

**2022-2023**

**Department of Sociology and Internal Quality Assurance Cell**

**16th September 2022**

**National Conference: *Academia and Contemporary Research: Roots and Routes***

The Department of Sociology and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Sophia College, supported by the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) conducted a national conference on “*Academia and Contemporary Research: Roots and Routes*” on 16th September 2022 at the Convention Centre of Sophia College for Women. The conference was open to all teaching faculty as well as the PhD research scholars, interested in furthering their knowledge about research and publishing. The one-day conference consisted of 4 sessions, each dealing with a different aspect of research and publishing. The keynote speaker for the event- Dr. (Sr.) Anila Verghese, the Chairperson of Society of Higher Education for Women in India as well as the director of the Sophia Polytechnic began the event. The theme for her session was “*Forty Years of Research: A Transformative Journey.*” She divided the retelling of her own history as a researcher into four segments – before PhD, During PhD, PhD research and after PhD.

The second session was by Dr. Mala Pandurang, Principal/Professor at Dr. BMN College of Home Science. Her session titled ‘*Expanding Horizons: Avenues and Opportunities in Research*’ was highly informative as she introduced and spoke about the various opportunities by which research scholars could take ahead their research.

The speaker for the third session was Dr. Kannan P Scientist E for INFLIBNET (Information Library Network)- an organization that promotes and facilitates libraries and information resources for Indian further education. The theme of his session was *Research Profiling for Academic Faculty and Institutions*. He started with explaining the methodology and importance of the dissemination of research activities at the three levels - organization, national and publisher.

The final session was conducted by Dr. Ashwin Pundalik, who is a professor at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, in the department of Geology. He spoke extensively about Research Ethics and Metrics. A highly interactive session, Dr. Pundalik shared several case studies and examples to stress on the importance of research ethics and the many unethical practices which may be avoided in research.

The conference concluded with a vote of thanks by the IQAC Coordinator Dr. T.C. Roy.

Along with members of IQAC and faculty members at the Department of Sociology, most of the Sociology Single Major students (22 students) played a vital role in organizing the event and ensuring that it ran smoothly. The event was attended by over 70 participants and students from various streams.







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8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM



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## RESOURCE PERSONS

**DR. (SR.) ANILA VERGHESE**

*The Chairperson, Society of Higher Education for Women in India*

*Director, Sophia Polytechnic*

**Keynote Session**

***Forty Years of Research: A Transformative Journey***

**DR. MALA PANDURANG**

*Principal, Dr. BMN College of Home Science*

***Expanding Horizons: Avenues and  
Opportunities in Research***

**DR. KANNAN P.**

*Scientist E, INFLIBNET, Gujarat*

***Research Profiling for Academic Faculty and  
Institutions***

**DR. ASHWIN PUNDALIK**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Geology,*

*St. Xaviers College*

***Research: Ethics, Indexing, Metrics and their  
Significance in CAS***

**[Registration Link](#)**

*Deadline for registrations: 12th September 2022*

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