



National Research Conference and Kerala Higher Education Expo 2026

Workshop on Emerging Research Funding Models and Grant Strategies for Early-Career Academics

10 February 2026 | 9.30 am - 5.00 pm



Coordinator:
Prof. (Dr.) Shaji E.
Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), University of Kerala



Co-Coordinator:
Dr. P. Sreejith
Head, Dept of Zoology and Director, AcREM-Stem, University of Kerala

10 February 2026 | 09.30 am - 10.00 am

Nurturing the Knowledge Society: State Policy Frameworks and Budgetary Strategies for Research Excellence



Prof. Jiju P. Alex
Professor of Agricultural Extension at Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), Thrissur & Member of the Kerala State Planning Board

10 February 2026 | 10.00 am - 10.45 am

The Changing Architecture of Research Funding in India



Prof. Gangan Prathap
Former Director National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAIR)

10 February 2026 | 10.45 am - 11.30 am

From Translational Research to Start-ups: Funding, Technology Transfer, and Incubation



Prof. Lalitha Guruprasad
Senior Professor & Coordinator, ASPIRE-TBI, University of Hyderabad

10 February 2026 | 11.45 am - 12.30 pm

National Research Funding Landscape in India



Prof. Suresh Das

Former Director of the National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, CSIR, Trivandrum

10 February 2026 | 12.30 pm - 1.15 pm

International and Bilateral Research Funding Opportunities



Prof. Sabu Thomas

Former Vice-Chancellor and Professor, Mahatma Gandhi University

10 February 2026 | 2.15 pm - 3.00 pm

Winning Research Grants: Proposal Strategy and Opportunities through KSCSTE



Prof. A. Sabu,

Member Secretary, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE)

10 February 2026 | 3.15 pm - 4.00 pm

Industry, CSR, and PPP Funding Models for Research and Innovation



Prof. Dhamodharan S.,

Professor, Amrita Center for Nanosciences and Molecular Medicine, Kochi



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