

## **Report on the Quarto Training Session by Dr. Prachi Bansal**

On July 11, 2025, the Post Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir, hosted an insightful and hands-on session on Quarto, a modern tool for dynamic academic and scientific publishing. The session took place in the department's Conference Hall and saw enthusiastic participation from faculty members and research scholars alike.

The session was conducted by Dr. Prachi Bansal, Assistant Professor at the Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana. Dr. Bansal, is known for her clarity in teaching and practical research orientation, and she brought a wealth of experience to the session. Notably, this was not her first interaction with the department—she had previously conducted a highly appreciated session on Quarto during the workshop titled *"Tech-Enhanced Research: From Data Collection to Publication"* held earlier by the same department.

In this follow-up session, Dr. Bansal revisited key Quarto features while introducing advanced functionalities. She began with a quick refresher on the basics of Markdown and YAML headers, before moving into the integration of Quarto with programming languages like R and Python. Her demonstration covered real-time document creation, dynamic reports, and aesthetic customization—highlighting Quarto's versatility and value for academic publishing.

Dr. Bansal's teaching style was interactive and practice-oriented. She encouraged live participation, answered queries in real-time, and shared tips drawn from her own academic workflow. Participants expressed particular appreciation for the clarity with which she explained technical concepts and the hands-on examples she used throughout.

The session concluded with an engaging discussion, where participants reflected on how Quarto could transform their own research writing and publication processes. Many expressed interest in applying the tool to theses, policy briefs, and data-driven reports.

The Department of Economics extended its sincere thanks to Dr. Bansal for once again delivering a session that was both intellectually enriching and practically useful. Her continued engagement with the department has become a valued part of its capacity-building initiatives. This session reaffirmed the department's commitment to equipping its academic community with cutting-edge tools and knowledge for globally competitive research.