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Code of Ethics to check malpractices and plagiarism in Research

To maintain academic integrity of research papers published by the faculty and students and to prevent research misconduct, the college has established an Academic Integrity Panel under the research cell. The aim of the panel is-

1. To create awareness about responsible conduct of research, thesis, dissertation, promotion of academic integrity and prevention of misconduct including plagiarism in academic writing among students, faculty, researchers and staff.
2. To establish institutional mechanism through education and training to facilitate responsible conduct of research, thesis, dissertation, promotion of academic integrity and deterrence from plagiarism.
3. To develop systems to detect plagiarism and to set up mechanisms to prevent plagiarism and punish a student, faculty, researcher or staff of HEI committing the act of plagiarism.

The **AIP panel** comprises of the following members

- i. Principal
- ii. Vice-Principal
- iii. Head of the Departments
- iv. Convenor of Research Cell
- v. External Expert

Functions of the Cell

- i. Awareness Programs and Trainings:
 - The cell shall instruct students, faculty, researchers and staff about proper attribution, seeking permission of the author wherever necessary, acknowledgement of source compatible with the needs and specifics of disciplines and in accordance with rules, international conventions and regulations governing the source.
 - The cell shall conduct sensitization seminars/ awareness programs every semester on responsible conduct of research, thesis, dissertation, promotion of academic integrity and ethics in education for students, faculty, researchers and staff.
- ii. The cell shall encourage student, faculty, researchers and staff to register on international researcher's Registry systems.



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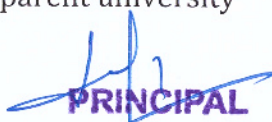
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- iii. The cell shall establish facility equipped with modern technologies for detection of plagiarism.
- iv. The cell will conduct Similarity checks for exclusion from Plagiarism
 - The similarity checks for plagiarism shall exclude the following:
 - i. All quoted work reproduced with all necessary permission and/or attribution.
 - ii. All references, bibliography, table of contents, preface and acknowledgements.
 - iii. All generic terms, laws, standard symbols and standards equations.
- v. The different levels of similarity to be followed by the panel
 - Level 0: Similarities upto 10% - Minor similarities,
 - Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40%
 - Level 2: Similarities above 40 %
- vi. The cell will take the following actions in case of different levels of similarity
 - Level 0: Similarities upto 10% - Minor Similarities, acceptance of research work
 - Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40% - Researcher shall be asked to submit a revised script within a stipulated time period.
 - Level 2: Similarities above 40% - Research work shall not be considered for publication
- vii. The cell shall create Institutional Repository on institute website which shall include paper / publication and other in-house publications.
- viii. The cell will collect self-declaration from Every researcher submitting a thesis, dissertation, or any other such documents indicating that the document has been prepared by him or her and that the document is his/her original work and free of any plagiarism Detection/Reporting/Handling of Plagiarism.

Plagiarism Checker Software :

'Urkund' Anti-Plagiarism Software as suggested by Inflibnet and owned by parent university


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