

**Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences**

**HUM PALS: Sparking Conversations, Igniting Ideas and
Understanding Roots of Responsibility**

Report of the session conducted on December 3 , 2024



The 23rd session of HUM PALS was held on DECEMBER 3, 2024 from 10.30 AM onwards to continue the spirit of self-learning, re-learning, and co-learning that builds the foundation of this noble and novel initiative undertaken under the aegis of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. The presence of Dr. Preeti Bhatt , Prof. Manju Singh, Prof. Vibhuti Singh Shekhawat, and Dr. Nidhi Bansal honored the session. Their valuable insights and active participation significantly enriched the quality of discussions and interactions.

The session commenced with engaging icebreaking activities that set a lively and interactive tone for the proceedings. This was followed by an inspiring address from Prof. Manju Singh, who underscored the value of collective progress and mutual support over solitary pursuits. In a unique and reflective activity, research scholars introduced themselves using objects that symbolized their personalities.

This creative exercise enriched the interactions. A moving moment in the session was the recital of a heartfelt poem about a young bride by research scholar Piyush Pandey, which provided an emotional and cultural depth. Faculty members also participated, introducing themselves and sharing insights and innovative ideas, which further enriched the session.

The session transitioned into an engaging discourse on the "Roots of Responsibility" initiative. Prof. Manju Singh introduced the initiative and its objectives, emphasizing that it reflects the institute's vision of transforming into an "Engaged Campus." She highlighted that the initiative serves as a "mini Lab experimentation of social engineering" within the campus, aimed at engaging students in creating a social impact, particularly in environmental sustainability.

This was followed by a demonstration on navigating the web portal, led by Mr. Jaipal Singh Chauhan (Department of Computer Science and Engineering) and Srishti Saxena (Research Scholar). This included guidance on uploading photos and understanding the portal's features. The web portal, designed to monitor the trees planted under the initiative, aims to enhance community engagement by equipping the Tarumitra, with essential technical aids and equipment.

The session concluded on a reflective and forward-looking note, emphasizing the commitment to continuous improvement and active participation. The structured feedback segment provided a valuable platform for participants to share insights and propose innovative ideas to make the "Roots of Responsibility" program more impactful and engaging.
