

## **Report Research & Development Cell -2018-2019**

### **Faculty Development and Research Achievements**

Through ongoing support, 18 faculty members recently completed Ph.D. programs, 3 finished Viva Voce, 8 submitted their theses, and 6 passed NET/SET exams. Faculty also received minor research grants from UGC and United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA) and actively seek project funding from agencies like DST, DBT, and ICAR.

### **Publications and Journal Contributions**

Faculty and students have published research in UGC-recognized journals over the past five years. WCC's multidisciplinary journal, *ELEANOR*, now in two issues, was assigned an ISSN by the Press of India.

### **Ethics and Plagiarism**

WCC's Ethical Committee, comprising experts, lawyers, and activists, reviews research projects per ethical guidelines. Research is scanned using URKUND software, endorsed by the University of Madras, ensuring originality.

### **Orientation and Workshops**

Annual research orientations for new faculty stress WCC's research mission, and workshops like "Effective Research Proposal Writing" guide faculty in writing impactful proposals.

### **Student and Staff Seed Grants**

Seed Grants are awarded for student and faculty research. From 2015-19, 104 students received grants, and in 2018-19, 4 staff received seed funding. Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST) also funds PG research projects and doctoral fellowships.

### **Innovation and Intellectual Property**

The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), led by the Deans of Research, held lectures on Intellectual Property Rights. Student feedback from MHRD's live webinars inspires proposals to the Innovation Council.

### **Research and Development Cell and IQAC**

Working alongside the IQAC, the R&D Cell maintains WCC's research quality, supporting impactful projects that sustain the institution's reputation.



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