

## CALL FOR PAPERS & PARTICIPATION

### Faculty Development Programme

On

Fostering Research Culture in Universities:  
Challenges, Opportunities and Ways Ahead

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Research is a necessary tool for the advancement of knowledge, society, and humanity as it attempts to provide answers, solutions, and intellectual explanations of various concerns and phenomena. Research & development is a pre-requisite for the systematic research process and this process is continuously striving for correcting and refining its beliefs, hypotheses, theories, for the discovery of scientific truths for further advancements and developments. Research culture is pivotal in achieving research excellence and encourages innovation in research and encompasses the behaviour, values, expectations, attitudes and norms of research communities besides influencing researchers' career. Research integrity is grounded on the underpinning of high-quality research and high ethical standards and an excellent research environment.

Nowadays, a university's reputation, ranking and funding are linked with its research performance. Globally, there are about 40,000 universities and only 920 in India (UGC, 2019). The global ranking of Indian universities is very low as there are only 36 institutions the top 1000 global institutions/ universities (Times Higher Education Survey, 2020). UGC introduced performance-based indicators (API score) in the year 2006 and made specific minimum research mandatory for the appointment and promotion of teachers. Remarkably, the intent is to promote research culture is praiseworthy, but it led to a flood of research mill, predatory journals and violation of research ethics, giving a massive blow to the research integrity besides damaging the reputation of researchers as well as institutions. The recent introduction of Plagiarism policy (2018), UGC Care list of journals, (2019) and paper on research ethics (2020) for the PhD course-work are some of the long waited steps to foster the research integrity. Furthermore, research performance of Indian HEIs has been linked to accreditation (NAAC/NBA/score) as well as funding (RUSA). No doubt, these are the welcome steps to promote research integrity in HEIs, but its efficacy will still be adjudged on various parameters.

The challenges before Indian HEIs are numerous and multifaced, e.g., the creation of a research-oriented environment, fostering of research integrity, the mass prevalence of predatory journals, poor quality of research in institutions, plagiarism and violation of copyrights. At the same time, there are enormous opportunities for promoting the research culture in India like large students' strength, a reasonably large number of organizations providing research platforms and many regulatory institutions are offering research funding under various schemes. Besides, the most crucial point is

that the research culture can be promoted and enhanced without too much efforts and resources.

Research and academic integrity has been subsidized, as reflected from the international ranking and share in the world R&D, in most of our institutions, and needs to be promoted. They must focus on enhancing the research culture, research integrity besides other fundamental parameters to be more competitive besides improving their global ranking /scores. In light of the recent shift of emphasis by various higher education regulatory agencies, the several questions of practical significance are still emerging in the research environment:

- How to stimulate good research environment?
- How to inculcate excellent research culture?
- How to promote research integrity?
- Why the research output is low in India?
- How to enhance the global ranking in research amidst difference in research environment in India and abroad?
- How to promote research ethics?
- How to handle the issue of plagiarisms?
- How to promote the academia-industry research network? and so on.

To discuss these issues in research culture in HEIs the Faculty of Social Sciences, BPS Women University, Sonipat, is organizing a two-day Faculty Development Programme on February 19-20, 2020, where some leading experts will enlighten the participants on the issues.

**About the University:** Established in 2006, Bhagat Phool Singh Women University is the first State Women University in North India providing education from *KG to PhD* level, and has earned the title of '*University with a Difference*' in the arena of Higher Education. The campus of the Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya is spread over lush green, pollution free 200 Hectares of Land and 7000 girl students are presently on its roll. University is imparting education in all major streams like arts, sciences and social sciences. Besides that, BPSMV established Center of Excellence viz. Centre for Indic Asian Studies, Centre for Society University interface and Research, Learning Resource Centre. University has signed MOUs with various reputed institutions and organizations in India as well as abroad.

**About the Faculty:** The Faculty, of Social Sciences endeavors to cultivate multi-disciplinary, inter-disciplinary and collaborative learning environment and is comprising of many departments like Economics,

Social work, Political Science, History and Archaeology, and a Centre for Society University Interface (CSUIR). The Faculty is offering various programme like M.A Economics (5 Year Integrated), M.A (Economics, Political science, Social Work, and History and Archaeology), MSc Geography, B.A (Honors) Economics besides half a dozen of add-on courses in CSUIR. The Faculty of Social Sciences achieved a milestone in a short span of time by organizing three International Conferences in association with Burgundy School of Business, France in 2013, 2015 and 2018, two international symposiums, half a dozen national conferences.

**Participation:** The abstract on the related theme (up to 200 words) is invited from the faculty members and research scholars by 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Those who want to participate without sending abstract may send their duly filled registration form by 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The email address for both sending abstract and nominations is as [dfss.bpsmv@gmail.com](mailto:dfss.bpsmv@gmail.com). The list of selected participants will be shortlisted by a committee on the basis of objective criteria.

**Fee:** There is **No Registration Fee** for attending the FDP. However, the participants must ensure their presence in all the sessions; otherwise certificate will not be issued.

**Accommodation:** Accommodation will be provided to outstation participants on prior request on payment basis as per BPSMV rules (By 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020).

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