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Faculty Development Workshop on Catalysing Academic Excellence

The Department of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, School of Life Sciences, Mysuru, organized a two-day Faculty Development Workshop titled “*Catalysing Academic Excellence: Teaching Innovation, Leadership, and Grant Writing*” on 26th and 27th February 2026 at the Medical Education Unit (MEU) Hall, 2nd Floor, JSS Medical College, Mysuru.

The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Chaya Gopalan, Fulbright-Nehru Academic & Professional Excellence Awardee, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, USA. The program aimed to strengthen innovative teaching practices, enhance leadership competencies in higher education, and build capacity in competitive grant writing among faculty members.

The workshop commenced with opening remarks by Dr. Gopenath TS and Dr. Raveesha KA. The first day focused on contemporary pedagogical approaches including the Flipped Classroom model and Retrieval Science, AI Literacy in higher education, institutional leadership, and change management strategies. A dedicated session on CLASS Pedagogy was delivered by Dr. Mohan TC, followed by a hands-on session on building active lessons to promote student engagement and outcome-based learning.

The second day emphasized research advancement and funding strategies. Sessions included “Anatomy of a Successful Grant Proposal” and a hands-on Grant Concept Development Workshop, enabling participants to draft and refine competitive proposals. A session on “AI in the Classroom and Beyond” explored responsible and strategic integration of artificial intelligence in academic settings. The workshop concluded with peer discussions and a musical retreat by Mr. Subramanya Hegde and team, fostering reflection and collaborative engagement.

The program provided a valuable platform for faculty members to strengthen their academic leadership, innovate in teaching methodologies, and enhance research funding competencies.

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Glimpses from the Faculty Development Workshop on Catalysing Academic Excellence