

Report on

**Two Day workshop on Inter University Research Collaboration**  
*(a follow-up of South Zone Vice Chancellors Meet 2016)*

held at  
VFSTR University during 18-19 Nov 2016

A two day workshop on inter university research collaboration was held at VFSTR University during 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016. The workshop was thought of as a follow-up to SZVCM2016, where, a resolution was made to initiate collaborations for the promotions of multi-university academic programs and interdisciplinary research to promote capacity building and resources sharing among universities. In this connection, Vignan's university organized a two day workshop on: **Promotion of Multi-University Collaboration for Interdisciplinary Research towards Building National Research Capabilities**, with the objective of identifying the research capabilities of all participating universities and to facilitate the collaboration between universities having similar interests for submission of joint research proposals, to national and international funding agencies and to set up an institutional framework to further the activities.

Deans of Research & Development from nine universities participated in the two day meet. The following people were present in the programme along with university officials.

**Dr. R. Raja Prabu,**  
Dean (Academic Research)  
**B S Abdur Rahman University**  
Chennai

**Dr. P. Sri Devi**  
Dean (Academic Affairs & Research),  
**Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law**  
**University,** Visakhapatnam

**Prof. J Eshwar Bhat**  
Dean (Faculty of Science)  
**Mangalore University**

**Dr. T. Tamizharasan**  
Dean (Research),  
**Periyar Maniammai University**  
Thanjavur.

**Prof. Pradeep G. Siddheshwar**  
Director, Planning, Monitoring &  
Evaluation Board  
**Bangalore University.**

**Dr. TN Suresh**  
Coordinator (Research & Development)  
**Sri Devaraj Urs Academy of Higher**  
**Education & Research,** Kolar

**Dr. A Venkata Radhey Shyam**  
Deputy Director, Research  
**Sri Venkateswara Vedic University,**  
Tirupathi

**Dr. S. Rama Swamy**  
Director (Research & Development),  
**The Gandhigram Rural Institute,** Dindigul

**Dr. Vidhu Kampurath P**  
Dean (Research & Development)  
**VFSTR University,** Vadlamudi, Guntur

**Resolutions made by Hon members:**

1. All the participants unanimously agreed to share the knowledge and physical resources of each university with other universities for the benefit of all partnering universities as per the regulation of Host University.
2. There was also an agreement of sharing multi university academic programmes based on bilateral or multi-lateral agreements to be worked by participant universities.
3. The universities were also identified as the coordinating universities for taking lead to facilitate inter-disciplinary research proposals in respective areas involving multiple universities.
4. It was also resolved that identified coordinators will conduct a workshop inviting researchers from partner and other universities and identify research topics and researchers who would cooperate among them to submit joint research proposals by 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2016.
5. A review on the progress of partnership can be carried out by the coordinators, every semester meetings in different universities on rotation.

In accordance with the resolutions made, VFSTR University would be conducting a workshop on Material Science and Biotechnology area, in second week of December 2016. All the partnering Universities along with other leading universities working in the same area would be invited to attend the workshop for arriving at possible collaboration and submission of joint research proposals.

Various teams comprising of higher officials of VFSTR University would be visiting the partnering universities in the month of December 2016 for assessing the possibilities of collaboration. Some of the identified areas are Surface Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Nanotechnology, Computational Mathematics etc. Innovative practices of Village Placement Programme of Gandhigram Institute, Vedic Technology adoption as alternative to water treatment etc. would be explored by visiting team. Possible academic collaboration for floating joint programmes like M Tech (Cancer Biology), M Tech (Nanotechnology), M Sc. (Medical Physics), M Sc. Medicinal Chemistry), Certificate programmes in Cyber Laws and Engineering Practices etc. would be explored and initiated.

In a nutshell, the workshop culminated to success with defined directions for further action. It was a well-coordinated effort from the University to explore the collaborative research. The research and development wing of the University thanks the management and administration along with all allied offices for their cooperation and partnering in successful conduction of the workshop.