

**CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Central Campus
School of Education**

Activity Report

General Information

Type of Activity	Informative Session
Title of the Activity	Research Ethics
Date/s	September 12, 2025
Time	9:45 AM – 11:45 AM
Venue	Room 735, School of Education, Block 2
Collaboration/Sponsor (if any)	N/A

Speaker/Guest/Presenter Details

1.	Name	Dr Prakasha G S
	Title/Position	Assistant Professor
	Organization	School of Education, Christ Deemed to be University
	Title of Presentation	Research Ethics

Participants profile

Type of Participants	Students of 3 BEd
No. of Participants	Eighty-five

Synopsis of the Activity (Description)

Highlights of the Activity	Dr. Prakasha G. S., assistant professor from the School of Education, delivered an engaging and insightful seminar on Research Ethics. The session was designed to help B-Ed students understand the significance of ethical practices in research and the responsibilities that come with conducting academic inquiries.
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The seminar began with an explanation of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and its role within Christ University. An Institutional Review Board (IRB) is an administrative body that reviews and monitors research involving human participants to ensure the protection of their rights, safety, and well-being. Composed of experts with diverse backgrounds, the IRB assesses research proposals, ensuring they adhere to ethical and legal guidelines and minimize risks to subjects. Before any data collection can begin, research projects must receive IRB approval. Dr. Prakasha elaborated on the ethical framework that governs research, emphasizing the importance of obtaining informed consent from participants. He highlighted the different procedures required for securing consent from both adults and minors, stressing the involvement of parents in the case of minors. He also stated that participants must retain the right to withdraw from a study at any point, and researchers are ethically bound to respect such decisions.

Building on this, Dr. Prakasha explained how Christ University ensures adherence to its norms and regulations, particularly with respect to data privacy and security. He encouraged students to practice due diligence, self-awareness, and integrity in their research. To emphasize the gravity of misconduct, he shared examples of researchers from India, China, and the United States whose papers had been retracted, including cases where Indian researchers were blacklisted from journals for unethical practices.

Dr. Prakasha then discussed the diversity of data collection methods, noting that each research project is unique. He advised students to consult their research guides to clarify the exact procedures that are relevant to their study. When using images, scales, or tables from other published works, he stressed the importance of seeking written permission from the original authors. Encouraging students of the B-Ed program to publish their research, Dr. Prakasha outlined the process of publication under Christ University's guidelines. He emphasized the role of the research guide or supervisor in this journey, noting that when

	<p>research is published in a Q1 journal, both the student and the supervisor are rewarded with a sum of ₹50,000.</p> <p>The seminar also shed light on unethical research practices. Dr. Prakasha explained Predatory Publishing, which exploits authors by charging publication fees without offering legitimate editorial services such as peer review or quality checks. He spoke on Salami Slicing, the unethical practice of splitting one large study into multiple smaller publications for the sake of increasing output. Another malpractice he addressed was Self-Plagiarism, where researchers reuse their own previously published work without proper citation, misrepresenting it as original.</p> <p>Concluding the session, Dr. Prakasha introduced the CITI Program, an internationally recognized online training course that focuses on research ethics, compliance, and professional development. He explained that the program is evolutionary in nature, with certifications valid for one to three years depending on the course.</p> <p>The seminar proved to be both eye-opening and practical, leaving students with a clearer understanding of research ethics and a renewed sense of responsibility as future educators and researchers.</p>
Key Takeaways	<p>The seminar by Dr. Prakasha G. S. offered students a comprehensive understanding of the ethical principles that underpin research. One of the central takeaways was the significance of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and its role in ensuring that research conducted within the University adheres to established ethical standards. Students learned about the necessity of informed consent, the involvement of parents when minors participate, and the importance of respecting participants' right to withdraw at any stage of the study.</p> <p>Another major learning point was the emphasis on data privacy, security, and adherence to Christ University's norms and regulations. Dr. Prakasha encouraged researchers to be self-aware and to follow due process diligently. Real-world examples of retracted papers and cases of blacklisted researchers</p>


	<p>served as reminders of the serious consequences of unethical practices. Dr. Prakasha advised students to seek written permission when using published materials such as images, scales, or tables, thereby reinforcing the value of intellectual property and academic integrity.</p> <p>Equally important were the warnings against unethical research practices. The session clarified the risks of Predatory Publishing, Salami Slicing, and Self-Plagiarism, making students aware of the pressures and temptations researchers face and the need to uphold integrity at all times. Finally, students were introduced to the CITI Program, a globally recognized platform for training in research ethics and compliance.</p> <p>Overall, the seminar equipped students with both the theoretical framework and practical guidance to approach research responsibly, ethically, and with confidence in their academic journey.</p>
Summary of the Activity	<p>Dr. Prakasha G. S. from the School of Education conducted a seminar on Research Ethics for the B-Ed students. He explained the role of the Institutional Review Board (IRB), the importance of informed consent, and the ethical responsibilities of researchers in safeguarding participant rights, data privacy, and academic integrity. Students were guided on ethical publication practices, including the proper use of published material, the importance of research supervision, and the incentives for publishing in high-impact journals. Overall, the seminar provided valuable insights into the principles and practices of conducting ethical research.</p>
Follow-up plan	Debriefing

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1. Speaker Profile

Speaker	About
<p data-bbox="203 394 425 422">Dr. Prakasha G S</p> 	<p data-bbox="522 415 1414 1119">Dr Prakasha G S is an Associate Professor at the School of Education, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore. He holds an MEd, MSc in Chemistry, MPhil in Education, and a PhD from Bangalore University, and is a recipient of the NET–JRF award. He also holds IB Educator certificates from DePaul University, Chicago. His research focuses on Educational Technology, Teacher Education, and Higher Education. He has published over 50 research articles in SCOPUS and WOS indexed journals and has presented his work internationally, including at Oxford University and Binghamton University. He serves on editorial boards of SAGE, Springer Nature, and Taylor & Francis. Through the Centre for Advanced Research and Training (CART), he conducts national-level workshops on quantitative data analysis using SPSS. He has led international EdTech projects and contributed to rural education development through NGO-GRAMA. He has authored six books and is currently editing his seventh on quality education in Asia-Pacific countries. He was awarded <i>Researcher of the Year 2024</i> by CHRIST University.</p>

2. Photos of the activity



3. Poster of the activity



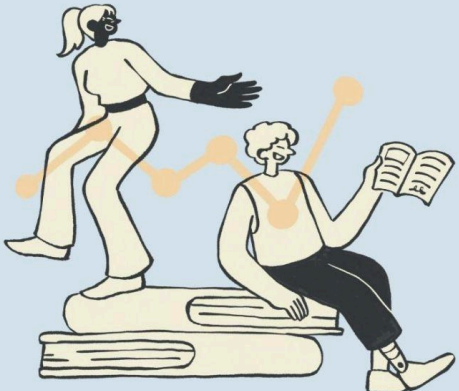
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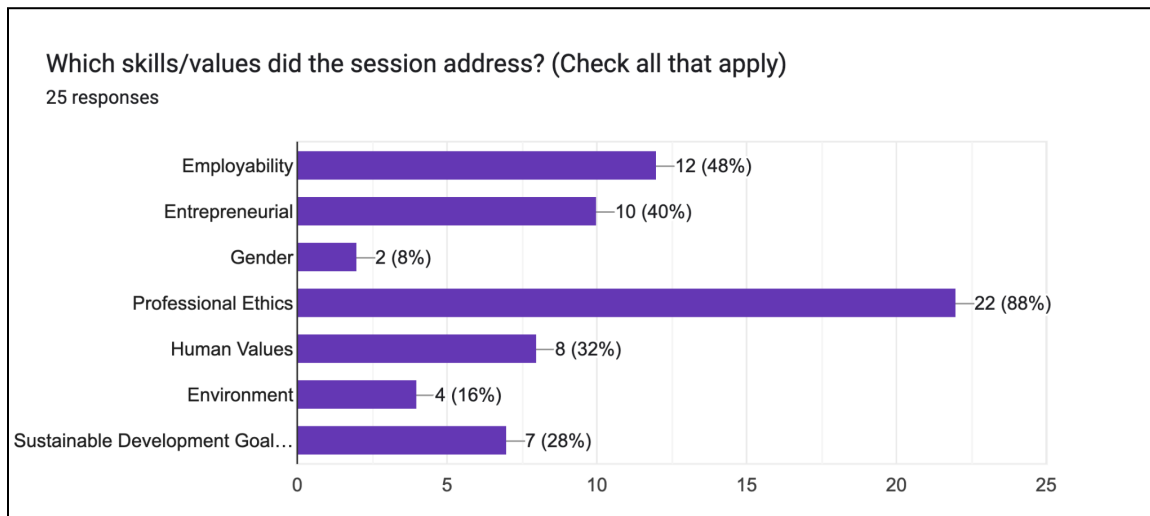
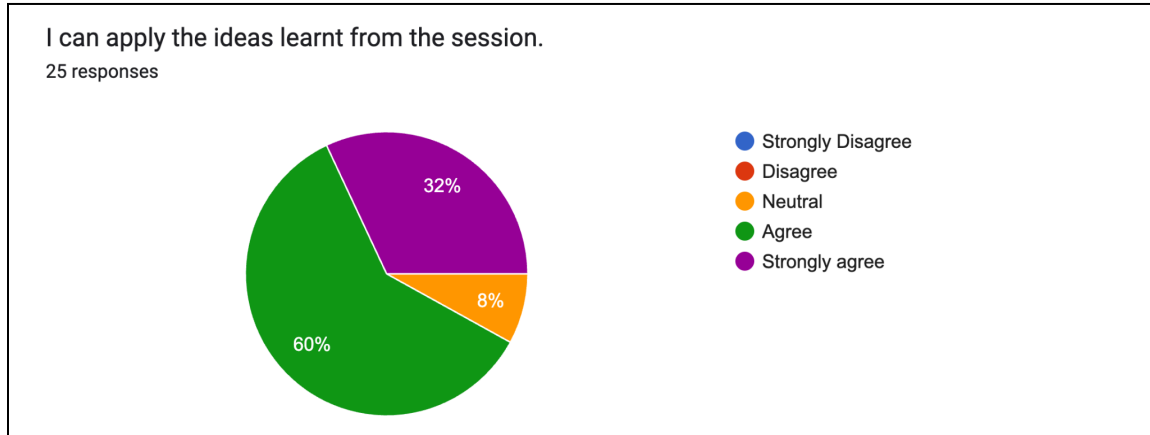
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4. Feedback Summary

Feedback was collected through a Google Form consisting of rating-scale items, multiple-choice questions, and short open-ended responses.



Feedback indicated a highly positive response to the session, with majority of participants rating it as relevant, helpful, and applicable to their academic work. Most students agreed that the session enhanced their understanding of research ethics and proper academic practices.

5. Impact Analysis

The session significantly strengthened participants' awareness of ethical research practices, including proper citation, academic integrity, and responsible data use. It improved their confidence in conducting and presenting research ethically, thereby contributing positively to their academic and professional development.