



**Department of Research and Development (DRD)**

**Society for Research Learning**

**(Under The Aegis of DRD)**

**Date:** 23 November 2024

**Time:** 05:00 pm-07:00 pm

**Venue:** Room 504, Parwan-e-du

**Report: Inauguration Ceremony of the Revival of Research Society**

On 23 November 2024, the Department of Research and Development (DRD) at Kardan University inaugurated the revival of the Research Society, a research platform for graduate and undergraduate students from all faculties. The Research Society will focus on applied and solution-oriented research, fostering collaboration between students and faculty to address pressing issues in Afghanistan.

The event began with the recitation of the verses of the Holy Quran by Mr Fazal Maula Safi. Later, Kardan University's Chancellor, Dr. Ahmad Khalid Hatam, in his opening remarks, emphasized the University's commitment to knowledge creation and dissemination, underscoring its importance in Afghanistan. He highlighted that knowledge creation—developing new insights, ideas, and solutions—would be essential for addressing Afghanistan's unique and pressing social and economic challenges. In addition, he stressed the importance of knowledge dissemination and encouraged students and faculty alike to actively share and spread knowledge within and beyond academic circles to maximize its impact. Dr. Hatam encouraged and motivated the students to engage in meaningful research that furthers academic understanding and contributes pragmatically to the nation's development.

Later on, to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary for conducting research, an inaugural lecture on "Fundamentals of Research and Research Methodology" was delivered by a well-distinguished research expert, Mr Edwin Kimani, working as the Head of Research, Evaluation, Accountability, Learning and Monitoring (REALM), in an international organization in Afghanistan. Drawing on his extensive experience with various organizations,

Mr. Kimani provided a thorough and engaging presentation on research fundamentals. His session covered essential research approaches, including quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods, and explained how each could be applied to different studies, empowering the students with practical knowledge. He discussed various types of research, such as descriptive, exploratory, and causal research, illustrating their practical uses in addressing real-world issues. Furthermore, Mr. Kimani emphasized the importance of adhering to research ethics, stressing integrity, objectivity, and participant respect. By instilling these ethical standards, he encouraged students to conduct research responsibly and ethically, making them feel capable and empowered.

Additionally, Mr. Kimani highlighted practical ways to communicate research findings, ensuring that research contributes to society by being accessible, impactful, and action-oriented. The session concluded with the vote of thanks and the facilitation of Mr Edwin Kimani by the coordinator, DRD, Dr Peerzada Tufail Ahmad. The Student Research Society members, Deans, Academic administrators, and Faculty members of the University attended the event. Abdullah Emran, DRD Assistant, moderated the event.

Kardan University remains committed to organizing research sessions that strengthen its students' research and critical thinking capabilities and inspire and motivate them to contribute effectively to societal progress and development.



