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Report on “Effective Research Using ProQuest PQDT”

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Speaker

Sanjay Rajan

Senior Customer Success Manager

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• Introduction:

Report on Effective Research Using ProQuest PQDT

The Central Library of Gujarat Technological University (GTU) organized an online training session on “**Effective research using ProQuest PQDT**” with the objective of enhancing research awareness and promoting the effective use of high-quality academic resources among students, research scholars, and research Supervisor. The session aimed to enhance research awareness and familiarize participants with one of the world's leading databases for dissertations and theses, enabling them to access reliable scholarly literature and strengthen the quality of their research.

The Session hosted by **Dr. Mahesh Solanki, Librarian**, GTU, the program featured **Mr. Sanjay Rajan** as the expert guest speaker. Drawing on his extensive experience and practical expertise, he provided a comprehensive demonstration of the PQDT platform, highlighting its key features, advanced search techniques, and best practices for conducting effective academic research.

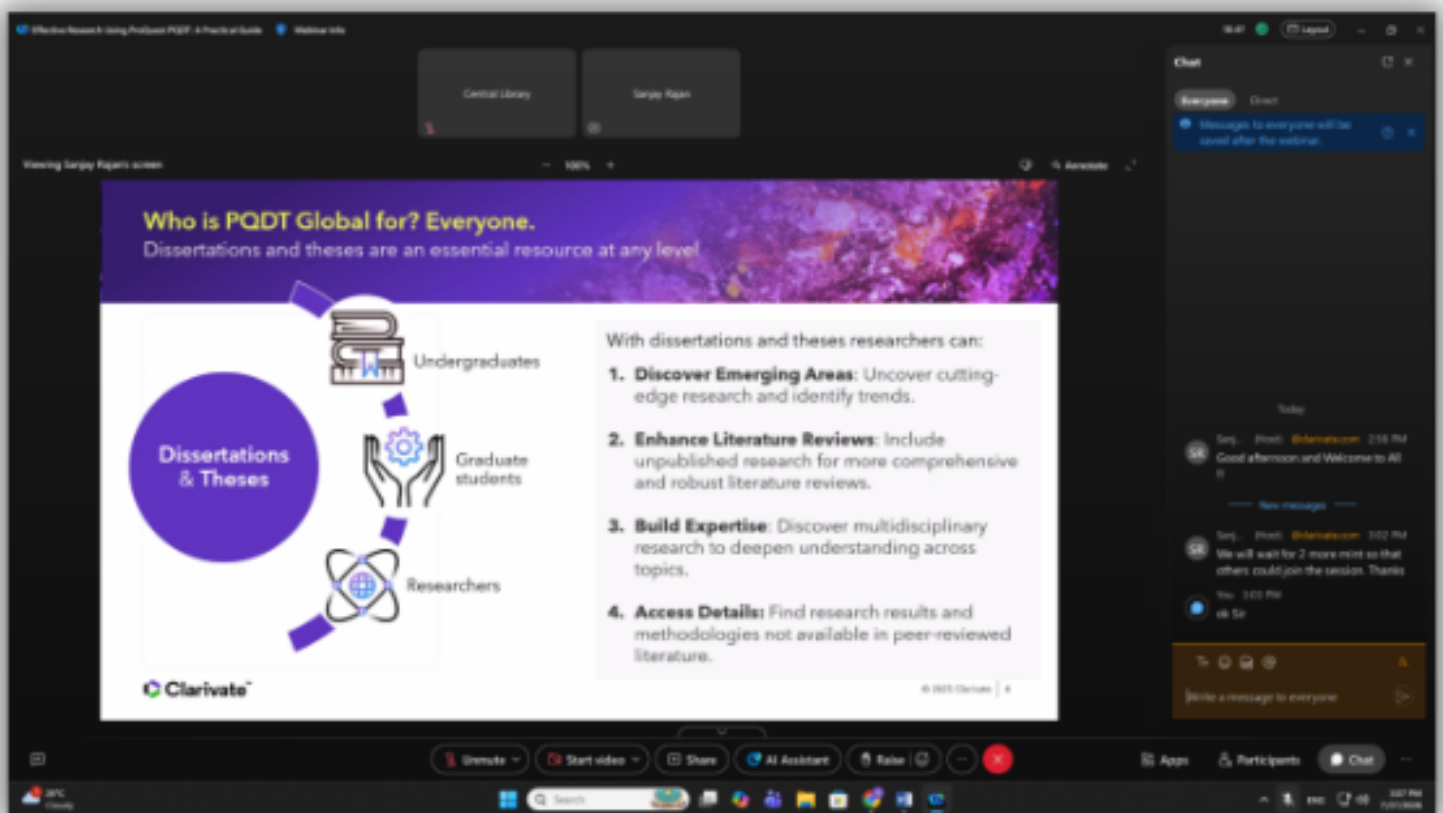
• Objective of the Session:

At the beginning of the technical session, Mr. Sanjay Rajan explained the purpose and goals of the training program to the participants. The key objectives of the session were:

- **To provide participants with a clear understanding of ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global (PQDT Global).**
- **To explain effective methods for conducting basic and advanced searches on the platform.**
- **To guide users in improving search results by applying suitable filters and refining techniques.**
- **To introduce useful tools like LibGuides and AI-based research assistance features.**
- **To help participants use the PQDT platform effectively for academic writing and research activities.**

• Overview of ProQuest Dissertation & Theses Global:

Mr. Sanjay Rajan provided a detailed introduction “Effective research using ProQuest PQDT” and explained its importance as one of the most reliable and extensive databases of dissertations and theses worldwide. He highlighted that the database contains research works from reputed universities across different countries and covers various subjects and research fields. He also explained that PQDT Global offers access to both abstracts and full-text documents, making it a valuable resource for literature review and academic research. The speaker emphasized that using trusted research databases helps improve the accuracy, reliability, and overall quality of research work.

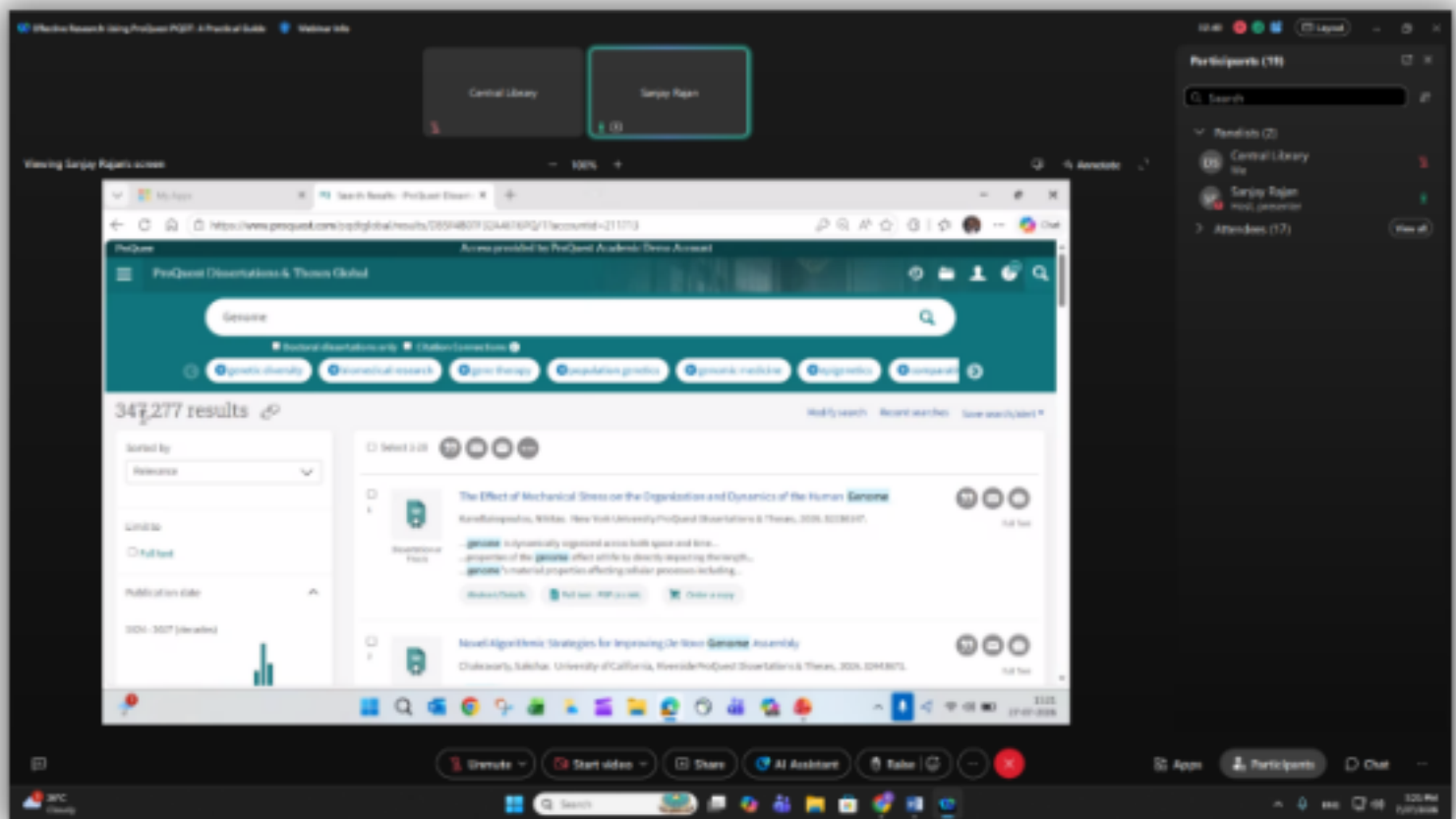


• Demonstration of Search Techniques:

A significant part of the session focused on explaining effective search techniques in the PQDT database. Mr. Sanjay Rajan demonstrated different methods to help participants find relevant research information easily, including:

- **Basic keyword searching for obtaining quick results.**
- **Advanced search options using different search fields.**
- **Using Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) to improve search accuracy.**
- **Searching exact phrases by using quotation marks.**
- **Applying truncation and wildcard techniques for better results.**

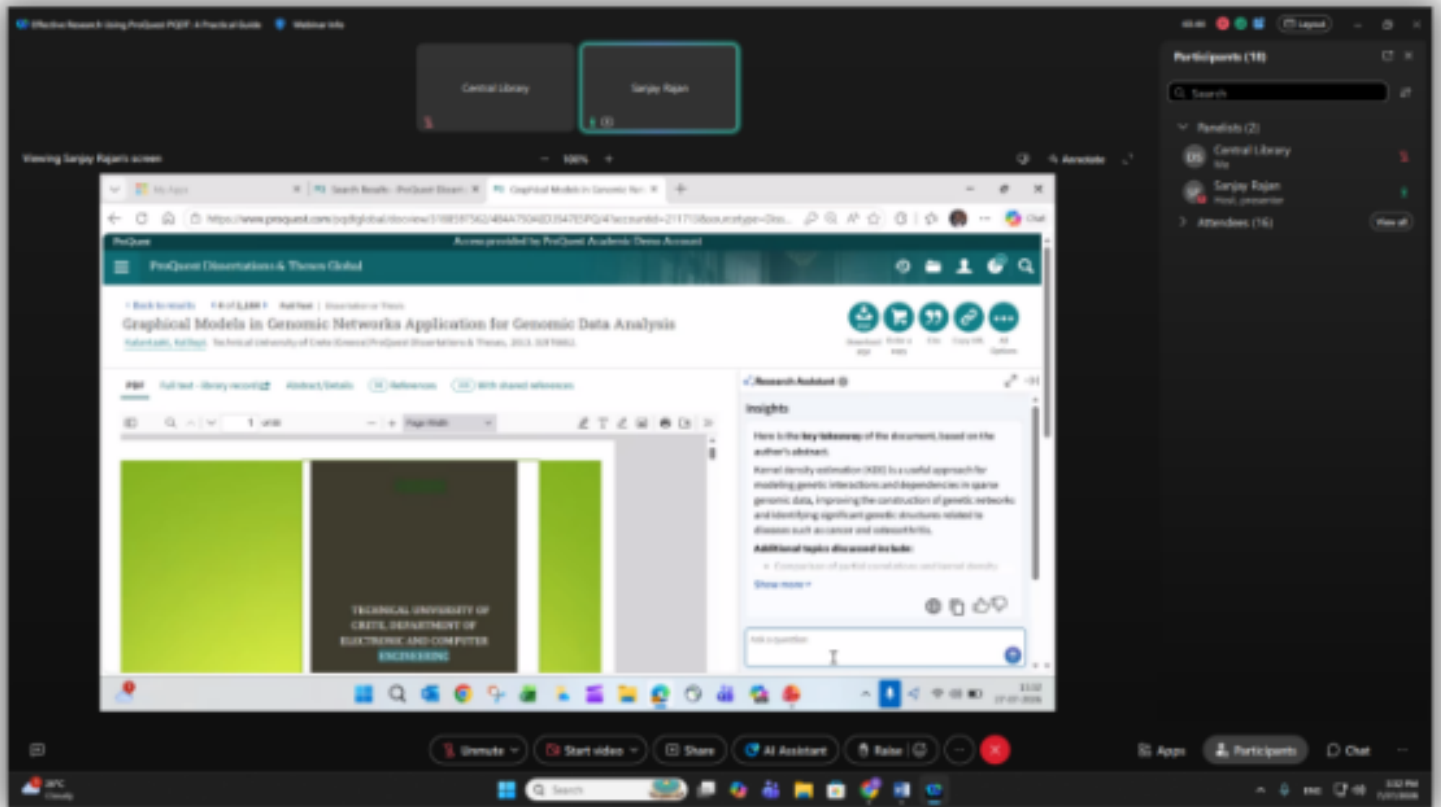
He explained that creating a proper search strategy is very important for finding relevant, accurate, and high-quality information, especially for academic research purposes.



• Filtering of search result:

The speaker explained in detail how users can narrow down and improve their search results according to their specific research needs. He demonstrated various filtering options available in the database, such as:

- **Subject area and research discipline.**
- **Publication date selection.**
- **Type of document.**
- **Language preference.**
- **University or institution name.**



• Introduction to LibGuides by ProQuest:

The session also introduced participants to LibGuides, a helpful resource provided by ProQuest to support effective research. These guides provide organized information and guidance that help users explore academic resources more efficiently. The speaker explained that LibGuides can help users:

- **Easily navigate and understand complex databases.**
- **Find subject-specific research materials.**
- **Improve their research methods and skills.**
- **Get structured support for conducting literature reviews.**

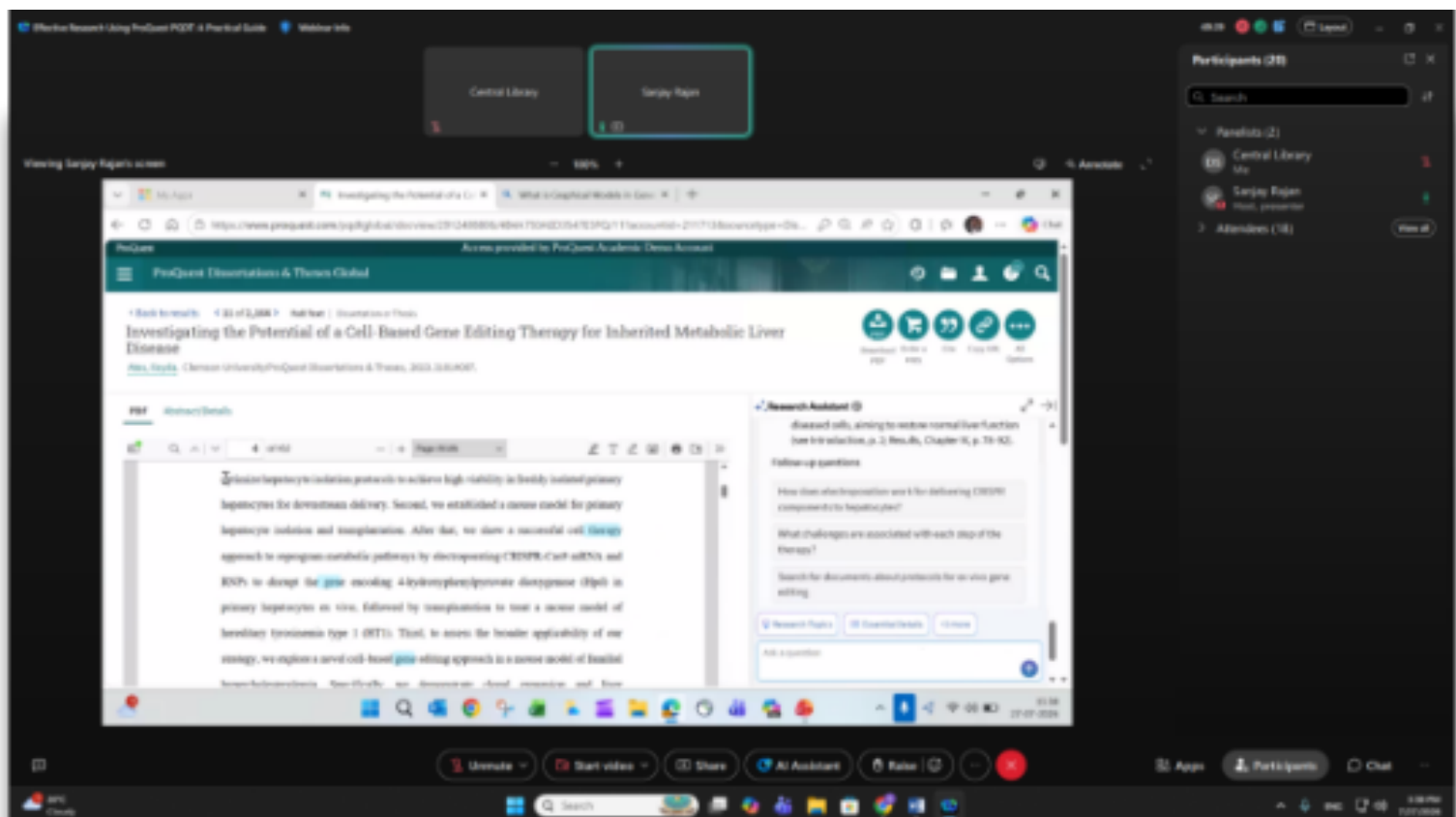
Participants were encouraged to use LibGuides regularly to enhance their research abilities and make better use of available academic resources.

• AI-Powered ProQuest Research Assistant:

A key part of the session was the introduction of the AI-powered ProQuest Research Assistant. The speaker explained how this advanced tool helps researchers by providing smart support and improving the research process. The main features discussed were:

- **Providing useful suggestions based on users' search queries.**
- **Helping researchers discover relevant academic content quickly.**
- **Supporting better understanding of research topics.**
- **Increasing research efficiency through intelligent search features.**

The speaker highlighted that the use of AI-based tools is transforming digital research and helping researchers work more effectively in the modern academic environment.



• Conclusion:

The online training session on Effective Research Using ProQuest PQDT was highly informative and beneficial for students, research scholars, and faculty members. The session helped participants understand the features of the PQDT database, advanced search techniques, research tools like LibGuides, and AI-powered research assistance. The knowledge gained during the session will help users access reliable academic resources, improve their research skills, and enhance the quality of their scholarly work. Overall, the program was a valuable step toward promoting effective and technology-based research practices.



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