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Report of the 29th HUMPALS session conducted on October 21, 2026

The 29th session of HUMPALS was organised on 21 October 2026 on the topic "From Research Gap to High-Impact Publication: A Practical Roadmap for Doctoral Scholars." Held under the aegis of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, MNIT Jaipur, and under the guidance of Professor Nupur Tandon, Head of the Department, the session reaffirmed HUMPALS' commitment to fostering a culture of self-learning, re-learning, and co-learning. The session featured Dr. Shruti Agrawal, Assistant Professor and researcher at GLA University, Mathura, and an alumna of MNIT Jaipur.



It focused on practical strategies for writing high-quality research papers and navigating the academic publication process. Faculty members and research scholars participated in an interactive discussion examining the key aspects of preparing a strong manuscript, selecting suitable journals, and improving the chances of publication in reputed academic journals.

Deliberations highlighted the importance of identifying a clear research gap, developing a strong research argument, maintaining coherence in academic writing, and ensuring originality and methodological rigour. The speaker also shared insights into structuring a research paper, understanding journal expectations, and addressing reviewers' comments to improve the quality of a manuscript.

The discussion also engaged with broader challenges surrounding academic publishing, including journal selection, avoiding common writing mistakes, responding to peer-review

feedback, and understanding the reasons behind manuscript rejection. Participants reflected on practical strategies to strengthen their papers and navigate the submission and review process more effectively.





Overall, the HUMPALS session enabled meaningful academic engagement with the process of writing and publishing high-quality research, drawing insights relevant to doctoral scholars across disciplines. The session concluded with an interactive exchange, allowing participants to share reflections and raise pertinent questions regarding the challenges and strategies involved in getting research papers accepted for publication.

A vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Nidhi Bansal, Coordinator, HUMPALS, who expressed her gratitude to the speaker, the departmental leadership, faculty members, and research scholars for their valuable contributions and participation. She acknowledged Naaz Bano, Rahul Yadav, Raj Kumar Meena, and Riddhika Dangayach for their efforts in successfully coordinating the event.

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