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Report on

Research Workshop

Organized by: Department of Sociology (AU)

Venue: Arunodaya University, Conference Hall, Campus One

Date: 22nd September 2025

Workshop Timing: 9:00am to 12:00pm

❖ Introduction:

The Department of Sociology, Arunodaya University (AU), organized a Research Workshop aimed at ***“Enhancing Research Writing Skills and Refining Methodological Approaches”*** for students and faculty. The event was coordinated under the guidance Mr. Kenbom Basar HoD, Department of Sociology and Ms. Kavita Karmakar, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, who served as the host of the program.

❖ Proceedings of the Workshop:

The workshop commenced at 9:30 AM with a Welcome Address delivered by Ms. Kenbom Basar HoD, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology. He warmly greeted the participants and highlighted the importance of research as a vital tool in academic and professional growth. Following this, the program continued with the Felicitation of the Resource Person, Dr. Atrayee Kashyap, a distinguished researcher and ethnographer. At 9:40 AM.

Dr. Atrayee Kashyap conducted the core session of the workshop with an engaging and insightful presentation that captured the attention of all participants. The session primarily focused on improving the quality of research writing and strengthening methodological approaches, which are essential pillars of producing impactful academic work. She began by emphasizing the importance of clarity, coherence, and logical flow in research writing, noting that research should not only present facts but also develop a well-structured argument that effectively communicates the researcher's ideas. She highlighted the need to avoid common pitfalls such as plagiarism, lack of proper citations, and over-reliance on secondary sources.

In discussing research methodology, Dr. Kashyap stressed that methodology is more than just the selection of tools; it is the guiding framework that shapes the reliability and validity of research outcomes. She elaborated on both qualitative and quantitative approaches, underlining the need for researchers to align their methodology with the objectives and scope of their study. Drawing from her own experiences as an ethnographer, she illustrated how fieldwork, interviews, and participant observations can enrich sociological research and provide deeper insights into social realities.

The interactive nature of her lecture encouraged participants to ask questions and clarify doubts, particularly in areas such as formulating research problems, conducting literature reviews, and addressing research gaps. Dr. Kashyap consistently emphasized the value of academic rigor, originality, and critical thinking, motivating the participants to strive towards meaningful and innovative contributions in social science research.

❖ **Profile of the Resource Person:**

Dr. Atrayee Kashyap is a highly accomplished academic and ethnographer with a Ph.D. in Folklore Studies from North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong (2024). She has contributed extensively to academia through teaching, research coordination, and active participation in academic organizations.

❖ **Some of her key achievements and roles include:**

Dr. Atrayee Kashyap has held several important academic and administrative positions throughout her career. She served as a Research Fellow at NEHU, Shillong, and also held leadership roles such as Academic Secretary of the Research Scholars' Forum, NEHU, and President of the NEHU Assam Students' Association (NASA). She began her teaching journey as a faculty member at the North-East Institute of Management and Science, Jorhat in 2017, and later worked as Faculty of English at Assam Women's University, Jorhat from 2020 to 2022. She has also served as a Guest Lecturer at NERIST during 2024–2025. At Arunodaya University (AU), she contributed significantly as Research Coordinator and Assistant Professor in the Department of English, and at present, she is serving as the NSS Coordinator along with her role as an Assistant Professor in the Department of English. In addition to her teaching and administrative responsibilities, Dr. Kashyap has presented numerous papers at state, national, and international seminars and has made valuable contributions through her published research articles.

❖ Interactive Session:

The interactive discussion session held at 11:30 AM served as a dynamic platform for participants to engage directly with Dr. Atrayee Kashyap. During this segment, students and faculty members raised queries related to research methodology, writing structures, and strategies for academic publication. The dialogue created a collaborative environment where participants not only clarified their doubts but also gained practical insights into overcoming common challenges faced during the research process.

Dr. Kashyap addressed questions on framing research questions, choosing appropriate methodological tools, and maintaining originality in academic writing. She also highlighted the importance of adhering to ethical standards and provided tips for publishing in reputed journals. By sharing her own experiences, she guided participants on how to present arguments effectively and structure research papers for greater impact. The session encouraged young researchers to refine their research approaches and motivated them to strive toward stronger academic contributions in the field of social sciences.

❖ Key Outcomes of the Workshop:

The Research Workshop organized by the Department of Sociology achieved several important outcomes that contributed significantly to the academic growth of both students and faculty participants. The principal outcome was the development of a clearer understanding of research writing skills, particularly in areas such as structuring arguments, maintaining academic rigor, and ensuring originality in work. Participants gained practical insights into avoiding errors such as plagiarism and improper citation, thereby learning to enhance the quality and credibility of their research output.

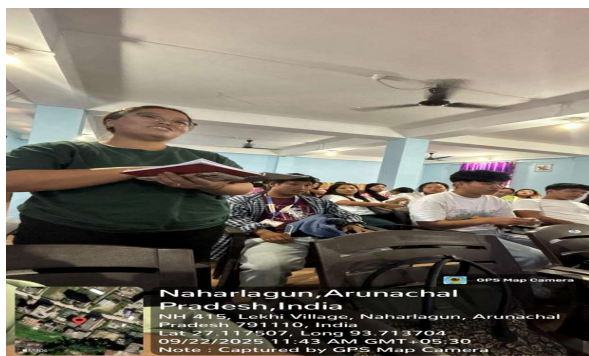
Another major outcome was the improvement of knowledge regarding research methodology. The discussions enabled participants to understand the strengths of various methodological approaches that is qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods and the importance of aligning research design with research objectives. The workshop also created a valuable platform for dialogue between the resource person and participants. This interaction encouraged young researchers to clarify doubts, refine their approaches, and gain confidence in undertaking independent research projects. Finally, the workshop motivated participants to pursue innovation, critical thinking, and ethical practices in their future academic endeavors, thereby strengthening the research culture of the university.

❖ Conclusion:

The workshop concluded at 11:50 AM with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Ms. Senyam Methak, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology. She extended gratitude to the resource person, faculty members, participants, and organizing team for making the workshop a success. The Research Workshop proved to be highly enriching and beneficial for the academic community, promoting the core objectives of the Department of Sociology to advance research excellence.

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