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### PRESS NOTE

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A Two-day Workshop for research scholars is being organised by the Dept. of English & Foreign Languages on "Areas and Methodology of Research" in the Seminar Hall of the Dept. on 16 & 17 Dec 2019. The fact that this is a second workshop for research scholars within a short span of four months goes on to show how seriously the work of research is being taken by the Dept. A total of 50 Research Scholars, Assistant Professors from different colleges/universities of Haryana including some newly appointed Supervisors are taking part in the workshop which would focus upon some new areas of research like Queer Studies, Ekphrasis and Disability Studies, Cybernetics along with Eco-criticism, Eco-feminism, Philosophy in Research and Research Methodology. The resource persons for the first day of the workshop include keynote speaker Prof. Akshay Kumar, formerly Dean Languages, Punjab University, Chandigarh, Prof. Surender Kumar, Dean Humanities, M.D.U., Prof. Nirmal Kumar Swain, Head, Dept. of Library Science, M.D.U., Prof. Loveleen Mohan and Prof. Jaibir S Hooda both from Dept. of English & Foreign Languages, M.D. University, Rohtak.

The workshop began with lighting of the lamp followed by Prof. Loveleen introducing the purpose and objectives behind organising this workshop. Prof. Jaibir S Hooda spoke on the evolution and relevance of various theories and tools of literary criticism. Prof. Akshay Kumar while introducing the scholars with new areas of research focused upon taking an expansive view of literature in the context of the proliferation of cultural products and existence of multiple platforms like cyber space, hypertext, graphic arts, U-tube videos, cartoons and cultural festivals etc. He exhorted the scholars to concentrate on textual, pre textual as well as post textual aspects with focus on field studies and literary, lived and conceptual idea of space. Prof. Surender Kumar highlighted three branches of philosophy namely Metaphysics, Epistemology and Ethics and how it can be used in various areas of research. Prof. Nirmal Kumar Swain deliberated upon the significance and application of research methodology focusing on appropriate use of various sources in citation and references. Prof. Manjeet Rathee along with research scholars Ms Sunidhi Panchal and Ms Ruchika Hooda conducted the various sessions.

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