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5 DAY ONLINE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (FDP)

on

Advancing Ethical Practices in Research and Publication

23rd, 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th of March, 2024, 15:00 - 17:00,

Every day

Description of the Program

The Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE) and the Centre for Researcher Training and Administration (CRTA) at JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), conducted a joint Online Five-Day Faculty Development Program on "Advancing Ethical Practices in Research and Publication." The session had five distinguished speakers over five days, namely Dr. S. Srikanta Swamy, Director, Centre for Researcher Training and Administration (CRTA) at JAIN (Deemed-to-be-University); Prof. Anil Kumar, Professor and Head, Centre for Political Institutions, Governance, and Development (CPIGD), at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC); Dr. Chetan Singai Dean, School of Law, Governance and Public Policy, Chanakya University; Dr. S. Sivaram, Principal Compliance, BHP; and Dr. Priyanca Mathur, Associate Professor and Head, Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeSSRE) at JAIN (Deemed-to-be-University).

Day 1



Professor (Dr.) Raj Singh, the Vice Chancellor of JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) during his opening remarks

The session began with an introductory note by Dr. Priyanca Mathur, Head and Associate Professor, CeRSSE, who also introduced the esteemed Vice Chancellor of JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), Professor (Dr.) Raj Singh. The Faculty Development Program commenced with invigorating opening remarks from the Vice Chancellor, Professor (Dr.) Raj Singh. Dr. Singh primed the audience with an engaging overview of ethics, interspersed with intriguing short stories to underscore his points. Following Dr. Singh's opening

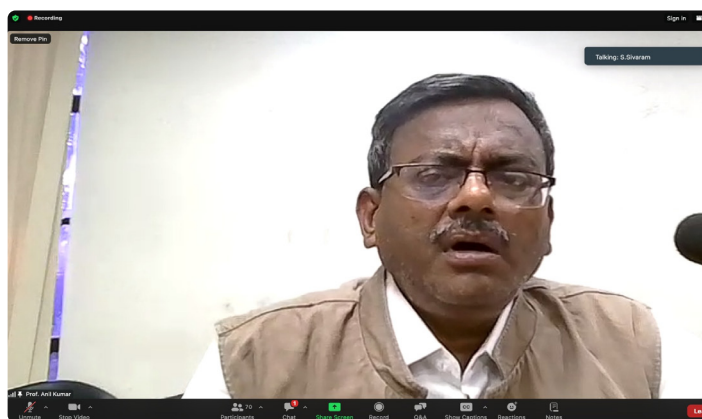
remarks, Mr. Gautam K. Rajesh introduced the resource person for the day, Dr. Srikanta Swamy, the Director of the Centre for Researcher Training and Administration (CRTA), at JAIN (Deemed-to-be University).



Dr. Srikanta Swamy during his session on the first day

Dr. Srikanta Swamy took the virtual stage to deliver an enlightening lecture on "Ethical Practices in Research for Sustainable Development." He outlined the fundamental values that should guide research. These range from moral and aesthetic to performance values, and how these underpin the scientific integrity and collaboration between science and society. Dr. Swamy emphasized the necessity of aligning research topics with the Sustainable Development Goals to ensure scientific validity and a favorable risk-benefit ratio. He highlighted the guiding principles of non-maleficence, beneficence, and professional ethics, which include trustworthiness, transparency, and respect, thus providing a comprehensive framework for conducting research with integrity. Following a Question and Answer segment, the session ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Priyanca Mathur.

Day 2



Prof. Anil Kumar during his session on the Second Day

On the second day of the Faculty Development Program, held on March 25th, 2024, Dr. Priyanca Mathur opened the second session on the Ethical Research and Publication practices by Prof. V. Anil Kumar. Following this, Dr. Amrita introduced the esteemed speaker of the day. Delving into the intricate relationship between funding sources and research autonomy, Prof. Anil navigated through the complexities of ethical considerations in academic research, including

the essentials of informed consent and confidentiality. After a Question and Answer segment, the session was wrapped up with a vote of thanks by Mr. Gautam K. Rajesh, who commended Prof. Anil Kumar's insightful contributions.

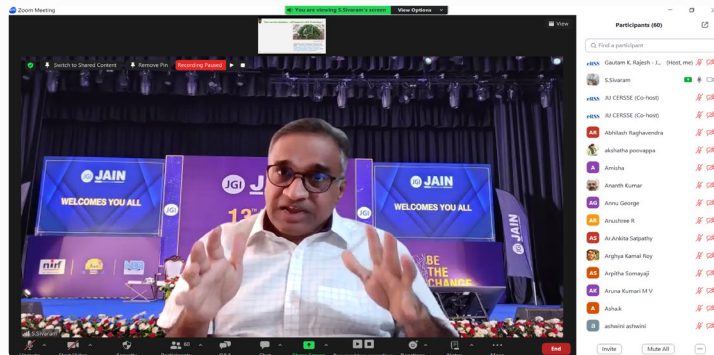
Day 3



Dr. Chetan Singai during his session on the third day

On the 26th of March, 2024, the third day of the Faculty Development Program began with Ms. Sneha Yadav introducing the speaker of the day, Dr. Chetan Singai, Dean of the School of Law, Governance, and Public Policy, at Chanakya University. He delivered a lecture on "Intellectual Honesty and Ethics in Research: Understanding Data and Plagiarism." Dr. Singai highlighted the perils of accidental plagiarism in an era of information abundance and the pitfalls of "publish or perish," stressing the importance of intellectual honesty. Engaging the attendees further, Dr. Singai explored the nuances of plagiarism in the digital age, the ethical use of plagiarism detection tools, and the UGC's regulations to curb plagiarism, contributing substantially to the ethical fabric of research. Following a Question and Answer session, the day concluded with Mr. Gautam K. Rajesh expressing heartfelt thanks to Dr. Singai for his guidance.

Day 4



Dr. S. Sivaram during his session on the 4th day

On March 27th, 2024, the fourth day of the Faculty Development Program was marked by a thought-provoking session on "Art and Science of Ethical Decisioning" by Dr. S. Sivaram, who works as the Principle Compliance at BHP. Dr. Priyanca Mathur's introduction paved the way for Dr. Sivaram's lecture, which skillfully combined neuroscience, visual arts, and ethics, underscoring their collective importance in fostering inclusivity and diversity within the realm of ethical research. The engaging discourse culminated with Dr. Sivaram's insights on leveraging institutional strengths against unethical practices. Following a Question and Answer Session, Mr. Gautam K. Rajesh delivered the vote of thanks to the resource person, closing the session.

Day 5



Dr. Priyanca Mathur during her session on the fifth day

On the concluding day of the Faculty Development Program, the 28th of March, 2024, Dr. Priyanca Mathur led a session on "Understanding Publication Misconduct in Research Ethics," unraveling the intricacies of ethical publication. Dr. Mathur, the session's resource person, underscored the gravity of publication misconduct, from the nuanced forms of plagiarism to the malpractices of data fabrication and falsification, which not only challenge the research's credibility but also its integrity. Participants were guided through a practical understanding of the ethical and moral responsibilities that come with academic publishing, highlighting the necessity of transparency alongside confidentiality.

The latter part of the Session was an Open Session (from 4:30 to 5 PM), and here, Dr. Priyanca was joined by Dr. Srikanta Swamy. Dr. Swamy said a few words about the program. In this Open Session, the audience gave a lot of suggestions and feedback for the program and future areas to cover. The Faculty Development Program was concluded with a resonating vote of thanks from Dr. Sneha Yadav. The discourse left participants equipped with the knowledge to navigate the complex landscape of research publication with ethical fortitude. On all five days, each session was concluded with a group photo.