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Decoding thesis for P.G. students

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The department of orthodontics, MRDC Faridabad on July 31st, 2018 organized a CDE programme-Lecture and Workshop on "Decoding thesis for P.G. students". The event began with the welcome message by Dr.Sridhar Kannan, Professor and HOD Dept. of orthodontics, MRDC which was followed by the first lecture by Dr.Priyanka Kapoor, Associate professor, Dept of orthodontics, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi on the 'Roadblocks in thesis writing' commonly faced by P.G. students. A detailed checklist of points to be kept in mind during thesis writing was clearly explained in the lecture.

The programme continued then with the next lecture by Dr.Aman Chowdhry, Associate professor, Dept of oral pathology, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi on the 'Ways to avoid and dodge plagiarism' while formulating thesis. Differences between types of plagiarism, copyright infringement, fair use etc was made clear to the students. Also applications and software to paraphrase and check plagiarism were recommended before thesis submission for publication. The guest speakers were then felicitated with potted plants and mementos by Dr.Sridhar Kannan and Dr.Arundeeep Singh, for their invaluable knowledge imparted to the faculty and students alike.

A short tea break was then followed by the first workshop of the morning 'Cracking the IMRaD' taken over by Dr.Priyanka Kapoor and Dr.Aman Chowdhry, where the checklist points discussed during the first lecture was compared to four article publications of the speakers themselves. Abstracts submitted by the P.G. students were discussed and areas of improvement were suggested individually to all of them. A lunch break was then followed by the most awaited workshop by Mr.Yogesh Kumar, educational media generalist, AIIMS, New Delhi on 'Bibliography management in health sciences' using the latest Zotero software. A simplified way to manage references, editing and additions to thesis was made easier by the software and this was taught hands on to all the P.G.'s present with their own laptop systems.

A felicitation to Mr.Yogesh Kumar was then followed by the vote of thanks by Dr.Sridhar Kannan and Principal MRDC Dr.Arundeeep Singh. Overall, the CDE programme was a great success and it gave the new P. G's of first year the kick start they needed before entering into thesis writing and publication. It also gave the senior P.G. students an insight into Do's and Dont's of writing their abstracts or synopsis and how it could be made more presentable before publications.