



Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur
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HUM PALS: PEER ACTIVE LEARNING FOR SCHOLARS
A report of Activity conducted on 26 February, 2021

“The root of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.”
-Aristotle

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences has initiated a student-led activity i.e., 'HUM PALS: Peer Active Learning for Scholars'. The aim of this activity is to encourage research scholars to share their knowledge and experience to enhance their research understanding and skills. The second activity under HUM PALS, was held on February 26, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., in Language Lab, Prabha Bhavan. The presentation was given by Research Scholar Ms. Manasvini Rai on "Politics of 'Difference' and 'Otherness' in the selected fiction of Zadie Smith". The interaction began with a concise introduction of this noble and novel initiative, given by the team. Followed by it, Dr. Nidhi Bansal briefly explained the genesis of HUM PLAS, its title, objectives, vision and ideation.

The session was then taken over by the presenter, who delved onto her ongoing research in "Politics of 'Difference' and 'Otherness' in the selected fiction of Zadie Smith". She discussed the author known for her upfront discussion about race, religion, and cultural identity in her fiction and for her idiosyncratic characters, savvy humor, and snappy dialogue in her writings. Research scholars and faculty members participated in the session with all zeal and zest, prompting open discussions. The varied perspectives formed a spectrum of multidisciplinary learning.



Topics like racial inequality, orientalism, postcolonialism, identity issues, migration problems etc. were discussed and reflected upon.

The participant's valuable feedback on the similar issues were also dwelled upon. Such presentations are now going to be organized every month in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, MNIT Jaipur. The activity concluded with a token of thanks by the team.

The next peer learning activity will be held in March 26, 2021 and the presenter will be Ms. Sumedha Bhatnagar, Research Scholar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences.
