



Unveiling Research Funding Opportunities in India and Abroad

Speaker: Dr. T. Ram Prabhu, Scientist 'E' and Joint Director, DRDO, Gol

Platform: MS Teams (Virtual)

Audience:

The lecture was attended by a virtual audience of faculty members, researchers, and students from various institutions.

The Inspire Lecture Series recently held its highly anticipated fourth lecture, captivating the audience with the enlightening topic, "Unveiling Research Funding Opportunities in India and Abroad." Dr. T. Ram Prabhu, a distinguished authority in research funding, commenced the session by shedding light on how to draft a successful research proposal and emphasizing the crucial role of administration in this process. He underscored the significance of exploiting thrust areas and fostering pan-India collaboration among researchers, adding a dynamic dimension to the discussion. His presentation went beyond a mere overview, delving into the intricacies of crafting a successful research proposal and, in turn, empowering the faculty through an in-depth exploration of the key elements that contribute to securing research grants. Dr. Prabhu's insightful classification of grant schemes, tailored to researchers of varied experience, women, and underprivileged groups, proved particularly beneficial, offering a nuanced understanding of how different opportunities cater to diverse needs within the academic community. He further enriched the session by illuminating potential thrust areas across every branch with the potential for successful research proposals. Dr. T. Ram Prabhu provided valuable insights on selecting compelling research topics and navigating the intricate landscape of government funding schemes. His guidance ensured that faculty received specific and valuable recommendations to enhance their academic careers and make impactful contributions to their respective fields. The event thus became a pivotal moment, fostering a renewed enthusiasm among attendees to actively pursue and capitalize on the diverse funding opportunities that exist both nationally and internationally.

Key Takeaways:

He began the session on how to draft a successful research proposal and the role of administration to this extent.

He highlighted the importance of exploiting thrust areas and pan-India collaboration with researchers.

Dr. Prabhu discussed the different types of research funding available, including government grants, private-sector funding, and international funding opportunities.

He provided a strategic roadmap through his discourse on grant classification, thus ensuring inclusivity and tailored support for researchers.

He briefly explained about the major research grants such as SERB - SUPRA, and SERB - EMR for early career researchers.

SERB - and POWER, DST - WISE-KIRAN are the schemes exclusively for women.

SERB - FIRE, and DST - TDB are industry-oriented research grant schemes.

SERB-TARE was the most highlighted collaborative research grant scheme.

TRS under TEQIP and DER&IPR under DRDO are research grant schemes for infrastructure creation.

Dr. Prabhu underscored the significance of meticulous grant classification, ensuring a comprehensive approach that caters to diverse research needs and fosters an inclusive environment for researchers.

He provided tips on how to identify and apply for research funding.

He shared his experiences working with different funding agencies.

During the session, he not only elucidated on various funding opportunities but also stressed the pivotal role of networking and cultivating relationships with potential funders, underscoring the dynamic nature of successful research proposal development.

He emphasised on leveraging fellowships and encouraged faculty to actively seek international research experiences, providing invaluable exposure to broaden their academic horizons.

Event Photos:-

