

'Research must aid policymaking'

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Mysuru: Award of Ph.D is not the end of academic research journey, but it is the beginning to support decision-makers extending authentic information, said N R Parasuraman, director, Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDMIMD).

At a workshop on 'How to succeed through Ph.D journey?', Parasuraman said in the current trend of 'publish or perish', research output should see the light of the day as articles in reputed journals. Researchers should use technological tools and rich resources available in the electronic database for quality research, he added.

Expressing concern on the quality of research, R Jagadeesh, professor of operations, SDMIMD, said that although the number of Ph.Ds awarded in the country has gone up in the recent times, the quality of research has notably come down. Hence it is essential that researchers focus on quality right from the beginning to ensure a valuable output. Further, the research would be considered if the output helps in policy making and contributes to the society by enabling best practices, he added.