

Workshop on Academic Integrity Awareness at Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.

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A workshop on “Academic Integrity Awareness” was organized by University Grants Commission (Ministry of HRD) hosted by The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda on Friday 16th August 2019 at Dr. Mrinalinidevi Puar Auditorium, Faculty of Family and Community Sciences.

180 delegates from various Universities of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa participated in the workshop.

In the inaugural function, Dr. B S Charkrabarty, Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) gave introduction about the M S University of Baroda to the audience and invited dignitaries. After formal welcome of the invited guests, Dr. Archana Thakur, Joint Secretary, UGC, New Delhi introduced the guests and the purpose of this workshop.

The proceedings continued with presentations by Prof. Parimal Vyas, Vice Chancellor, The M S University of Baroda, Prof. Padmanabhan Balram (Padmashri and Padma Bhushan), Former Director, IISc, Bangalore, Prof. Praveen Chaddhah, Director, UGC-DAE Consortium for Scientific Research and Dr. Shubdha Nagarkar, Coordinator Centre for Publication Ethics, Dept. of Library Science, Savitribai Phule Pune University.

Prof. Parimal Vyas expressed his views about research and ethical practices in academia. He showed his concerns about integrity of academicians and discussed about university’s role in context of the new education policy.

Prof. P Balram insisted throughout his talk that a single number or metric is not suitable for evaluating any academician or institute. According to him, research should not be imposed on college/university teachers in order to advance their careers. Instead, local or institutional mechanism should be established to evaluate them for this purpose.

Prof. Chaddhah showed his concerns about using software for identifying plagiarism and displayed examples of researchers being victims of such practices. He emphasised that idea plagiarism is one of major concern and suggested some steps to curb the same to UGC. He shared his personal experiences of idea theft by other known researchers in his early career. He also advised the researchers to use online preprint services like www.arxiv.org to secure their ideas. Both the speakers insisted that experts should be convinced to spend time to identify plagiarism instead of using mere software.

Dr. Shubdha Nagarkar presented on UGC-CARE List and Research Matrices.

Prof. Kiran Pandya elaborated on Research methodology & its implications in Humanities and Social Sciences, importance of review of literature, various types of fallacies, reliability and accuracy.

Dr. Apurva Shah described MSU role in CARE. Constitution of the Committees, role of the University and the journals recommendation through Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

Prof. M.R.Yadav spoke on Academic and Scientific Dishonesty. Importance of integrity and accountability and how it is applicable to students, Faculty & academics administrators. Sessions on Best practices adopted by various universities should be hosted.

