Report of FDP & Awareness Workshop

On

Researcher Identity, Research Integrity, Avishkar Research Convention & AI Tools

A Faculty Development Program and Awareness Workshop on *"Researcher Identity, Research Integrity, Avishkar Research Convention & AI Tools"* was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in collaboration with the Department of Information Technology, Department of Library, and Avishkar Research Convention Committee on 8th August 2026 in the Examination Auditorium. The workshop aimed to enhance faculty members' awareness of research practices, academic integrity, researcher identity, the Avishkar Research Convention, and the effective use of Artificial Intelligence tools in teaching, learning, and research.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp, followed by the welcome and felicitation ceremony. Dr. S. S. Waghmode, IQAC Coordinator, delivered the introductory speech and highlighted the importance of research-oriented activities and academic development.

Dr. S. L. Gaikwad, I/C Principal, inaugurated the programme and welcomed the participants. In his presidential address, he encouraged faculty members to approach research with seriousness, maintain academic standards, and utilize modern technology positively to contribute to knowledge creation.

The first technical session on **"AI Tools for Teaching and Learning"** was conducted by Mr. Sumit M. Marvalkar, Full Stack, Mumbai. He introduced various AI tools and explained their applications in teaching, learning, content creation, and academic activities. The session highlighted the importance of using AI tools effectively and responsibly in education.

The next session, "Building a Strong Researcher Identity," was conducted by Dr. S. S. Waghmode, Librarian. He explained the importance of establishing a professional research identity through platforms such as ORCID, Google Scholar, Scopus Author ID, Web of Science Researcher Profile, and ResearchGate. The session helped faculty members understand the significance of maintaining accurate and updated research profiles.

Dr. S. S. Waghmode also conducted a session on “Research Integrity, IPR, Publication Ethics, Plagiarism, AI in Research, and Predatory Journals.” He emphasized the importance of originality, ethical research practices, intellectual property rights, responsible publication, and avoiding plagiarism and predatory journals. The session highlighted the need to maintain transparency, authenticity, and ethical standards in academic research.

The session on **“**Avishkar Research Convention: Faculty Mentor’s Role, Categories, Proposal Preparation, and Best Practices**”** was conducted by Avishkar Coordinator Dr. S. N. Partole. She explained the different categories of the Avishkar Research Convention, the role and responsibilities of faculty mentors, proposal preparation, and effective strategies for guiding students in research activities. Faculty members were encouraged to motivate students to participate in Avishkar and nurture their innovative ideas through systematic research guidance.

After the lunch break, an open discussion and question-and-answer session was conducted with a panel of experts. Faculty members actively participated and raised queries related to research methodologies, ethical practices, AI tools, researcher profiles, and student research guidance. The discussion provided valuable insights and clarified various aspects of research and academic development.

The programme was efficiently anchored by Prof. Sadhana Mali and a vote of thanks delivered by the Prof. Kamini Goshte. The programme concluded with the National Anthem.