**Report**

**Faculty Development Programme on-‘How to apply for an Extramural grant and Evidence Based medicine (Selected topics from systematic reviews)’**AT AIIMS Raipur under the aegis of Department of Health Research (DHR) MoHFW, Govt. of India | April 24–25, 2025

A 2-day Faculty Development programme -‘How to apply for an Extramural grant and Evidence Based medicine (Selected topics from systematic reviews)’ was organized by AIIMS Raipur in collaboration with Department of Health Research (DHR) MoHFW, Govt. of India on 24th-25th April 2025.It was in hybrid mode (on-site & online).

We are grateful to Department of Health Research, MoHFW for providing grant for this event. The inaugural ceremony of this program was graced by honourable Director AIIMS Raipur Lt Gen Ashok Jindal and by honourable Additional Director General Dr (Mrs.) Sanghmitra Pati (online mode). Dean Academics AIIMS Raipur, Dr Eli Mohapatra also graced this occasion. They expressed best wishes for this workshop and emphasized the importance of good grant writing in research to get funding from central agencies like ICMR, DST and DBT. Deputy Director- DHR, Dr Tushar Karmakar enlightened the participants about the HRD schemes of DHR. Dr Vikas Dhikav, Scientist E and Deputy Director, DHR as well as organizing Chairpersons Dr Alok Agrawal, Prof & Head Department of Orthopedics and Dr Sarita Agrawal, Prof & Head Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology were instrumental in organizing this workshop. Dr Vikas Dhikav conducted three sessions on essentials of grant writing, mixed research methodologies and topics in systematic review. Distinguished speakers, from DHR, ICMR and esteemed institutions across the country were resource faculties for this workshop on research methods, statistical methods, clinical trials and ethical consideration.

As reported by organizing secretary, Dr Jayshri R Ghate; this workshop was attended by 110 participants at site and 105 participants in online mode. Participants from AIIMS Raipur and eight other colleges in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh attended this workshop. The whole programme was conducted by Organizing Joint Secretary Dr Arunita Jagzape and organizing committee members contributed to make this programme a great success. Thus this workshop would definitely inculcate research environment to generate the best evidence in the state of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.