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**From the Desk of the Jt. Course Director &
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about
8-Day Hands-on-Activity Based
International Workshop on
“Art of Writing Research Article :
Tools & Techniques”**

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I congratulate Prof. Asit Kumar Das, Director, **Indian Institute of Social Reform & Research** (IJSRR) for his initiative in organizing the 8-Day Virtual Hands-on-Activity based International Workshop on **"ART of WRITING RESEARCH ARTICLES : TOOLS & TECHNIQUES"**, from 17th to 24th March 2021, in collaboration with our **Maulana Azad National Urdu University**. The topic chosen for this workshop is so relevant in the context of New Education Policy (NEP), 2020 which has realized the importance of research in the economic growth of the country.

There is an increased need for faculty up-skilling and re-skilling to bring innovative teaching methods to class rooms and leveraging the e-learning technologies. There is also need for redesigning learning models for the students and the UGC under NEP has introduced new Regulations of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Education Institutions to offer Joint Degree, Dual Degree and Twinning Programmes. Another reform in the offing at the level of UGC is the Establishment and Operationalization of Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) Scheme in Higher Education. The ABC Scheme is to be offered an academic service mechanism as a digital/virtual/online entity established and managed by the Ministry of Education and UGC to facilitate students to become its academic account holders and also paving the way for seamless student mobility between or within degree-granting Higher Education Institutions through a formal system of credit recognition, credit accumulation, credit transfers and credit redemption to promote distributed and flexible teaching-learning.

Writing research articles is the most important means for communicating scientific work. Writing good research articles is a form of logical thinking and expression. Strong writing skills help to develop good speaking and teaching skills. Research and publication complement teaching. It is an accepted fact that Writing is not every teacher's favourite activity and getting a research article published is considered as a very tedious and time-consuming process. Fortunately, many of the obstacles along the writing and publishing path can be avoided by following some simple

guidelines and practices. This workshop aims at providing inputs with the help of different resource persons from different premier Universities in India, Bangladesh, Malaysia and Estonia, UK during the technical sessions.

Doing research is only one part of the picture. If the results of research studies or program documentations are not published, and where they are published is of great significance. Other researchers cannot be made aware of the research outcome and its future prospects and the overall development of the concerned discipline is affected.

Publications are considered as assets which enable authors to gain recognition and acknowledgement as experts in a particular field at national and international levels. Publication in peer-reviewed journals also gives international recognition for not only individuals but also to their affiliating institutions. In some situations where a topic of major global importance is included in a publication, the author's country and region also get recognition.

There is continuous demand on academicians to publish good quality research articles in Journals of national and international repute. This demand is institutionalized in the requirements laid down by the national and international regulatory, accrediting and ranking bodies and the strategic attempts by educational institutions to manage their research output.

With the reasons for acceptance or rejection in mind, this workshop was instrumental in reviewing the basics and general writing tips to be used while drafting the research articles for publication. I appreciate the efforts of Prof. Asit Kumar Das and members of the Workshop Organizing Committee in selecting all the topics with regard to theme of the workshop conducted online involving eminent resource persons from India, Bangladesh, Malaysia and Estonia, UK in the new normal. The list of themes of each and every technical session was very relevant right from selecting the title of the research paper, ethics, data analysis, citations etc. This workshop has certainly served as a practical guide to the art of writing research articles. I am very thankful to the Director, IISRR for the opportunity given to our **Maulana Azad National Urdu University** in organizing the International Workshop jointly with the **Indian Institute of Social Reform & Research (IISRR)**.