

**Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur**

**Department of Humanities and Social Sciences**

**HUM PALS: PEER ACTIVE LEARNING FOR SCHOLARS**

**Interactive session on**

**'Discussing Theory and Practice in Research: Gaps, Scopes, and Implications'**

**on 30th January 2023**

The 20<sup>th</sup> session of HUM PALS was held on January 30, 2023 from 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM to continue the spirit of self-learning, re-learning, and co-learning upwards and onwards that builds the foundation of this noble and novel initiative undertaken under the aegis of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The session was opened by the HMPALS volunteers Heena Choudhary and Ritik Garg, who introduced the audience about the topic of discussion – “Discussing Theory and Practice in Research: Gaps, Scopes, and Implications”.

The discussion initiated with how theory and practice are two important components of research, and how their relationship is complex and dynamic. Scholars deliberated that in research, theory provides a framework for understanding the world, while practice refers to the real-world application of this understanding. One of the scholars highlighted that this gap between theory and practice is often referred to as the "gap between knowing and doing." Discussion also took place about how this gap can arise from a variety of factors, including limitations in the theories themselves, the complex nature of the real world, and the limitations of the research process.

The session was concluded with the thought that if theories are not applied in practice, they may not be refined or improved. On the other hand, if theories are applied without regard to the limitations of the real world, they may not be effective. To mitigate these implications, researchers must be mindful of the gap between theory and practice, and strive to bridge it by integrating theories and practices in a meaningful way. Dr. Nidhi Bansal, Assistant Professor, DoHSS, appreciated and encouraged for the intense discussions and sought ideas for activities for the future sessions of the HUMPALS. The session ended with a group photograph.

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