

Report of the Workshop on “Research Projects and funding agencies”, conducted on 17.02.2012 at College of Engineering, Trivandrum, with the financial support of CERD.

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There were 55 participants from 15 institutions across the state representing 12 different departments. It was very encouraging to see the number and representing departments of the participants. There were 5 participants from self financing institutions, who have paid a fee of Rs. 1,000 per head and the rest of them were either from Govt. or aided institutions.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. V. Gopakumar, Principal, CET in the presence of Dean PG studies, HoD, EEE, Prof. in charge of Satellite Centre, CERD, UG Dean and other Professors from the department.

The programme was scheduled in 4 sessions. The first session was handled by Dr. Ajith Prabhu, Joint. Director, Kerala state Council for Science technology and environment, Trivandrum. He has delivered an interactive session on “How to prepare Research proposals”. It was emphasized the needs on the purpose of the proposal, tips for proposal development, goals, objectives and scope, project tracking, budget and justification, project evaluation etc. Responses from the participants were great.

The second session was handled by Sri. T. Elangovan, Scientist-G & Head, Traffic & Transportation Division, NATPAC, Trivandrum, on “Guide lines for preparation of Project Reports for External Funding”. The session was very effective and informative, as he has explained his experience in dealing with projects.

The third and afternoon session was handled by Dr. B. Anil, Principal, Government Engineering College, Wayanad, on “Research projects and funding agencies”. He has explained various points to be noted in preparing projects for obtaining funds. Also, details of various funding agencies across the globe and their requirements were explained with their contact details. This was very useful for the participants in preparing the database of agencies and analyzing their guidelines.

Fourth one was an interactive session with the participants. They have shown much enthusiasm in clearing their doubts on the preparation of their specific project proposals. As a whole, the workshop was very effective and motivating. Attendance, variety of participants, no of representing institutions etc. were very encouraging.

