

WORKSHOP REPORT

WORKSHOP ON SELECTED OPEN- ACCESS TOOLS FOR RESEARCHERS

5TH APRIL 2023

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PLACEMENT CELL

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**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION
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MUMBAI**

DATE & VENUE

The workshop on selected open-access tools for researchers took place on 5th April 2023 at the MA/M.Sc 1st Year classroom in the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai.



Organization and Training Team

This workshop was organized under the aegis of the placement cell of the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. The student representatives of IIPS Placement Cell managed the opportune task of organizing the workshop, with guidance from the placement cell coordinators Dr. T.R. Dilip and Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan and Placement Cell officer Nalini.

This resource person invited for the workshop was V. Sriram, the Chief Librarian of the Centre for Developing Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. He has contributed to establishing and managing Libraries across various institutions in Kerala.

Event

Inauguration

Dr. T.R. Dilip inaugurated the workshop at the MA/ M.Sc first-year classroom of the International Institute for Population Sciences. Dr. Dilip introduced V. Sriram in the inaugural speech by appreciating his academic and non-academic works and his excellent teaching and training skills.



The Workshop

The workshop was organized in two sessions from 10.00 am to 11.30 am and 11.45 am to 1.15 pm.

Session 1:

The first session took place from 10.00 am to 11.30 am. This session started with the basics of using the Internet for research work. The participants were introduced to different browser plugins/add-ons/extensions that can be effectively used for finding research resources. The resource person discussed different Extensions such as Google Scholar Button, Open Access Button, Core Discovery, Unpaywall extension, and Google and Google Scholar alerts. Further, the participants were given relevant search tips that can be effectively used to find out research works. Besides, the participants were introduced to various journals, book open-access sources, and statistical databases.

Session 2:

After a short tea break, the second session was held from 11.45 am to 1.15 pm. It started with discussing different sources for accessing the thesis and dissertation of research scholars in India and other countries. Further, participants were also informed about different sources of courseware and multimedia, different archives, and information portals that can help to access resources for research purposes. Further, participants were introduced to reference management and different citation/reference styles, and some books on citation were also suggested. At the end of the workshop, participants were introduced to Zotero software, which is used for managing references or as a research assistant. Different tools of Zotero were also discussed to train participants in effectively using this software for their research work.

Q & A

The session at the end was followed with question and answer in which students asked different questions, and their queries pertaining to different topics discussed and training on Zotero were successfully clarified.

Conclusion

This workshop gave valuable insights to researchers on using different open-access research tools and learning new ones like Zotero. The learning from this workshop added new skills that will benefit researchers in enhancing their access to existing research and improving their research work. Thus, such workshops are crucial for students before beginning their research.

