

SUMMER SCHOOL ON QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Jain University's Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education in collaboration with the Lokniti – the Programme on Comparative Democracy of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi organized the 2013 Summer School in Quantitative Methods Political Science from 2 to 14 May 2013, for the fourth successive year. The Summer School trains young Doctoral Scholars and Faculty in the use of quantitative techniques in political science research. The Summer School is a residential programme held at the Global Campus of Jain University.

This year 24 scholars participated in the Summer School. They included faculty and doctoral students from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Jamia Milia, Delhi University, University of Hyderabad, Calcutta University, University of Pune, Maulana Azad Institute for Advanced Studies, Kolkata, University of Kerala, Manipur University, Gauhati University, Himachal Pradesh University and Uttarakhand University among others. The participants used the National Election Study 2004 as their data base for the analysis. Each was required to choose a research question emerging from the data base and present an analysis of the same. They are now required to develop that analysis into a full paper. A second advanced workshop would be held for those who submit papers which will be further refined for journal publications.

The Resource Persons at the Summer School included some of the most eminent Political Scientists working in the area of Quantitative techniques. They included Dr Pradeep Chhibber, South Asia Chair Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, Dr Irfan Nooruddin, Professor of Political Science at Ohio State University, Dr Siddharth Swaminathan, Ramakrishna Hegde Chair Professor at ISEC, Prof Sanjay Kumar, Fellow and Co-Director, Lokniti, CSDS, Ms Kinjal Sampat, Doctoral Scholar, Ms Jyoti Mishra, Research Fellow, Lokniti-CSDS, Dr Sandeep Shastri, Pro Vice Chancellor Jain University and Ms Reetika Syal, Assistant Professor, Jain University.

At the end of the Workshop, the participants felt that the skill set that they had acquired would help them pursue their research with greater focus. They felt that the two weeks of learning at the Workshop was a special moment in their academic and research careers. They felt specially privileged to interact with the resource persons and were all praise for the facilities provided by the Jain University for the conduct of the Summer School.



Dr Siddharth Swaminathan, Ramakrishna Hegde Chair Professor at ISEC taking a session



Dr Pradeep Chibber, Indo-American Chair Professor, University of California, Berkeley interacting with the participants



Summer School Participants with the Resource Persons at the Valedictory