

A Workshop on ResearchXplore: From Idea to Innovation

The Department of MCA in association with IIC, Hope Foundation's Finolex Academy of Management and Technology (FAMT), Ratnagiri, successfully organized a **Three-Day Workshop on "ResearchXplore: From Idea to Innovation"** from **13th July 2026 to 15th July 2026**.

The workshop was conducted to guide MCA students in developing quality semester research projects and enhancing their research and innovation skills. The workshop schedule included sessions on research methodology, literature review, AI tools for researchers, research paper writing, plagiarism awareness, journal selection, and intellectual property rights.

The primary objective of the workshop was to help students understand the complete research process—from identifying a research problem to publishing quality research work. The sessions focused on selecting suitable research topics, conducting literature reviews, identifying research gaps, preparing research papers, using AI tools ethically, understanding plagiarism, selecting journals, and creating awareness about copyright and patents. Students also received practical guidance on transforming innovative ideas into meaningful research outcomes.

The workshop featured expert sessions by **Prof. Waman Parulekar, Prof. Harshada Salvi, Prof. Tejas Joshi, and Prof. Ravindra Kerkar**. The resource persons shared their expertise through interactive lectures, demonstrations, and practical examples. They encouraged students to develop innovative project ideas and emphasized ethical research practices, academic integrity, and intellectual property protection.

The workshop covered the following major topics:

- Introduction to Research and Research Lifecycle
- Difference between Project and Research
- Selecting a Research Problem
- Literature Review and Research Gap Identification
- Project Planning and Research Methodology
- AI Tools for Researchers
- Research Paper Writing
- Selecting Quality Journals and Paper Submission Process
- Plagiarism Awareness and Citation Techniques
- Copyright and Patent Awareness
- Transforming Innovative Ideas into Research Outcomes

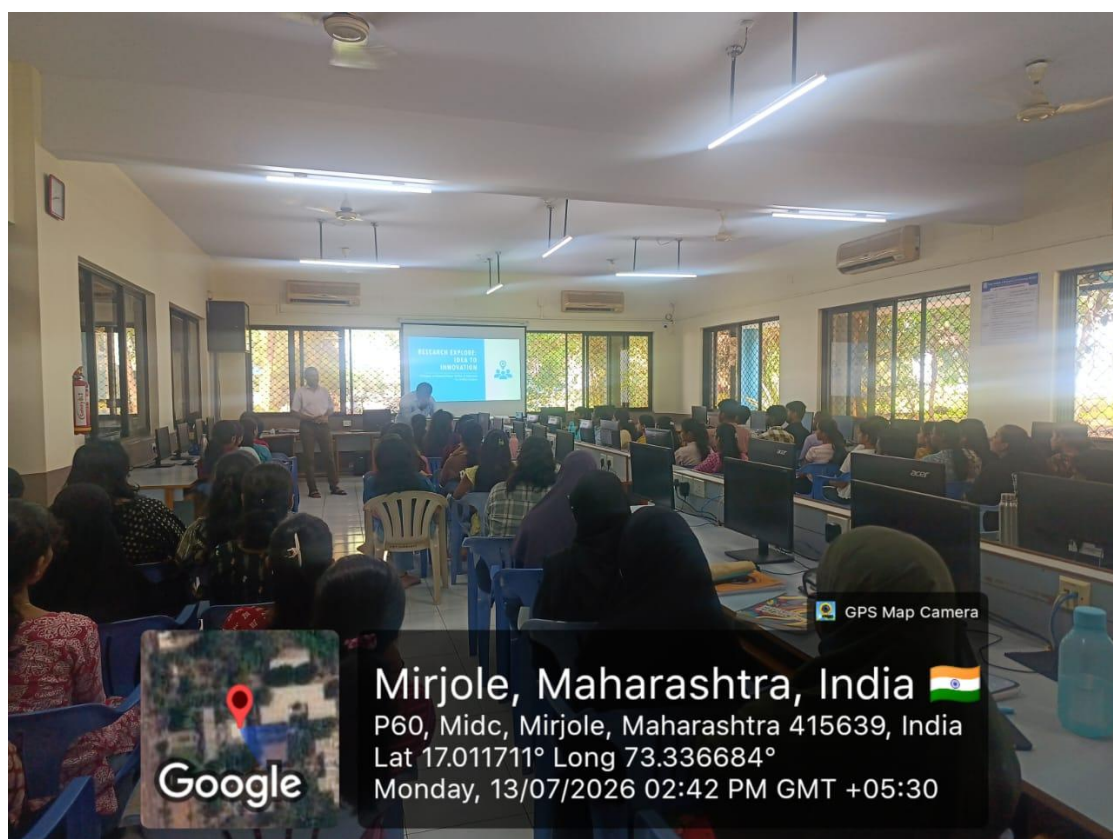
The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from **70 MCA students**. The sessions were highly interactive, with students actively participating in discussions, hands-on activities, and question-answer sessions. The participants gained valuable knowledge about research planning, academic writing, ethical use of AI tools, publication opportunities, and intellectual

property rights, which will greatly assist them in their semester projects and future research careers.

The workshop was successfully coordinated by **Prof. Gousiya D. Borkar** with the support of the Head of the Department, faculty members, and student volunteers. Their dedicated efforts ensured the smooth execution of all sessions throughout the three-day programme.

Overall, the "**ResearchXplore: From Idea to Innovation**" workshop proved to be an enriching learning experience. It successfully motivated students to undertake quality research, develop innovative solutions, and understand the importance of research ethics, publication, and intellectual property, thereby strengthening the research culture within the Department of MCA at FAMT.

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Introduction Session



insightful session by Prof. Waman Parulekar, guiding students towards research and innovation



Students attentively participating during the session