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### **Summer School at IIMA Workshop on Research Practices for Doctoral Students**

IIMA, June 5, 2012: Summer School, 2012 is an initiative by the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA) to contribute to the ever evolving field of management research. An integral part of any research activity is not only a sound theoretical base but also rigorous methodological practices which strengthen research outcomes. In the pursuit of providing researchers avenues to strengthen their research output, students of Fellow Program of Management at IIMA have launched a workshop as a part of the Summer School.

The six day workshop on Research Practices for Doctoral Students which started on June 04, 2012, focuses on Multivariate Analysis and Panel Data Analysis, used for data analysis by researchers. The event this year focuses on quantitative research practices and the sessions are being delivered by Prof. Arnab Laha from IIMA and Prof. Samarjit Das, from Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, known for their prowess in the field of statistical analysis. According to Prof. Laha, "Statistics is the only discipline created by man, which comes close to reading the mind of God." The workshop has a batch of 50 research scholars, selected from some of the best management institutes in the country. The participants will have an opportunity to discuss and deliberate some of the key issues related to management research practices.

Welcoming the participants for the event, Prof. Errol D'Souza, Chairperson, Fellow Program in Management, said that the summer school would be considered a success if intellectual curiosity has been satisfied and new professional skills have been gained by the participants. Addressing the participants on the inaugural day, Prof. Ajay Pandey, Dean (Faculty) and Chief Guest for the events said, "such workshops also provides an opportunity to build research networks among scholars exploring similar problem areas."

According to Shantam Shukla, Coordinator, the workshop provides an excellent opportunity for scholars to learn and add research skills to their repertoire. Such focused workshops are frequently organized by universities abroad; however this is a first attempt by IIMA to provide similar opportunities to researchers in India.