

PhD Orientation Programme Report, School of Vocational Studies

On 15th December 2025, the orientation Programme for PhD in Vocational Education was hosted by School of Vocational Studies. The event started with a welcome note by Dr. Renu Ghosh, Dean (Officiating), SVS. Dr. Ghosh extended a warm welcome to the chief guests of the event, Prof. Amit Mookerjee from the DTU, faculty members, and PhD scholars. Dr. Ghosh also thanked Prof. Anu Singh Lather, Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. B R Ambedkar University Delhi, for her encouragement and support. She also thanked Prof. Sitanshu S Jena, Former Dean, SVS, for envisioning PhD in Vocational Education and starting this programme.

With the lightening of lamp, the event was started and graced by Prof. Amit Mookerjee, Prof. Kartik Dave, Prof. P. Ramesh Babu, Prof. Amit Mishra, Prof. Nankeeran, Dr. Renu Ghosh, Mr. Akha Kaihrii Mao and other faculty members. The opening lecture was delivered by Prof. Kartik Dave, Dean

SoM and Dean Planning on the Importance of Research. He stressed that “research must be society centric and explore the research areas which are relevant for future. Prof. Dave advised the students to “explore all the university campuses and participate in different university research activities”

Prof. Amit Mookerjee from the Delhi Technology University, spoke about, “Research is a journey for contributing to knowledge and there should be a mission of research”. In addition, he mentioned that the contribution of PhD must be measured be in context of “degree of contribution for society”. Prof. Mookerjee also added that sustainability can be a cornerstone of research in context of multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research. Prof. Mookerjee advocated to explore the potential research interest in context of “relevance, impact and capability”. Mr. Akha Kaihrii Mao briefed the scholars on the history of the university and the starting of the School of Vocational Studies. He shared about the vision and mission of the School as well as university to channelize the research efforts of the researchers towards its vision.

Furthermore, Dr. Bhawana Bali, Dean R&D talked about the research ecosystem and different research activities of the university. She requested the researchers to participate in young researcher conference and ‘Shodhotsav’ for visibility and refinement of research idea. Further an informative lecture on “Library Resources and its use” was delivered by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, University Librarian, about the library resources and its uses for literature review and publication information. Dr.



Sunita Badhwar, Associate Professor SVS and Director, Skill Development Centre, delivered a lecture on “Perspective of Vocational Education in India” and sensitised the scholars regarding the vocational education, training, skills, employment, entrepreneurship, organisation, curriculum development, content development, vocational education landscape in India.

In this event, Dr. Rajinder Kumar delivered a talk on “Future of researcher in social science” specifically focused on future skills, career opportunity and government initiatives to support researchers in social science. Event was closed with vote of thanks by Mr. Akha Mao. He congratulated the faculty members, experts and PhD scholars for this journey of research. The programme was hosted by Dr. Priya Singh, Assistant Professor, and coordinated by Dr. Rajinder Kumar, PhD Programme Coordinator.

Faculty members (Dr. Vikas Mohan, Dr. Nikhil Singh Charak, Dr. Rekha Gulia, Dr. Neelu Verma, Ms Fariha Sidiqqui) and non-teaching staff (Ms Bhawana Sadana, Ms Sangeeta, Mr Swami) helped to make this event a successful event.

