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Report on workshop on “Selecting Research Problem and Preparing Research Proposal for Ph.D. Program” at Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA), Ahmedabad on 19.02.2011

With a view to encourage and train Faculty members to undertake Ph.D. Program in Management, the First Workshop on PhD Program was organized by **Gujarat Technological University (GTU)** in collaboration with **C. K. Shah Vijapurwala Institute of Management (CKSVIM)** on the above subject at Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA), Ahmedabad on 19th February, 2011.

The expert faculty members who planned and conducted the workshop were Dr. Satendra Kumar, B.Tech (IIT-K), MBA, PhD, Chairman, PhD Research Centre at CKSVIM and former Dean & Head of DBIM, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University; and Dr. Rajesh Khajuria, MBA, PhD (Management), CMC, FIMC, Director of SMJV's CKSVIM Vadodara, a GTU affiliated Institute of Management.

Some 47 Lecturers / Asst. Professors (participants) from various GTU affiliated MBA Colleges / Institutes participated in the workshop. The Workshop commenced with an introductory talk by Dr. G. P. Vadodaria.

Dr. G. P. Vadodaria, Controller of Examination and Actg. Registrar of Gujarat Technological University, shared his experiences on various issues pertaining to the selection of Ph.D. topic and the process of Ph.D. which he had undergone at IIT-Delhi.

Dr. Satendra Kumar, Chairman, Ph.D. Research centre, CKSVIM, gave a bird's eye view on various research aspects relating to research areas, Steps involved in the process of preparing research proposal, synopsis and the final thesis. Dr S. Kumar also focused on various types of research, research projects and research methods. He also gave a comparative analysis of the do's and don'ts for preparing an effective research thesis.

Dr. Rajesh Khajuria, Director, CKSVIM, shared his views on importance, uniqueness and world-class nature of GTU's Ph.D. Program. Under GTU's Ph.D. Program, in addition to teaching faculty

members, even industry CEOs and Managers (personnel) will also be able to do Ph.D. subject to fulfilling the university norms. He further added a new feature of Virtual Guide/s from foreign Universities is embedded in the GTU Ph.D. Program along with the Guide and a provision for Co-guide from practical fields of Research institutes / Governments / Industries etc. He also talked about various factors affecting Global Businesses which can be prospective areas for future research through Ph.D. Program.

The participants shared their various apprehensions related to pursuing Ph.D. which were skillfully solved by the speakers. The expert speakers advised the teachers to study hard, have national and Global perspectives, and select some practical or application-oriented topics for undertaking research under Ph.D. in Management or cross-discipline areas with Engineering / Computer Science / Pharmacy and so on.

Dr Akshai Aggarwal, Vice Chancellor of GTU sent his blessings as he was out of station on the same day.

The program ended with Vote of Thanks by Mr. Himanshu Raval and Ms. Almas Juneja from Gujarat Technological University.

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