

**Report of Seminar on Research Perspective on Funding from
Government Agencies & Research in Higher Education at IITs**

Date: 9th September 2024
Time: 2:30 PM
Venue: IT Block – Room IT 213

Organised by: Department of Research, Innovation, Incubation and IQAC, Coimbatore Institute of Technology



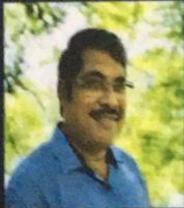
The poster is a dark blue rectangular invitation with gold decorative borders. At the top left is the Coimbatore Institute of Technology logo. The text is centered and reads: 'COIMBATORE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (GOVERNMENT AIDED AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTION AFFILIATED TO MAHARASHTRA STATE UNIVERSITY COIMBATORE - 641014) DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION, INCUBATION AND IQAC CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE EVENT OF RESEARCH PERSPECTIVE ON FUNDING FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES'. Below this is a portrait of Prof. P. Muthukumar, Ph.D., Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati, listed as the Guest of Honor. The event is organized by Thiru S. Rajiv Rangasami, Correspondent, CIT Institutions, and Mrs. K. Divyamoohana Rajiv, Coordinator, CIT Institutions. At the bottom, the date and time are listed as 9th September 2024, 2:30 PM, and the venue as IT-213. Other names listed include Dr. R. Prabhakar (Secretary, CIT Institutions), Dr. V. Selladurai (Advisor, CIT Institutions), Dr. A. Rajeswari (Principal, CIT), and Dr. N. K. Karthikeyan (Dean Research).

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The Department of Research, Innovation, Incubation in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Coimbatore Institute of Technology (CIT) orchestrated a thought-provoking programme on “*Research Perspective on Funding from Government Agencies*” and “*Research in Higher Education at IITs*” on 9th September 2024, at 2:30 PM in Room IT213.

The session commenced with a warm welcome to the distinguished guest, Prof.P.Muthukumar, Ph.D., from the Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati, whose extensive expertise in academic research and government funding avenues enriched the deliberations of the day.

The first part of the programme was dedicated to CIT’s faculty members and research scholars. Prof. Muthukumar delivered an enlightening talk on *Research Perspective on Funding from Government Agencies*, where he elucidated the essential processes and methodologies of securing research grants from prominent national bodies. He offered valuable insights into the expectations of funding agencies such as DST, DBT, SERB, DRDO, AICTE, and others, and also addressed strategic aspects of crafting successful research proposals. The speaker also outlined trending areas in science, engineering, and interdisciplinary domains that receive considerable support from the government. His address inspired the attendees to align their research pursuits with national development goals. Over 50 participants benefited from this engaging session, which concluded with an open discussion.

The second segment of the event was tailored for final-year undergraduate students from various departments. Prof. Muthukumar spoke on *Research in Higher Education at IITs and NITs*, shedding light on the structure and opportunities in postgraduate and doctoral programmes. He detailed the advantages of pursuing higher education in IITs, including academic rigour, research facilities, and government-sponsored scholarships. He motivated students to appear for national-level exams such as GATE, and to explore fellowship opportunities like Prime Minister’s Research Fellowship (PMRF) and CSIR/UGC JRF. The session was highly interactive, with over 60 students actively engaging in a Q&A session, seeking clarity on admission procedures, career paths, and scope for innovation in higher studies.

The programme culminated with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr.N.K.Karthikeyan, Dean – Research, who acknowledged the presence and contributions of the guest speaker and appreciated the enthusiastic participation of the audience. He also expressed gratitude to the CIT management, faculty members, and organising team for their coordinated efforts in successfully conducting the event.

Overall, the event was well-received and served as a significant platform to foster research consciousness among faculty, scholars, and students alike. It reinforced the institute’s commitment to nurturing academic excellence and promoting a research-intensive culture within the campus.