

### **Report of the FDP on 24 November 2023:**

St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council (SJRIC), conducted a one-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches to research" for the staff St Joseph's University (SJU), on Friday 24 November 2023.

The FDP started with the prayer service by Ms Litty Joseph, assistant professor, commerce and campus ministry coordinator. The welcome address was given by Rev. Dr Victor Lobo SJ, the vice-chancellor of SJU. He highlighted the significance of cross-cultural research and its importance for SJU. The first session was conducted by Fr Roshan Castelino SJ, the dean of SJRIC. He presented the new research policy, the guidelines for workload reduction and the funding policy for the research.

The main session was then conducted by Rev. Dr Francis P Xavier SJ, well known scientist, former director of Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE), Loyola College, Chennai, India and former international coordinator of Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL). He emphasized the role of teaching and research, its societal impact and the Jesuit approaches to research.

Dr Michel Rajamthi, well known researcher of SJU and now a fellow of Fr Nelapathy endowment chair, addressed the staff on the importance of credible publications. He presented the current status of research at SJU and outlined a roadmap to boost publications.

The afternoon session were handled by domain specific experts. Rev. Dr Francis P Xavier SJ addressed the staff of the schools of sciences and explained the possible avenues for research.

Dr Baiju Gopalan, associate professor, Christ (Deemed) University, addressed the staff of humanities and mass communication while Dr Vanamala Vishwanath, noted translator and writer addressed the staff of the school of languages and literatures. The sessions were aimed at fostering a culture of research among various departments of SJU. Dr Neelam Mishra, assistant professor, Botany compered the morning session while Dr Anchal Singhal, assistant professor, Chemistry and Dr Areesh Karamala, assistant professor, Political Science compered the afternoon sessions.

For the Images of the FDP, kindly refer to the Photo Gallery:  
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