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National workshop for research scholars at BARD

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WITH the University Grants Commission (UGC) issuing guidelines laying stress on research publications for promotions to college teachers, the Department of Commerce and Financial Studies, Bharathidasan University is organising a National Workshop on Research Publications in Commerce and Management, said Prof. M. Selvam, HoD, Commerce and Financial Studies at the university.

Addressing reporters here on the features of the workshop, Selvam pointed out that no other workshop had been organised in the field so far. The academic scenario was changing fast and foreign universities were making an entry here which necessitated the need to expose one's skill in any discipline. The watchword in the academic world in the West is 'publish or perish' which indicates the value attached to publications and research articles.

The UGC was awarding grades to a research paper based on the type of journal which published the item. Thus local journals and refereed journals carried different

grades which gave weight to the scholar.

The teacher has to be basically a researcher, capable of delivering valued teaching. The status of present day researchers was a matter of concern as they lacked exposure. Foreign universities provided ample opportunities to learn the nuances of research which was not available here.

Journals of repute had their own standards on what they expect from the researcher and as such, the need to train our research scholars becomes all the more vital, Selvam stressed.

The present workshop is aimed at meeting the needs of research scholars in the country. Many are found to be below average and the workshop would act as a boost to the younger generation of research personnel across the country.

Most of the speakers at the workshop are publishers of journals that promote research activities. The workshop will be attended by nearly 100 participants who are expected to be benefited by the proceedings of the workshop, Prof. Selvam said.

The workshop will be conducted on April 24 and 25 in the Bharathidasan University campus, Prof. Selvam added.