

Workshop Report

1. Corresponding Serial Number and Name of the MERU Activity:

2. Title of the Activity: “How to Draft Quality Research Papers and Write Research Proposals”

3. Brief Description:

The Department of Biosciences organized a one-day workshop on “How to Draft Quality Research Papers and Write Research Proposals” under the MERU activity series on 13th October 2025. The workshop aimed to enhance the academic writing and grant proposal skills of early career researchers, research scholars, and postgraduate students.

The event commenced with an Inaugural Session, graced by Prof. Mahavir Singh, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University as the Chief Guest. He emphasized the importance of developing strong research communication, collaborative research and proposal-writing abilities to improve institutional research quality and visibility.

After inaugural session was a tea break of 30 minutes.

Following the inaugural address, the first Technical Session was delivered by Prof. Sushil Kumar Kansal, Panjab University, Chandigarh, who provided valuable insights into structuring a high-quality research paper, identifying suitable journals, data presentation,, responding to reviewers’ comments and research ethics etc.

After first session all participants proceeded for lunch at the Faculty Guest House.

After lunch, the second Technical Session was conducted by Prof. Daisy Rani Batish, Panjab University, Chandigarh, who elaborated on effective strategies for preparing competitive research grant proposals. She discussed funding opportunities, proposal structure, common pitfalls, and how to align research objectives with funding priorities.

The workshop concluded with a Valedictory Session, presided over by Prof. Joginder Singh Dhiman, Dean (Planning and Teachers’ Matters), who appreciated the department’s initiative in organizing an academically enriching event.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, research scholars, and M.Sc. students of the Department of Biosciences.

4. Outcomes Achieved:

- Participants gained hands on understanding of writing high quality research papers and proposals.

- Participants became familiar with the nuances of research ethics, publication standards, and funding mechanisms.
- The workshop strengthened academic and professional writing skills across different career stages.
- Improved awareness about national and international research funding agencies.
- Enhanced interdisciplinary collaboration and motivation to pursue competitive grant proposals.