

Report on the One-Week Workshop (12th–18th July 2025) on Academic Writing of Master's Thesis/Dissertation

A one-week workshop on *Academic Writing of Master's Thesis/Dissertation* was successfully conducted from **12th to 18th July 2025**, with the primary objective of equipping **M.A. Semester IV students** with the essential skills and techniques required to write their dissertations effectively. The workshop was hosted by the Research Cell of St. Xavier's College, Simdega, with active participation from students and faculty members.

Objective of the Workshop:

The workshop was specially designed to support students in the final semester of their Master's program who are expected to undertake dissertation work. It aimed to provide them with structured guidance on research methodology, data collection, academic writing styles, and other integral components of thesis writing.

Day 1: 12th July 2025 – Inaugural Lecture

The workshop commenced with an **inaugural address** by the **Principal, Dr. Roshan Ba'a S.J.**, who delivered a foundational lecture on **“Research Methodology for Master's Students.”** Dr. Ba'a emphasised the significance of a well-defined research question, clarity of objectives, and the ethical aspects of academic research. He also outlined the roadmap of the workshop and its relevance to postgraduate academic development.

Day 2: 14th July 2025

The day featured two insightful sessions:

- **Dr. Animesh Roy** presented on **“From Idea to Argument: Structuring the Master's Dissertation Effectively.”** He guided students through the process of refining a research idea and logically developing it into a well-structured academic argument.



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- **Dr. Sunil Kerketta** delivered a lecture on **“Sources and Data Collection.”** His talk focused on the identification of primary and secondary sources, data collection methods, and the importance of reliability and validity in research.



Day 3: 15th July 2025

- **Shri Marcel Hemrom** spoke on **“Structure of a Dissertation.”** His session elaborated on the formal components of a dissertation—introduction, literature review, methodology, analysis, and conclusion—and their interconnections.



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- **Dr. Iline Kongari** followed with a session on “**Principles of Research and Research Methodology**,” providing an in-depth explanation of research design, types of research, and the conceptual framework needed for scholarly inquiry.



Day 4: 17th July 2025

After a one-day break, the workshop resumed with two technical sessions:

- **Dr. Nisha Rani Dhanwar** addressed the topic of “**Research Methodology**.” Her session revisited the key elements of quantitative and qualitative research approaches, data interpretation, and thesis planning.



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- **Dr. Samir Xavier Bhawnra S.J.** conducted a session on “**Methods for Academic Writing.**” He provided practical advice on citation styles, coherence in writing, plagiarism avoidance, and academic tone.



Day 5: 18th July 2025

- **Shri Amit Kumar Gupta** discussed “**Formulation of Questionnaire.**” He elaborated on types of questionnaires, question framing, Likert scales, and piloting instruments for research reliability.



- **Dr. Anirudh Prasad** lectured on “**Test of Hypothesis,**” introducing the students to the statistical foundations of hypothesis testing and the application of inferential statistics in research.

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The final day concluded with a **Valedictory Lecture** by **Principal Dr. Roshan Ba'a S.J.**, who reflected on the outcomes of the workshop and encouraged the students to apply the knowledge and skills acquired in their academic projects. He also appreciated the speakers for their valuable contributions and the students for their active participation throughout the sessions.



Conclusion

The workshop served as an enriching academic initiative, addressing the critical components of dissertation writing. Through a series of expert-led sessions, it fostered a deeper understanding of academic research among postgraduate students and prepared them for the intellectual rigors of thesis writing. Feedback from participants reflected high levels of satisfaction and confidence in approaching their upcoming dissertation projects.

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