## Developing research ecosystem at Meerut College

Introduction of research component at undergraduate level is an important tenet of NEP-2020. The research projects are being carried out at undergraduate level by 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> semester students of B.A., B.Sc. and B.Com. programmes. It becomes a mammoth task as about 2400 UG students are to be mentored for their research projects at Meerut College, Meerut. To streamline it further, we initiated efforts towards developing a research ecosystem at Meerut College, Meerut.

Several worshops were organized to aquaint our faculty members and students with the latest tools and techniques used in reseach methods, IPR issues and data analyses. Linkages were developed with subject experts from national institutions and universities. Faculty members were supported with their research proposal writing to get funds from different funding agencies. As a result of these efforts, 70 faculty members are carrying out research projects funded by agencies like ICSSR, DST, CST-UP, UPHED etc. More than 300 research scholars are enrolled for their PhD degree and carrying out research projects at our college. 87 of these PhD students are availing fellowhsips from UGC, CSIR and ICSSR. We built a team around these leaders to accommodate all UG students for their research projects.