

Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

FRESCONNECT

HUMPALS Session & Scholar's Orientation

Report of the 26th session conducted on August 20, 2025



The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, MNIT, Jaipur, hosted its orientation event, FRESCONNECT, bringing together new and continuing research scholars in an engaging and reflective gathering. The department extended a warm welcome to its new research scholars who joined this semester.

In her opening address, Prof. Manju Singh (Convener DPGC) emphasised the department's core ethos of collaborative learning, academic rigour, and mentorship.

An interactive roleplay activity was conducted to ease newcomers into the departmental community. The activity sparked meaningful discussion, underlining how research in the humanities and social sciences must remain grounded in lived realities.



One of the key highlights of the orientation was an expert talk by Srishti Saxena, who spoke on “*Charting New Territories in Research: AI as Your Co-Pilot.*” Drawing on her own journey as a researcher, she explored how AI is reshaping knowledge production, academic inquiry, and ethical considerations in the social sciences.

Following the session, Prof. Nupur Tandon (HOD), emphasised the importance of mentorship, peer networks, and dialogue in sustaining high-quality research.

Further session was elaborated on the Roots of Responsibility (RoR) initiative to encourage new scholars to take social responsibility towards the environment.

The event successfully introduced new members to the department's academic values while laying the foundation for a collaborative, innovative, and socially responsible research community at MNIT.