

One Week National Workshop on “Contemporary Issues and Approaches in Social Science Research” under TLC at Central University of Punjab, Bathinda from 14-18th October, 2019.

The Teaching Learning Centre (TLC) at the Central University of Punjab, commenced MHRD sponsored one-week National Workshop on the “Contemporary Issues and Approaches in Social Science Research” from 14th to 18th October onwards. This workshop is organised under MHRD’s Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching. The objectives of this workshop are to enhance the teaching-learning potential of social science faculty. The keynote speaker of the inaugural session was Prof. Rajesh Gill from Panjab University, who is an eminent personality in the field of sociology and has more than 30 years of teaching and research experience. Around 37 faculty members from different institutes of Punjab, Gujarat, UP, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Orissa, Bihar, Nagaland and West Bengal has been participating in this programme.

The programme started with the welcome address by TLC Coordinator, Dr Vinod Arya. He shared the program objective and mentioned that this is the 13th workshop conducted by CUPB TLC since its inception in January 2018. Dr Naresh Singla presented the concept note of this programme. He mentioned that this workshop would focus on understanding the contemporary issues, different approaches, priority areas of research and the role of various disciplines in reshaping social science research.

Keynote speaker, Prof Rajesh Gill dwells on the history and evolution of social science research. She stated that all social science researches started with positivistic approach of objectivity to understand the law of society, but later researchers also included the qualitative, subjective approach to capture the reality of complex human society. She highlighted that the contemporary challenges of social science research are that the dynamics of society are changing and researchers need to work with a fresh approach to identify new social arrangements and monitor their impact. For accurate results in social science research, she also stressed on the need to validate primary and secondary data by adoption of the triangulation approach of using multiple methods to verify results. She talked about the importance of inter-disciplinary research and encouraged young faculty members to identify new discipline where social science research can contribute immensely. She also discussed various ethical issues and challenges of virtual reality related to various social science disciplines. Post lecture, Prof Rajesh Gill gave a satisfactory reply to the queries of participants during question-answer session.

