

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

HUM PALS: PEER ACTIVE LEARNING FOR SCHOLARS

A report of the session held on September 23, 2022

The fourteenth session of HUM PALS was held on 23rd September 2022 from 11:30 noon–1:00 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 student coordinators led the session on a welcome note for faculty members and research scholars, wherein they accentuated the importance of library learning resources – both in print and electronic. The resource person for this activity was Mr Sachin Katagi, Assistant Librarian, MNIT Jaipur. He mentioned how librarians work closely with faculty and students to introduce a variety of resources and services beneficial for students new to the Institute. A library tour was conducted wherein students were informed about the different facilities. It was showed how books can be automatically issued against RFID-Card issued by the Institute to the borrowers. In the session, students were apprised of all major e-resources, Web OPC, Users guide, Library membership, J-Gate (Journal Search), Remote access (Open Athens), EBSCO Discovery Search and so on. Moreover, various other salient features of the library were highlighted. For instance, how Inter Library Loan enables any student to obtain book(s) and other reading materials which are not available in our library collection, from other libraries with which library has an agreement, for your academic use. There is also a document delivery service which enables you to obtain a copy of journal article, conference paper, book chapter, or other documents that are not available in the library collection, from other libraries for academic or research purposes.



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The activity concluded with a vote of thanks by the HUM PALS team to the presenter and the audience for their constructive feedback. The presenter, Mr Sachin Katagi, was acknowledged and appreciated for his comprehensive and useful presentation by Dr Dipti Sharma (Head of Department & Associate Professor, Economics) and Dr Nidhi Bansal (Assistant Professor, Sociology). The team is thankful to Dr. Rishi Kumar Tiwari, Librarian, Central Literacy, MNIT Jaipur for all support for successful organization of this session. He also agreed to organize training and awareness sessions in the future keeping in mind the interest of the scholars according to their needs and concerns. In the end, a group picture was clicked to capture the moment.
