

‘Research Meet’ Report Organized by Research and Development Cell, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram

Title of the Programme:

Research Meet – 2025, Organized by the Research and Development Cell, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram

Date & Time:

5th July 2025, 10.30 am

Venue:

Seminar Hall, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram

Type of Programme:

Annual Research Meet

Objective of the Programme:

The objective of the Research Meet 2025 was to bring together internal and external research guides to promote a culture of collaborative and impactful research. The programme aimed to share key updates on research, funding opportunities across disciplines, and institutional strategies for enhancing research quality and output. It also sought to guide scholars on the assessment process and provide a platform for interaction, feedback, and academic engagement.

Resource Person(s):

Name	Designation	Affiliation	Role in the Programme
Dr. V M Anandakumar	Principal	Mahatma Gandhi College	Presidential Address, R&D Overview

Dr. N Gopakumar	Controller of Examinations and Research Guide, Physics	University of Kerala	Inaugural Address
Dr. Resmi Raghunandan	Research and Development Cell Convenor	Mahatma Gandhi College	Welcome Address, Science Funding
Dr. Vinod A S	Faculty, Dept. of Commerce	Mahatma Gandhi College	Funding Opportunities– Commerce
Dr. Lini G R	Faculty, Dept. of Economics	Mahatma Gandhi College	Funding Opportunities– Humanities
Dr. Asha R I	Faculty, Dept. of Malayalam	Mahatma Gandhi College	Funding Opportunities– Oriental Languages

Target Audience:

Internal and External Research Supervisors

Number of Participants:

Total: 41

Internal Research Guides: 18

External Research Guides: 23

Research Scholars: 3

Brief Report / Description:

The Research Meet 2025, organized by the Research and Development Cell of Mahatma Gandhi College, commenced at 10:30 AM on 5th July 2025 in the Seminar Hall. The event began with a solemn Prayer and Acharya Vandanam, followed by a Welcome Address

delivered by Dr. Resmi Raghunandan, Convenor, Research and Development Cell. The Presidential Address was delivered by Dr. V M Anandakumar, Principal who emphasized the need to develop a strong research ecosystem to support high-quality research and innovation. The programme was formally inaugurated by Dr. N. Gopakumar, Controller of Examinations, University of Kerala. He focused on research funding and the role of multi-disciplinary collaborations. Sessions followed on funding opportunities in Commerce, Humanities, Science, and Oriental Languages. An important segment on scholar assessment guidelines was presented. The event concluded with a feedback session led by the research guides and a Vote of Thanks by Council Secretary and Research Guide Dr. Dileep S., Department of Commerce, Mahatma Gandhi College.

Feedback Summary:

A feedback session was organized.

Feedback from External Guides – Research Meet 2025

Dr. Kavitha – S N College, Chempazhanthu (Botany) emphasized the need to project available facilities more effectively. Suggested co-guidance from other colleges as a system to enhance interdisciplinary research. Encouraged multidisciplinary project funding. Proposed collaboration with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and other national-level institutions (possibly referring to the Department of Atomic Energy). Recommended collaborative research between the Botany, Physics, and Chemistry departments.

Dr. Jayadev S, Principal in charge (NSS College, Nilamel) and Research guide Commerce appreciated and congratulated the Principal for efforts toward improving research culture. He also pointed out the lack of physical infrastructure, possibly due to funding shortages. He also noted limitations in basic research facilities and the pathetic condition of unutilized equipment. Dr Jayadev pointed urged the institution to take urgent steps, such as forming a committee to assess and maintain equipment, and suggested reporting to management for support. He strongly recommended exploring crowd funding options, irrespective of department or fund source.

Overall, the meeting was constructive and productive, with a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration, resource optimization, and infrastructure enhancement.

Outcomes / Learning / Impact:

- Participants gained a clear understanding of diverse research funding avenues.
- Awareness of the Annual work assessment of research scholars
- Encouraged interdepartmental and interdisciplinary research.
- Motivation for high-impact publications and project proposals.

Conclusion

The meeting ended at 1pm.



**Research and Development Cell
Mahatma Gandhi College
Thiruvananthapuram**

05/07/2025, 10.30 AM

VENUE: SEMINAR HALL

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

PRAYER AND ACHARYA VANDANAM

WELCOME- DR. RESMI RAGHUNANDAN

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

DR V M ANANDAKUMAR, PRINCIPAL

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

**DR N GOPAKUMAR, CONTROLLER OF
EXAMINATIONS UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**

PRESENTATIONS

R & D OVERVIEW- PRINCIPAL

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

COMMERCE - DR VINOD A S

HUMANITIES- DR LINI G R

SCIENCE - DR RESMI RAGHUNANDAN

ORIENTAL LANGUAGES- DR ASHA R I

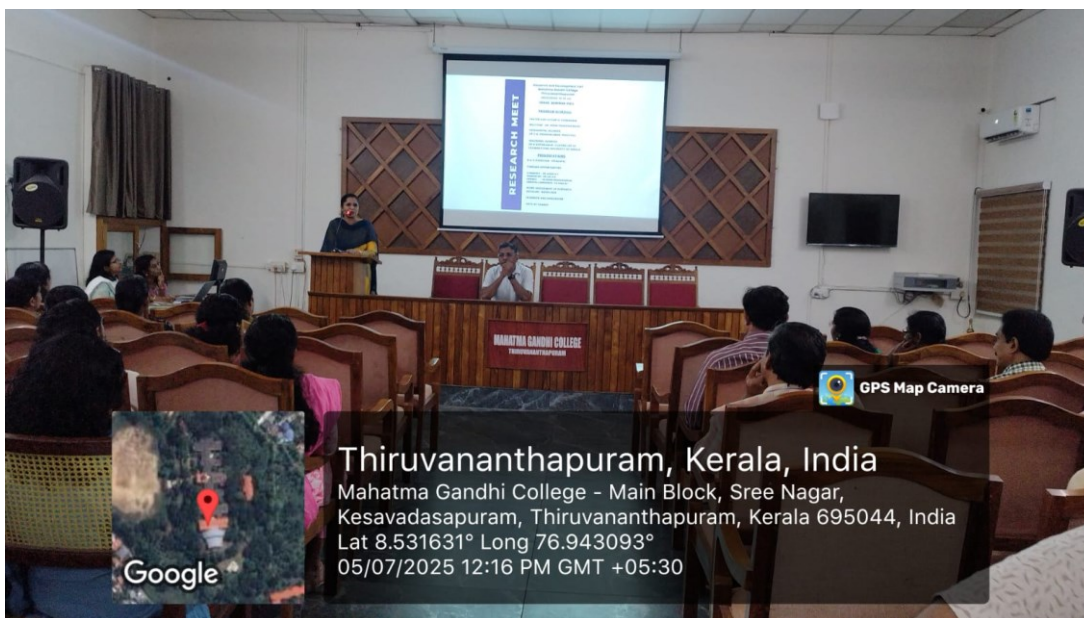
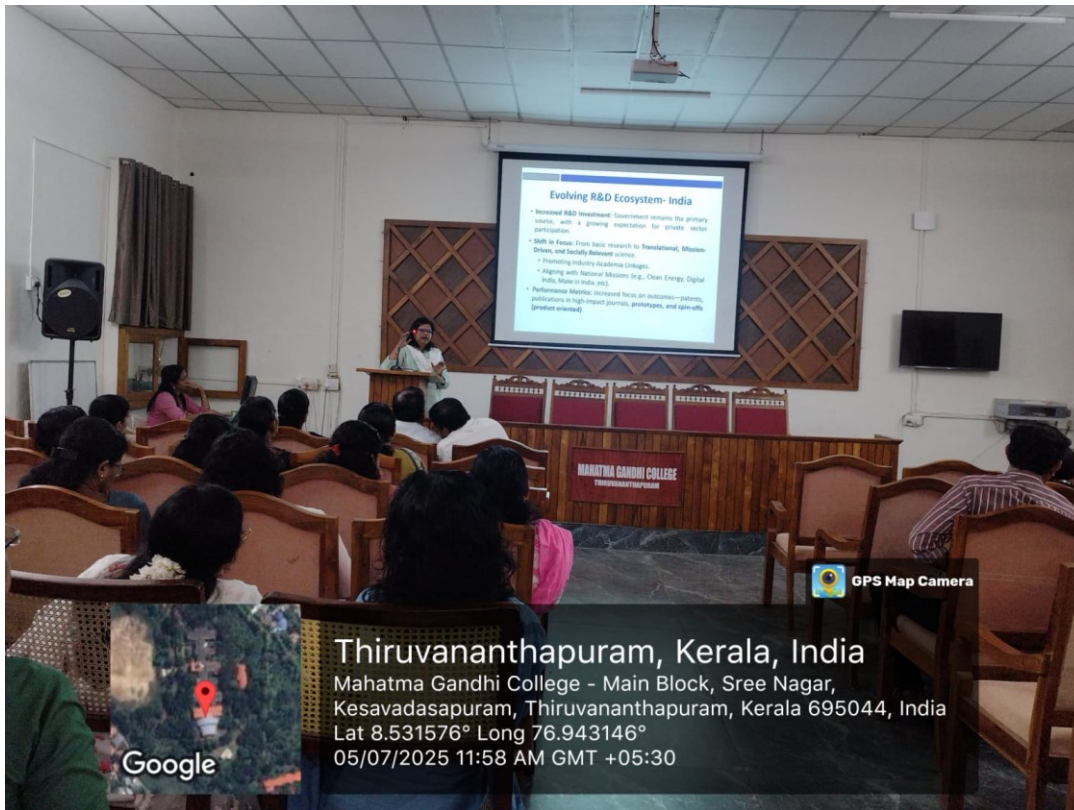
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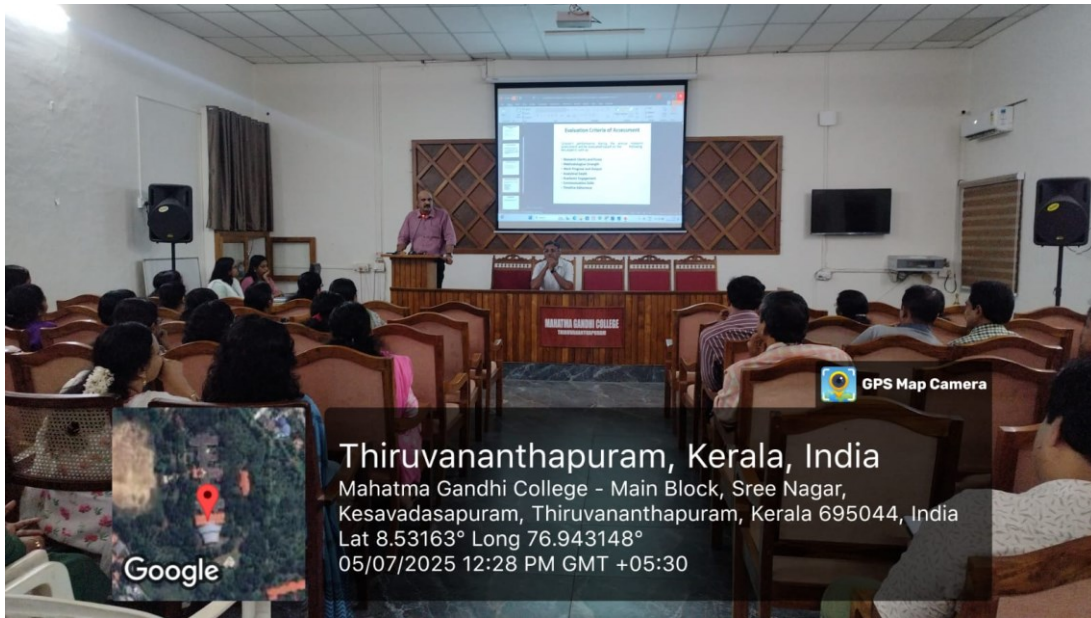
FEEDBACK AND DISCUSSION

VOTE OF THANKS



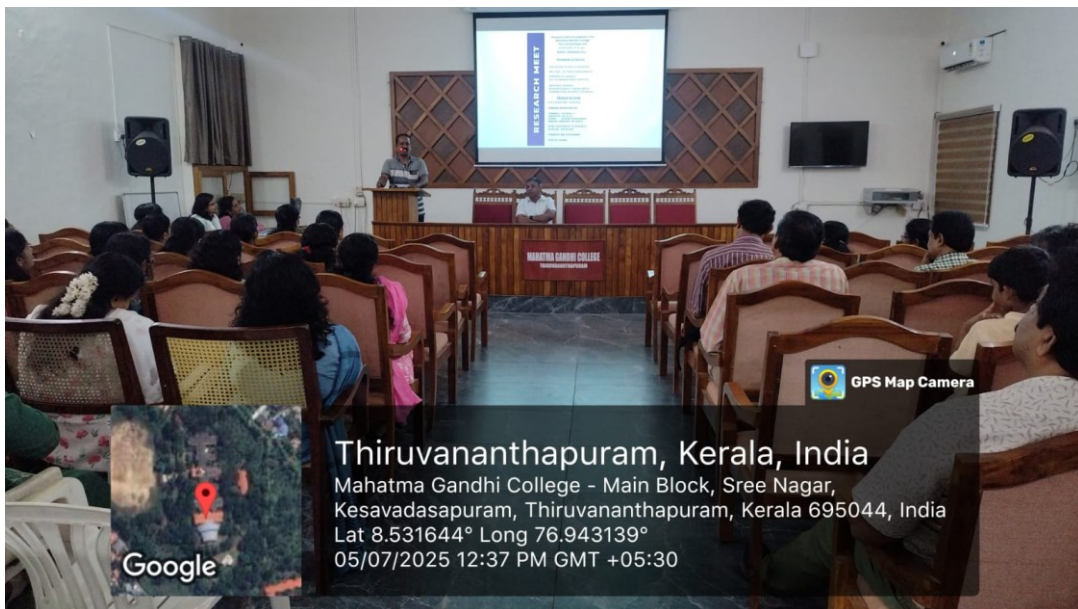






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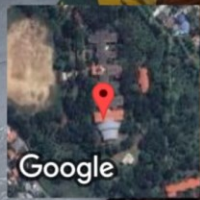


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