

MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE, AUTONOMOUS DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Navigating the world of knowledge: The Crevices of Research and Publication

Date: 15th September 2023

Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Online: Google Meet Host Resource Person: Dr. Partha

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Report

The session was arranged by Faculty Co-ordinators Dr. Priyanka Dutta and Ms Rianka Sarkar for the MA English students of our College. Dr. Partha Bhattacharjee, Assistant Professor from the esteemed SRM University, Andhra Pradesh conducted the insightful session on Research Methodology.

Dr. Partha has a renowned expert in the field with her years of experience in various roles and immense knowledge of crafting a thesis, took us through the step-by-step process of writing an excellent thesis paper. It was a detailed session which commenced with the basis of writing a thesis which is to come up with a question of our own regarding the subject we would like to do research in. Years and years of having followed the question-answer format of education makes it difficult for us to come up with a question of our own which is the first step to writing a thesis paper.

The discussion gave us a clear idea on how to structure our research paper properly by shifting our focus from the content of the thesis to framing a question that had limited scope and could be done justice to. We understood the importance of exploring various works which would eventually lead us to finding a topic even if we did not have an area of interest in mind at the beginning. The sources for writing a thesis were discussed in great detail by bringing in the importance of primary vs secondary sources as well as scholarly vs popular resources. Further discussion contained the importance of writing a literature review and the various literary theories and the approaches that could be used. Various timelines that could be explored while looking for a research topic were discussed. We also learnt the importance of citing the paper properly and citing the various authors or journals that we have taken information from. The topic of plagiarism was talked about in great detail. Hence, it was an amazing session that gave us immense clarity and various approaches and ideas to go about with the process of writing our thesis paper. Dr. Partha clarified the queries that the students

had at the end of the session while also sharing her own experience of writing a thesis paper. The session ended with a vote of thanks to the Speaker, the Faculty coordinators, the staff and Sister Sajitha, HOD for helping us conduct the session successfully.

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