

**National Workshop on Analytical Instruments for Material Characterization
(STUTI-21) Commences at Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur**

Thiruvarur, Tamil Nadu

The Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN) is proud to announce the commencement of the National Workshop on Analytical Instruments for Material Characterization, under the esteemed STUTI scheme of the Department of Science and Technology. The workshop, organized in collaboration with the National Institute of Technology Warangal, aims to enhance knowledge capacity and provide hands-on training on sophisticated instruments in the field of material characterization.

The seven-day workshop, which began on June 21st and will run till June 27th, gathers research scholars from various institutions across the country. The inauguration ceremony, held at the chemistry department, was graced by the honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof M. Krishnan, Prof. Sulochana Sekhar, Registrar (i/c), Prof. S. Nagarajan, Controller of Examinations (i/c) and Prof. T Mohandas, Dean School of Basic and Applied Sciences. The event coordinators, Dr. John Prakash, Dr. Mijun Chandran, and Mr. Velpugonda Shiva, have meticulously organized and are conducting the workshop.

The primary focus of the workshop is to provide participants with hands-on training on state-of-the-art analytical instruments, introducing them to the latest advancements in material characterization. Researchers from various domains including material science, physics, microbiology, botany, chemistry, and biotechnology will benefit from this program, augmenting their capabilities in their respective fields.

Aligned with the objectives of the STUTI scheme, the workshop emphasizes transparent access to scientific and technological infrastructure across eminent institutes in India. The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has provided funding for this hands-on training, enabling researchers to acquire essential skills and knowledge to advance their work.

The workshop received an overwhelming response, with 294 applications from across the country, including Chattisgarh, Assam, Telangana, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. Based on merit, only 34 candidates were selected to participate in the

STUTI workshop at CUTN. The participants comprise scientists, professors, research scholars, and aspiring researchers actively involved in scientific research.

Professor S. Nagarajan, the convener of the program, expressed his enthusiasm for the event, stating, "We are thrilled to see the tremendous interest in this workshop. It is crucial to equip researchers with the necessary skills and knowledge to further advance their work in material characterization. This workshop will undoubtedly contribute to the scientific community and drive innovation."

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