

Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

HUM PALS: PEER ACTIVE LEARNING FOR SCHOLARS

A report of the session conducted on October 29, 2021

The ninth session of HUM PALS was conducted on October 29, 2021 from 11:00 am onwards to continue the spirit of self-learning, re-learning, and co-learning that builds the foundation of this noble and novel initiative undertaken under the aegis of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. The session started on an encouraging note by the eminent faculties of department wherein they accentuated the importance of adapting the practice of open deliberations and discussions on research practices and methodologies. The discussion motivated all participants to interact openly in order to invoke quality research in the field of social sciences.

The session was then taken over by the presenter for the day, Mr. Amit Sharma, a research scholar from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. Mr. Amit Sharma's research interests include Power trading and Market, Market Assessment and Evaluation. The topic under discussion was "Competition Assessment of Short-Term Power Trading in India". The presenter started his presentation by explaining core concepts of Power Market and trading in simple language in order to engage scholars from varying backgrounds. He delved upon the foundational premise of his research by explaining the role of various stakeholders like power plants involved in generation of electricity, DISCOMS involved in transmission and Distribution and the Consumers of the electricity. Mr. Amit Sharma discussed the role and workings of central electricity regulatory commission in detail. He explained every aspect of his research work starting from his research area, research questions, objectives, sources of data collection, methodology and major findings. The presentation looked on the methodology which majorly involved econometric techniques like Regression modelling and scenario analysis for the purpose of the assessment of the competition in the power trading market. In addition, he shared the various challenges faced while researching. He emphasized on the significance of networking, smart reading and resource management in research. He encouraged the scholars to empower themselves by making external acquaintances to the prominent people working in their respective area of research interest. He ended the presentation by opening the session for open discussion on his topic.





The all-inclusive presentation by the scholar prompted many queries, feedback, and suggestions which led to an active discussion and debate among the scholars and the faculty members. The questions were asked pertaining to how the questionnaire was designed for the study; how data was collected from the government machinery and how central electricity regulatory commission works to regulate the market. There was active discussion on the type of market in which the power equities are being traded in India. The multi-disciplinary nature of the audience broadened the scope of the discussion led to much debate among the scholars and faculty members.

The activity concluded with a token of thanks by the HUM PALS team to the presenter and the audience for their constructive feedback. The presenter, Amit Sharma, was felicitated with a

certificate of appreciation presented by Prof. Vibuti Singh Shekhawat (Professor, Political Science) and Dr. Dipti Sharma (Head of Department & Associate Professor, Economics), Prof. Manju Singh (Professor, Economics), Dr. Nidhi Bansal, Assistant Professor (Sociology), Dr. Niraja Saraswat (Assistant Professor, English) and a group picture was clicked to capture this moment forever in our memories.

The next session of the activity will be conducted on 26th November, 2021.
