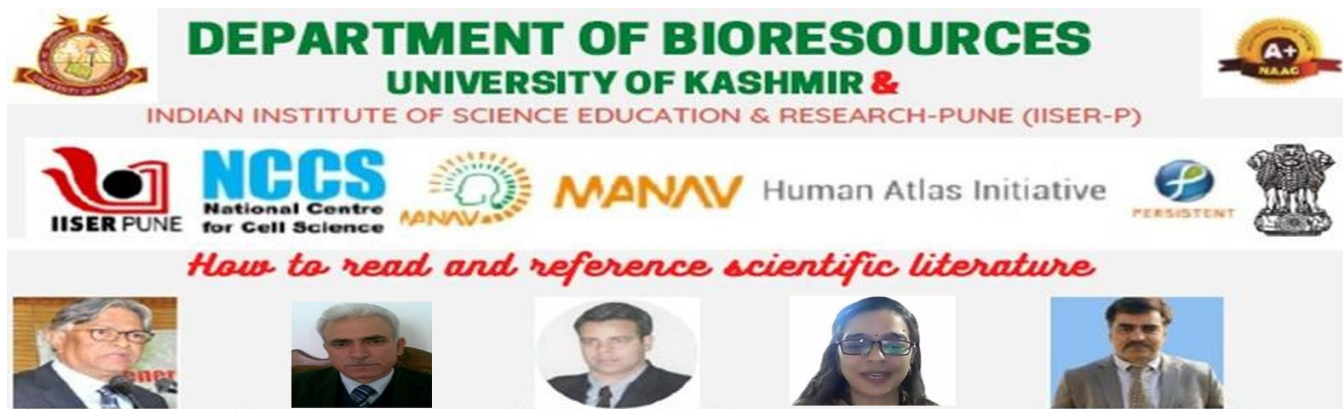


Press Release



KUs Bioresources Department holds Workshop on Scientific Literature Referencing with IISER & NCCS Pune under Project MANAV: Human Atlas (DBT)

Department of Bioresources, University of Kashmir, organized a workshop entitled “**How to read and reference scientific literature**” under the project MANAV (Human Atlas) sponsored by DBT Govt of India in collaboration with IISER Pune, NCCS-Pune and Persistent Systems.

The main objective of the workshop was to impart skills and knowledge among budding researchers, and faculty members about the reading and referencing the scientific literature to publish quality papers in reputed peer reviewed journals with high impact. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir, Registrar, University of Kashmir, and in his inaugural speech to approximately 300 Research scholars and Faculty members from various institutions across the country and abroad emphasized that it is imperative to keep updating research scholars and teachers in 21st century and abreast them with the recent trends and advancements from a distance via technology to boost their productivity. He appreciated the efforts of Bioresources Department for conducting such workshops since the COVID19 Pandemic began. He said that university will keep on encouraging the Departments/Centers to organize such workshops for the benefit of scholars and teaching faculty to improve the overall quality of research.

Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Mir, Coordinator/Head, Department of Bioresources and organizing secretary of the workshop welcomed and thanked the participants and gave a detailed outline about the genesis and theme of the workshop. He deliberated upon the MANAV: The Human Atlas initiative by DBT Govt of India which aims to construct a comprehensive map of the entire human body which will explicitly document macro to micro level information. The project Manav will dramatically accelerate our understanding of the working of the human body and help design better therapeutic targets for treating diseases like cancer, diabetes, TB and more. Dr. Manzoor discussed about Volume, Velocity, Variety, and Veracity of Big Data Boom and the need to check the authenticity of the data coming to us with large volumes, varieties and velocities. He deliberated that we are going through tough times and COVID-19 restrictions has put a lot of strain on academic activities and teaching learning process. So, in order to keep the academic and research activities going, it is imperative to look out for ways to be able to contribute to knowledge domain and to reach out to students, scholars and faculty members to provide a helping hand and support through these kinds of workshops. Dr. Manzoor thanked the Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Talat Ahmad and Dean Academic Affairs Prof. Farooq Ahmad Masoodi for their support and granting permission to the Department to hold such workshops.

The sessions were led by Dr Anupama Harshal Consultant (Science Communication and Public Engagement IISER-PUNE). She introduced MANAV: The Human Atlas Initiative by Department of Biotechnology Govt. of India. She gave a detailed presentation on how to read and cite the scientific literature and the various tools related to it. She spoke about the capture and curation of scientific data from papers on the MANAV (Human Atlas)

Platform and its use for the improvement in scientific productivity. She said that the large pool of scientifically literate population in India pursuing a bachelors/masters/ Ph.D. is a great resource that will be trained and engaged as part of this workshop and project to use the annotation tool being developed to collate, curate, manage and visualize this scientific information. Further, Dr. Anupama highlighted that this workshop and project will help the scientific and academic community to understand, extract and collate information from millions of scientific papers which would otherwise need a massive investment of time, effort and manpower.

Mr. Sheikh Tajamul delivered the vote of thanks. He expressed that this workshop very vividly made the 300 participants know how to collate, curate, manage and visualize the scientific information for referencing and reviewing literature. The whole exercise has made the faculty and researchers competent to improve their research and academic standards. He thanked all the supporting staff Dr Bashir, Dr Nisar and the Coordinator cum organizing secretary of the workshop Dr Manzoor for his pro-active role in organizing such workshops. He thanked all the participants who had joined from various institutes like NCS, IISER, IITs, Central university of Kashmir/Jammu, SHAUTS, SKUAST-K/J, IUST, AMU, Cluster Universities of Jammu/Srinagar, SKIMS, GMC, BGSBU, NITs, ICSSR (New Delhi).

At the end Dr Manzoor informed the participants about the online Quiz/test and conducted the same at the end of the workshop in online mode. All the registered participants who attended the workshop and qualified the test were given the certificates online.