/10/16 to 17th October 2016

Keeping in view the increasing need to undertake and publish research work, a Four-Day Workshop entitled, 'Writing a Research Paper' was organised for the faculty members of Dhempe College of Arts and Science from 13th October 2016 to 17th October 2016. The Workshop was convened by Officiating Principal of the institution, Dr. Vrinda Borker and coordinated by Ms. Akshata Bhatt, Assistant Professor in the Department of English. 25 teachers from the Faculty of Science and Arts participated in the Workshop.

On **Day One**, the Convener outlined the importance of writing research papers according to prescribed format of respective journals. The Coordinator gave a brief presentation on the 'Author Guidelines' prescribed by VDERF's Journal of Arts, Science and Humanities. Key Concepts of Abstract-writing and Structuring the paper according to VDERF's Journal were discussed.

On **Day Two**, the generic process of writing research paper was discussed. The Module for Day Two included 'Cutting the Clutter' while discussing the findings of the paper to make it succinct and effective. Through open-source videos, key concepts of editing were highlighted. Videos on 'Effective use of Punctuation marks' 'Use of Active Voice', 'Common Grammatical Errors' and 'Appropriate Use of Demonstrative pronouns' were shown in order to help participants convey their research findings effectively.

The Module for **Day Three** started with a presentation on 'Structuring a Research Paper'. Following this, there were presentations made on each part of the paper – Introduction, Findings, Discussion, Results, References and Abstract, with the help of open source videos.

On **Day Four**, a Skype session with Dr. Kristin Sainani, Associate Professor with Health Research and Policy at Stanford University and Resource Person for Coursera's programme on 'Writing in the Sciences' was organised. Participants interacted with Dr. Sainani directly and clarified common doubts. An open source video on an 'Effective Checklist' after writing a research paper was shown to conclude the Workshop.

The modules incorporated in the Workshop aimed at a holistic training in improving research output. Through effective open-source videos and presentations, the Workshop equipped participants with a cohesive set of skills which they can use time and again while generating research articles.

As a value-addition to this Workshop, a Two-Day Extended Training Programme was organised for the faculty members on 21st and 22nd November 2016. As part of this, intensive training was given in author guidelines, general formatting, maintaining quality standards and APA style of referencing. Subsequently, the research papers of some participating faculty members were sent for double blind peer-review and upon selection, included in the third volume of Vasant Rao Dempo Education and Research Journal of Arts, Science and Humanities.

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