

Seminar Report on "Research Methodology in Academic Research"

Academic research is the foundation of innovation, critical inquiry, and knowledge creation. With this objective in mind, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the Research Development Committee of Vikas College organized a one-day seminar on "*Research Methodology in Academic Research*" on 12 February 2025 at 3:00 PM in the Seminar Room of the Hall Building. The session aimed to simplify the processes involved in academic research and equip students and faculty members with essential research skills.

The seminar commenced with a warm welcome and introductory address by Dr. Shubhada Deshpande, who emphasized the growing significance of research in today's academic and professional landscape. She highlighted that such initiatives help bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and its practical application, thereby fostering a research-oriented mindset among students.

The keynote session was conducted by Dr. Sunil Karve, a distinguished academician and researcher. He began by explaining the meaning and importance of research in higher education, stressing the need for a systematic and structured approach. Elaborating on various types of research—qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-method—he provided practical examples to help participants understand their real-world relevance.

Dr. Karve then guided the audience through the essential stages of the research process, including identifying a research problem, formulating hypotheses, conducting literature reviews, designing research methodology, collecting and analyzing data, and interpreting results. A significant portion of his talk focused on research ethics, where he addressed issues such as plagiarism, data privacy, and maintaining academic honesty. He also introduced participants to various research tools and techniques, including statistical software, online academic databases, and proper citation styles. Concluding his session, he connected research methodology to real-world problem-solving and career opportunities in academia and industry.

The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from 95 students representing TYBMS, M.Com., M.Sc. Biotechnology, and BAF programmes. The interactive nature of the session encouraged students to raise thoughtful questions regarding research problem formulation, data collection methods, and the choice between qualitative and quantitative approaches. Their active engagement reflected a growing interest in research and academic excellence. Students were further motivated to undertake mini-research projects under faculty guidance.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Sonal Upadhyay. She expressed gratitude to the organizing committees, the resource person, faculty members, and students for their active involvement. She also acknowledged the constant support and encouragement of Principal Dr. Ranjan Patra, Vice Principal Shaji Mathew, and Dr. Vinay Raut Sir for promoting academic growth and student-centric initiatives within the institution.

In her concluding remarks, Dr. Sonal Upadhyay urged students to apply the insights gained from the seminar to their academic projects and dissertations. She reiterated the importance of conducting ethical and responsible research and encouraged everyone to contribute towards building a strong culture of academic integrity at Vikas College.



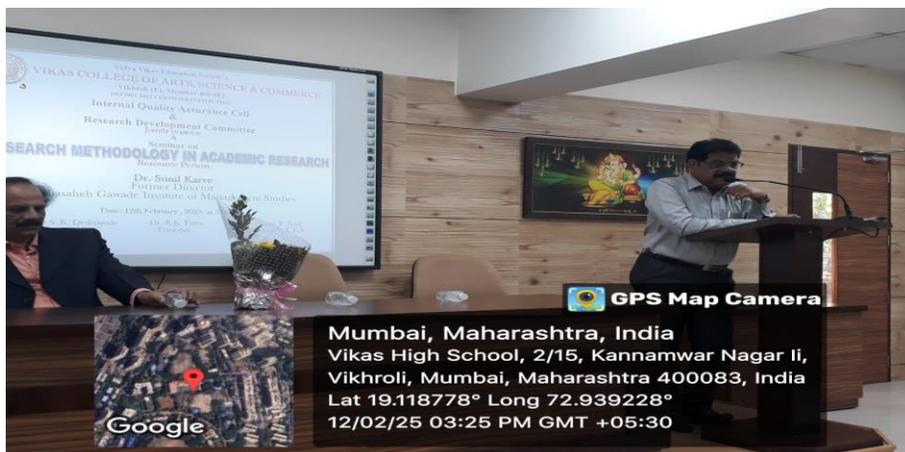
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