

# **World Class Day and Manipal Center for Humanities: A Case Study**

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# Format of the Presentation

- Introducing Manipal Center for Humanities
- Explaining the study
- Results of the study
- Conclusion

# Introducing Manipal Center for Humanities

- Manipal Centre for Humanities (MCH) is a leading research and teaching institute based in Manipal, Karnataka. It offers an undergraduate program in the Humanities and postgraduate and doctoral degrees in English and Sociology. As one of the most exciting academic experiments in higher education in India, MCH fosters a culture of innovative and reflexive pedagogy, intellectual freedom, student initiatives, and new directions in scholarship. Students come to MCH from universities abroad and many of India's premier undergraduate colleges.

# The Study

- Online Questionnaire
- **Four Questions:**
  - Current Engagement
  - Year of participation in WCD?
  - Was WCD an important part of your university experience?
  - If yes, how? If not, why not?

# Results

- 35 out of 41 students who had presented participated in the study
- 40% are in different forms of employment
- 40% are pursuing various forms of higher education
- 20% are preparing and applying to different places

# Topics Presented

- Male gaze in Marvel's cinematic universe
- Migrant Histories: Mental Health in Migrant Student Communities in Melaka
- Corporate Motives and Consumers' Consequences in Video Game Addiction
- Vulnerability and Violation: Unethical Practices in Clinical Trials in India
- Motives for Medical Tourism in India

# Student Responses

- Receive early international monitoring and feedback at such an early stage
- Build confidence to present to an international audience
- To learn how to present in a short span of time
- How to develop a research question and focus on one particular research theme
- Opened new perspectives from a multidisciplinary approach to develop the research question
- Helped shape literature review and research methods

# Conclusion and the WCD Advantage

- Unique opportunity for undergraduate and post-graduate students in India
- No funding required
- First step towards international online conferences that encourages virtual research mobility and exchange among students and faculty

# Final Questions

- Is this study indicative of WCD's benefits for students?
- If so, how can this model be expanded and sustained?