

**Report on “Interaction Program Regarding Preparation of Research Proposal for  
Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)”  
Organized by the Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC)  
April 12, 2025**

The Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) at Integral University, Lucknow, organized a follow-up interaction session on **April 12, 2025**, at the Central Auditorium. This session was a continuation of the program held on **March 1, 2025**, titled “*Preparation of Research Proposal for Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)*.” The objective of the follow-up session was to discuss research proposals prepared by faculty members in light of the earlier discussions and to provide constructive feedback and expert suggestions for their refinement and improvement.



*Welcome Address by Prof Syed Aqeel Ahmad*

The session was led by Prof. Furqan Qamar, Chief Advisor to the Hon’ble Founder and Chancellor of Integral University. His insights aimed to equip faculty members with the necessary guidance for drafting effective research proposals to seek financial assistance from ICSSR.

The session began with a welcome address by Prof. Syed Aqeel Ahmad, Director, HRDC. He welcomed the dignitaries and participating faculty members and presented a bouquet to Prof

Furqan Qamar in appreciation of his presence.

Instead of formal presentations, the session was designed to be highly interactive, centring around open discussions on research ideas and draft proposals. Faculty members actively engaged with Prof Qamar, receiving real-time feedback, clarifications, and constructive suggestions. These interactions were particularly valuable in enhancing their understanding of ICSSR’s expectations and the intricacies of proposal evaluation.



*Address by Prof Furqan Qamar*

A significant component of the session was the detailed discussion on **seven research proposals** presented by the following faculty members:

- Dr Rajeev Ranjan, Director, Integral Business School
- Dr Smita Srivastava, Associate Professor, Department of Education
- Dr Mirza Juned Beg, Assistant Professor, Department of Law
- Dr Divya Panjwani, Assistant Professor, Department of Education
- Dr Anas Jameel, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Dr Geetika Nidhi, Assistant Professor, Department of Education
- Dr Mohd Shahwaiz, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences



*Project proposal presentation by faculty members*

These presentations offered a valuable platform for peer review and expert input to enhance the quality, relevance, and competitiveness of the proposals for ICSSR funding.



*Prof Wahajul Haque, interacting with the attendees*

**Prof. Wahajul Haque**, Dean, Research & Development, also addressed the gathering. He encouraged faculty members to actively pursue research proposal writing, emphasizing that consistent effort leads to improvement and eventual success in securing grants. He underscored the importance of clarity in research objectives, innovation in methodology, and alignment with the priorities of funding agencies. He also highlighted various funding avenues and assured institutional support through mentoring and internal grant mechanisms.

The session was attended by over **116 faculty members** from diverse departments, including Humanities and Social Sciences, Law, Education, Business Management, Commerce, Community Medicine (IIMSR), Languages, Environmental Science, and Civil Engineering.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof Syed Aqeel Ahmad, who expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Founder and Chancellor, Prof Syed Waseem Akhtar, for his visionary leadership and steadfast support; the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof Javed Musarrat, for his encouragement and institutional backing; Prof Furqan Qamar, for his in-depth insights and engaging discussion; all the dignitaries for their valuable inputs; and the participating faculty members for their enthusiastic involvement.

The session concluded with a call to action, encouraging faculty members to apply for ICSSR research grants and to contribute to impactful academic research that furthers knowledge and fosters societal development.

During the session, faculty members were encouraged to apply for ICSSR research grants and contribute to impactful academic research that advances knowledge and societal development.



*Faculty members from various departments attended the event*