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Series of Faculty Development Programmes
on
"Research Skills Development"

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REPORT

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Introduction

Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA (SLS-NOIDA), is a constituent of Symbiosis International University, Pune (SIU). SIU was set up in the year 2002 and has grown to be recognized as a premier Institute for higher Education nationally and internationally. Guided by a mission to Promote excellence in teaching, training and Research, SLS-NOIDA recently organized a series of Faculty Development Programs(FDP) during the semester break to enhance and rejuvenate the faculty members for the upcoming semester in the New Year. The FDP's included: a one day Seminar on "Research, Writing and Publication" on December 15, 2012; a five-day Faculty Development Programme on "Research Methodology" on December 17-21, 2012 and a one day Faculty Development Programme on 'Research in Law' on December 26-27, 2012.



Objective

Great teachers create great students. An inspiring and informed teacher is the most important factor influencing student performance, and therefore it is critical to pay close attention to how we train and support both new and experienced educators in their endeavour to Educate. Education serves to liberate and promote equality of opportunity. If Education is not based upon research and evidence, then it runs the risk of being based upon dogmas, theories, ideologies and the like.



Education therefore must be deep-seated in research, as only research can generate useful insight and confidence in an academician. Sound conceptual understanding of various research methods, research instruments, tools and

techniques is an essential prerequisite in conducting empirical research. For undergoing high quality research and writing good research papers, one requires to collect, interpret and logically document the information. The art of drawing coherent conclusions, supported by appropriate research tools and reference citation is vital for quality research work.

Faculty Development Programs organised by the Research and Publication Cell, under adept guidance of Dr. C.J. Rawandale, Director Symbiosis Law School NOIDA, during the Semester break (Winter) aimed to achieve all the stated objectives. This report summarizes the details of the various programs organised within the series.

Seminar on "Research, Writing and Publication": December 15, 2012

The key objective of this Seminar was to enable the researchers: To formulate a research proposal; to develop suitable Research Methods & Data Analytical Tools; to draw better conclusions from the analysis; to write a good Research Paper and publish it.



The Resource Person was Prof. Phil Thomas, Emeritus Professor, Cardiff Law School, Cardiff University, Wales-UK.

Dr. Thomas effectively taught by way of deconstructing an article written by Dr. Gitanjali Nain Gill, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, Northumbria University, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The article was titled Feminization of Poverty: rural Indian women and the environment. The deconstructed article was used as an illustration to explain the effective writing process during the seminar.

Faculty Development Programme on Research Methodology: December 17-21, 2012

The second in series of Faculty Development Programs was a Five day program, which aimed at providing an opportunity to the participating scholars to revise the fundamentals of Empirical Research by way of developing blueprints for a few research papers research topics were inter-disciplinary in nature covering the broad areas within law & other Social Sciences. The analysis was taught using SPSS. This Seminar saw wide participation of the non-teaching staff as well.

The Resource Persons Included Dr. Raghuvir Singh, Director, JK Padmapat Singhanian Institute of Management & Technology, Gurgaon and Dr. Sher Singh Bhakar, Director, Prestige Institute of Management, Gwalior.

Dr. Raghuvir Singh conducted the Workshop on the first three days and it was later taken over by Dr. S.S. Bhakar for the technical sessions on data analysis through SPSS

Day 1

Day 1 Dr. Singh covered the Research Fundamentals like Introduction to RM (focus on legal research), Identification of Research Problem, Formulating Research Objectives, Research Design and Literature Review. It was a refresher for the all the faculty members.



Day 2

Day 2 with Dr. Singh introduced methodical aspects like, Scale Construction; Reliability & Validity measure; Sampling Fundamentals; Questionnaire Designing. He also introduced SPSS towards the end.



Day 3



On Day 3 Dr. Singh went on to discuss Hypothesis Testing; Primary (Survey) And Secondary (Data Based) Research; Research Report Writing And Interviewing Skills; Application Of Parametric And Non-Parametric Technique; Factor Analysis. The ground was now set for software based application of skills learned during the first 3 days.

Day 4

Dr. S.S. Bhakar on Day 4 energetically began with analysis based applications. He covered Correlation & Regression Analysis; T-test, Z-test, Chi-Square Test with data and examples available from the real world.



Day 5

In the concluding session Dr. Bhakar tied up the loose ends and trained the class on Data analysis using SPSS. He finally spoke in totality on effective writing of a Research Paper. Towards the end Dr. Bhakar also undertook the task of guiding young members of the faculty with regard to effective execution of research in their area of interest.



Faculty Development Programme on 'Research in Law': December 26-27, 2012

Final in the series of FDP's on Research organized in December, 2012, this Faculty Development Programme aimed at deeper conceptual understanding of Research Writing & Presentation in Law. The Resource persons included senior faculty members from the University of Delhi, Dr. V.K. Srivastava, Professor, Department of Anthropology, Science Faculty, University of Delhi; Dr. S.C. Raina, Professor, Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi Dr. Rajan Varghese, Associate Professor, Campus Law Centre II, University of Delhi

The FDP covered Qualitative Research Methods in Law, Types of Research in Law, Writing a Research Proposal, Framing Hypothesis, Footnoting, Citations and References.

Day 1



Resource Person for the Session 1 on Day 1 Dr. V.K. Shrivastava spoke very effectively on Qualitative Research Methods in Law Followed by Dr. Srivastava Dr. S.C. Raina presided over Session 2 on Day 1 and spoke on the various Types of Research in Law.

Day 2

During the final session on Day 2 of the Faculty Development Programme on 'Research in Law' which was also the concluding session of the series of FDP's on Research Skills Development our Resource Person Dr.Rajan Varghese gave an overview of the following conceptual writing skills that deal with Writing a Research Proposal; Framing Hypothesis and giving Footnoting, Citations and References.



Conclusion

The Series of Faculty Development Programs were widely appreciated by one and all, as it added and refreshed the essential research skills and helped re-ignite research interests of our faculty members who were enthusiastic to apply the newly acquired skills in order to enhance their Research.

Organizers



The Faculty Development Program Series on “Research Skills Development” was Organized by Research & Publication Cell, Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA. The FDP Co-ordinator was Prof. Deepa A. Panwar, with relentless support from Dr. Pushpa Negi & Dr. Ankur Jain all members of the Research & Publication Cell at SLS, NOIDA.

