

Guest Lecture on “Grants for Research and Development”

The IQAC and the Department of Geography, in association with the Research and Development Cell, organized a seminar on “Grants for Research and Development” on 11th April 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in Classroom No. 20. The seminar aimed to create awareness among faculty members about the process of applying for research grants and to inspire teachers to take active roles in research and development.

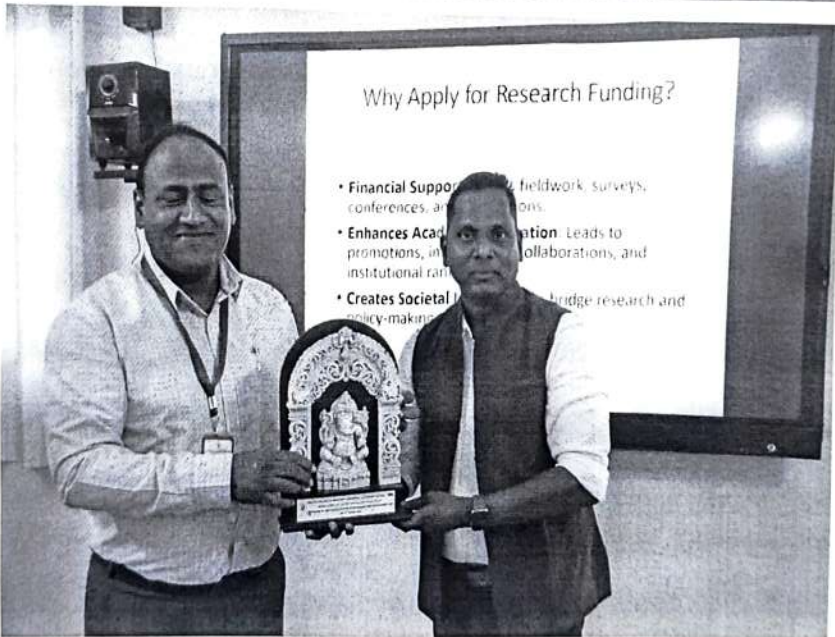
The resource person for the session was Dr. G. Srinivas, Regional Director at Indira Gandhi National Open University. The event began with a warm welcome by Principal, Prof. Brahma Edwin Barreto, who expressed his pleasure in hosting such a knowledgeable guest. This was followed by a brief introduction of the speaker by Dr. Prakash Morakar, Head of the Department of Geography. As a token of appreciation, Dr. Suraj Popker, Coordinator of IQAC, presented a potted plant to the guest.

Dr. Srinivas began the session with an insightful reflection on the roles of Assistant Professors and Professors, highlighting that teaching is just one part of a larger responsibility. He emphasized that teachers must actively contribute to their fields through research, have the power to persuade and inspire, and play the role of social scientists in society.

The session was practical and engaging, with Dr. Srinivas offering step-by-step guidance on how to apply for research grants. He shared his personal experiences in the field of research, underlining the importance of collaborative work, effective proposal writing, and consistent academic engagement. His advice was clear, relevant, and easy to follow, making the session highly beneficial for the faculty.

The seminar concluded with the presentation of a memento to Dr. Srinivas by Principal Prof. Barreto, followed by a heartfelt vote of thanks by Prof. Avinash V. Raikar, Convenor of the Research and Development Cell. A total of 26 teaching faculty members were present for the session.







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Report on Shri Prabhakar T. Vaidya Memorial National Level Students' Seminar 1.0
on the theme 'Challenges before Viksit Bharat @2047'.

The Department of Economics and Commerce, in association with the Research and Development Cell, organized National Level Students' Seminar 1.0 in memory of Late Shri Prabhakar T. Vaidya on 1st March, 2025. The seminar focused on the theme 'Challenges Before Viksit Bharat @2047' providing a platform for students to share their perspectives on India's path to development.

The seminar was graced by Mr. Vibhor Keny, an esteemed entrepreneur, as the chief guest. The event commenced with a welcome address by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Brahma Edwin Barreto, who appreciated the organizing committee for selecting a relevant and thought-provoking theme. He encouraged the participants and wished them success in the paper presentations. Prof. Avinash V. Raikar, Convenor of the Research and Development Cell, further elaborated on the significance of the seminar's theme.

A total of 18 research papers were presented by students, reflecting insightful discussions on economic, technological, and social challenges in achieving Viksit Bharat @2047. These papers were evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges, including Dr. Shripad Marathe, Dr. Vikrant Mudliyar, and Dr. Suraj Popker.

The seminar concluded with a valedictory ceremony, where Dr. Shripad Ramachandra Marathe, Assistant Professor in Commerce at Swami Vivekananda Vidya Prasarak Mandal College of Commerce, Borim, Ponda, attended as the chief guest. The seminar recognized three outstanding research papers, with Ms. Tanmayi Naik of Government College, Quepem, securing first place for her paper titled '*Unified Payment Interface Adoption in Retail Commerce :- Challenges and implications before Viksit Bharat 2047*'. The second place was won by Ms. Reha Dessai of Government College, Quepem, for her paper '*Financial Status of Selected Temples in Goa: A Comparative Analysis*', while Ms. Anjali Danddin of Government College, Quepem, secured third place with her research paper titled '*Does Viksit Bharat Need a Stronger Focus on Fintech Investment Apps to Encourage Retail Investors?*'.



A total of 65 students participated in the seminar, out of which 35 students were from CES College and 30 students (paper presenters and participants) were from other colleges. The event was seamlessly coordinated by Ms. Manira Fernandes, Assistant Professor in Economics, with Dr. Suraj Popker as the co-coordinator. The event successfully provided students with a valuable opportunity to explore critical challenges and contribute ideas towards India's development vision.



