

## **An Abridged Report**

Workshop on Proposal Writing for National and International Grants

**IQAC**

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### 1.Introduction

A two-day workshop titled "Proposal Writing for National and International Grants" was organized by the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur, from 18 to 19 June 2025. The aim of the workshop was to build the capacity of faculty members and researchers in developing high-quality grant proposals to secure national and international funding.

### 2.Objective of the Workshop

The main objective of the workshop was to enhance participants' understanding of grant proposal writing processes, funding sources, and strategies for writing successful proposals. The event also aimed to promote a research-oriented academic environment and encourage faculty members to pursue competitive grants.

### 3.Inaugural Session

The workshop began with a formal inauguration session. Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam, Chairperson of the session and Director of IQAC, welcomed all the participants and highlighted the importance of research funding for academic excellence. He noted that without research grants, it is impossible to conduct quality research that contributes to new knowledge and innovation. He also mentioned that securing competitive grants helps build strong research cultures within universities.

### 4.Speech by the Chief Guest

In his address, the Chief Guest, Professor Dr. Md. Showkat Ali, Vice-Chancellor of Begum Rokeya University, emphasized the importance of quality research in enhancing the university's academic reputation. He stated that access to national and international grants not only supports innovative research but also helps improve the university's

global ranking. He encouraged faculty members to pursue research grants and assured administrative support to facilitate such efforts. He pointed out that funded research enables infrastructure development, publication in indexed journals, and collaboration with international institutions.



#### 5.Keynote Presentation

Professor Dr. Md. Abdullah Yousuf Al Harun delivered the keynote speech. He is an experienced academician with vast exposure to national and international research projects. In his presentation, he explained the core components of a successful grant proposal. He focused on identifying appropriate funding agencies, understanding proposal formats, and tailoring proposals to specific calls for grants.

He elaborated on the importance of clear objectives, methodological rigor, and measurable outcomes. He also shared several examples of approved national and international grants to help participants understand the best practices in proposal writing. His presentation included a detailed discussion on problem statements, research questions, work plans, budget justification, and evaluation frameworks.



Dr. Harun emphasized that outstanding proposals are often those that align with national development goals or global challenges. He advised researchers to remain

updated with donor priorities, build interdisciplinary teams, and maintain high ethical standards. His insights were drawn from years of personal experience working with funding organizations like UGC, BARI, UNDP, and international donors such as DAAD and Erasmus+.

## 6. Interactive Sessions

The workshop included several interactive sessions where participants shared their experiences and asked questions. The sessions covered:

- Common mistakes in proposal writing
- Budget preparation and justification
- Ethics and compliance in research
- Submission procedures and follow-ups

Although the sessions were theoretical in nature, they were highly interactive. The speakers encouraged open discussion, and participants engaged actively with questions, comments, and reflections. This interactive environment significantly contributed to the effectiveness and relevance of the workshop.



## 7. Feedback from Participants

Participants expressed their appreciation for the workshop and highlighted that it was timely and relevant. Many stated that they now feel more confident in drafting proposals and identifying funding opportunities. The workshop was described as informative, well-organized, and highly engaging. They especially valued the practical guidance and interactive learning environment.



### 8. Concluding Remarks

In the closing session, the Chairperson, Professor Dr. Md. Tajul Islam, thanked all participants, resource persons, and organizers for their contribution to the success of the workshop. He reminded everyone that the journey to quality research begins with strong proposals and consistent effort. He also expressed hope that more faculty members would apply for competitive grants following this workshop.

He concluded by stating that IQAC will continue to support and organize such capacity-building events to foster a sustainable research culture at Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur.

### 9. Conclusion

The two-day workshop was a significant step toward strengthening research capacity at Begum Rokeya University. Through expert guidance and interactive discussions, the participants gained essential knowledge and skills to pursue national and international research grants. The event not only inspired faculty members to aim for excellence but also reinforced the university's commitment to becoming a center of research and innovation.