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Policy No. F/S 34

Policy Name: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY	**Policy Category: Faculty and Student**
Initial formulation No: Research and Development Policy – 2021	
Policy Statement: The policy aims at promoting R&D culture amongst the faculty and students of the institution. It is implied that the outcome of the policy shall be resulting in enhancement of R&D related activities and achievement of targets set by the institution	

1. **PREABLE:** Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering (YCCE), an Autonomous Institution affiliated to Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, was established in 1984 with a vision, "To be a leading institution of choice that provides innovative, research-oriented, and value-based professional education to serve the community". Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering (YCCE) recognizes research, innovation, consultancy, entrepreneurship, intellectual property creation, and knowledge dissemination as essential components of academic excellence and institutional growth. Aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, UGC Regulations, AICTE initiatives, NAAC Accreditation Framework, NBA accreditation requirements, NIRF parameters, and national priorities for scientific and technological advancement, the Institution is committed to creating a vibrant ecosystem that promotes quality research, innovation, societal impact, and sustainable development. The Institution shall continuously strengthen its research infrastructure, collaborative networks, funding opportunities, innovation ecosystem, and governance mechanisms to establish itself as a leading centre of excellence in research and development. The Institute has developed excellent facilities, both in terms of infrastructure and scholastics. YCCE is committed to the pursuit of excellence in research and aims to achieve international recognition through interdepartmental and inter-institutional collaborative research programmes across the spectrum of Science, Engineering and Technology. YCCE encourages faculty members and students to undertake sponsored research projects with a commitment to serve the society. YCCE shall ensure that research in all fields that include trans and multidisciplinary types grows exponentially, keeping the ethical norms and research standards intact.

2. **Policy Statement:** YCCE shall provide a conducive environment, appropriate infrastructure, financial support, mentoring, governance mechanisms, and recognition systems to promote

research, innovation, consultancy, entrepreneurship, intellectual property generation, technology transfer, and societal impact among faculty members, researchers, staff, and students.

3. Vision: To emerge YCCE as a leading institution recognized nationally and globally for impactful research, innovation and technology development

4. MISSION

The Institution shall:

- Promote quality and impactful research.
- Encourage multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research.
- Foster innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Facilitate intellectual property creation and technology transfer.
- Strengthen industry-academia collaboration.
- Promote ethical and responsible conduct of research.
- Contribute to societal and national development through relevant research outcomes and sustainable solutions.

5. Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

1. Develop a strong research culture among faculty and students.
2. Create an ambiance (and infrastructure) that encourages research.
3. Enhance research publications in reputed indexed journals/conferences.
4. Promote externally funded research projects.
5. Facilitate patent filing, copyrights, and design registrations and transfer technologies to relevant industries.
6. Encourage consultancy and industrial research.
7. Promote innovation, incubation, and startup activities.
8. Establish interdisciplinary research centres and collaborations.
9. Strengthen national and international research partnerships.
10. Enhance institutional performance in NAAC, NBA, NIRF, and other ranking frameworks.
11. Ensure compliance with research ethics and academic integrity standards.
12. To facilitate inter and multidisciplinary research
13. To continuously monitor the research outputs for ensuring quality
14. To create quality human resources for scientific research
15. Improve the status of research in YCCE in the State to the National level.

6. SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- Faculty Members
- Research Scholars
- Undergraduate Students
- Postgraduate Students
- Innovation and Incubation Units

7. Research and Development (R&D) Cell:

To achieve high quality research ambience in the Institute, a Research & Development Cell is set up with the objective of developing scientific and technology research. The R&D Cell provides specialized administrative and managerial support for the operation of academic research, sponsored research and other R&D related activities of the Institute. YCCE is having following governance for research related activities

Research Governance Structure and their responsibilities

- Dean (R&D)
- Vertical Heads
- Research Advisory Board (RAB)
- Department Research Committees
- Institutional Ethics Committee
- Innovation and Incubation Cell
- Research Integrity Committee

7.1. Academic Research

7.1.1 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.): Admissions, coursework, progress reviews and thesis submission shall follow prevailing UGC and RTMNU regulations.

i. A candidate should register at YCCE research centre on get RRC registration letter from R.T.M.N.U, Nagpur.
ii. Ph.D. candidates should present their research progress before the research review committee constituted for concerned department once in six months.
iii. Faculty members with Ph.D. are advised to get supervisorship from R.T.M.N.U., Nagpur.
iv. Maximum of 8 Scholars are permitted to do research under a supervisor, if he/she is Professor, 6 Scholars are permitted to do research under a supervisor, if he/she is Associate Professor and 4 Scholars are permitted to do research under a supervisor, if he/she is Assistant Professor.

v. The Research scholars are encouraged to publish their research works in reputed SCI/Scopus/WoS journals and reputed Conferences after getting the approval from their supervisors.

vi. Research Supervisors are advised to allow scholars to submit the research articles to the journal only after checking the Plagiarism

vii. Admissions, monitoring progress and thesis submission of scholars shall be governed according to Research Center Handbook, that is modified regularly as per the changes in the directions of RTMNU.

Regulations relating to the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the related fields of Engineering of YCCE are as per the Regulations for Ph.D. Prescribed by the R.T.M.N.U, Nagpur.

7.1.2 Institution Fellowship: The enrolment of full-time research scholars plays a vital role in enhancing the quality of research in the institute. In support of our vision and to strengthen the quality of research and development in all our research centers, Institution Fellowship Scheme is implemented exclusively for full-time Ph.D. Scholars. The institutional research fellowship is given to the Ph.D. Scholars as per the government norms. The institutional fellow has to abide by the Research policies of YCCE.

7.2. Paper publication:

YCCE is having a dedicated institutional mechanism to promote, facilitate, and monitor high-quality scholarly publications by faculty members, research scholars, and students. Here we are committed to fostering a culture of research excellence by encouraging the dissemination of original research findings through reputed International journals, conferences, books, book chapters, and other recognized scholarly platforms.

The Institute provide guidance and support in identifying suitable publication avenues, ensuring compliance with publication ethics, enhancing research visibility, and improving the quality and impact of research outputs. We also facilitate awareness regarding indexing databases, citation metrics, open-access publishing, intellectual property considerations, and responsible research practices in accordance with the guidelines of UGC, AICTE, NAAC, NBA, NIRF, and other statutory bodies.

7.2.1. Financial Assistance for Publications:

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In order to motivate the faculty members towards research and publishing their research findings in indexed journals/conferences, Financial Assistance are given to faculty members and students

Policy Number	Policy Name	Financial Assistance	Remark
POLICY No. F – 26 (2021)	Financial Assistance in Open Access Journals	• Q1 – 1,25,000/- (100% of APC – H index >= 200) • Q1 – 1,25,000/- (75% of APC – H index >= 100) • Q1 – 1,25,000/- 50% of APC – H index 50 - 99) • Q2 – 1,25,000/- (30% of APC) • Q3 – 75,000/- (20% of APC) • Q4 – 50,000/- (10% of APC)	APC Depends on the quartile and H index of the journal
POLICY No. S – 18 (2020)	Financial Assistance to students for Journal Paper Publication	Processing fees up to 25% of Article Publication Charges of Journal (Max of 5000/-per publication) - SCOPUS/WOS/SCIE/ESCI/SSCI/AHCI	Financial Assistance of maximum 5 groups of final year for UG and all PG Students/Department once in a year
POLICY No. F – 03 (2016)	Financial Assistance to faculty members for National/ International Conference within country	a. IITs/NITs/IIITs/Government Institutions/Deemed Universities/ Autonomous Institutions: 100% registration fees (subject to max of b. Rs. 5000/- to first author) + TA/DA Self-Financing Institutions: max 3000/ registration fees + TA/DA	Max 3 faculty members/Institute (Max 2/Department) will be allowed to participate in the same Conference
POLICY No. F – 03 (2016)	Financial Assistance to faculty members for International	Hosted by Professional Societies such as IEEE/ASME/ASCE, etc. : a. 35000/Faculty as overall assistance to near by countries, b. 50000/Faculty for counties like USA, UK, Australia and NZ	Need to apply for travel grant to AICTE and Max 2 faculty/year/institute

	Conference Outside country		
POLICY No. S – 17 (2020)	Financial Assistance to students for Attending reputed Conference	• 100 % Registration fees (Max of 5000/- to first author) • Registration fees: 5,000/- max to first author • II Class Sleeper two-way rail/bus fare (first author + 1 more student) • Accommodation + Miscellaneous: 1000/-	Financial Assistance of maximum 5 groups of final year for UG and all PG Students/ Department once in a year

Incentives are linked to quality publications in recognized databases such as WoS, SCIE, SSCI, AHCI, ESCI and Scopus.

7.2.2. Curbing Plagiarism

The Institute provide access to approved plagiarism detection software i.e. Turnitin for screening research manuscripts, project reports, dissertations, theses, patents, technical reports, books, book chapters, and other scholarly documents.

7.2.2.1. Mandatory Similarity Check

a. All Ph.D. theses, dissertations, project reports, research papers, conference papers, books, book chapters, and other scholarly submissions shall undergo plagiarism screening before submission.
b. The plagiarism screening report shall be submitted to publication division head
c. Every project report/thesis must have a declaration about

- The work is original.
- Proper citations and acknowledgements have been provided.
- The document has been checked using approved plagiarism detection software.
- No unethical copying, fabrication, falsification, or misrepresentation has been undertaken

d. The responsibility for ensuring originality shall rest jointly with the author(s), researcher(s), supervisor(s), guide(s), and principal investigator(s), as applicable.

7.2.2.2. Responsibilities of Supervisors

Research supervisors, guides, mentors, and principal investigators shall:

- Educate researchers about publication ethics.

- Ensure proper citation and referencing practices.
- Verify plagiarism reports before approving submissions.
- Promote responsible authorship practices.

7.2.2.3. Exclusions from Similarity Assessment

The following shall normally be excluded from similarity calculations:

- References and bibliography.
- Properly quoted material.
- Standard equations, formulae, and technical terminologies.
- Institutional formats and templates.
- Generic statements and commonly used phrases.

7.2.2.4. Publication Ethics

Faculty members and researchers shall:

- Avoid duplicate publication.
- Avoid self-plagiarism and redundant publication.
- Refrain from submitting the same manuscript simultaneously to multiple journals.
- Ensure accurate authorship attribution.
- Disclose conflicts of interest wherever applicable.

7.2.2.5. Predatory Journals

Publications in predatory, deceptive, or non-credible journals shall not be considered for institutional recognition, incentives, performance appraisal, promotion, ranking submissions, or accreditation purposes.

7.2.2.6. Research Misconduct

Research misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Plagiarism.
- Self-plagiarism.
- Fabrication of data.
- Falsification of results.
- Manipulation of images or data.
- Improper authorship practices.
- Citation manipulation.

- Use of unauthorized or misleading research content.

7.2.2.7. Academic Integrity Committee

The Institute is having an Academic Integrity Committee to:

- Examine allegations of plagiarism or research misconduct.
- Conduct investigations.
- Recommend corrective and disciplinary actions.
- Submit reports to the competent authority.

7.2.2.8. Corrective Actions

Depending on the severity of the violation, the Institute may:

- Require revision and resubmission.
- Withdraw institutional approval.
- Suspend incentives and awards.
- Recommend withdrawal of publications where applicable.
- Initiate disciplinary action as per institutional and statutory regulations.

7.2.2.9. Awareness and Capacity Building

The Institute regularly organize workshops, training programmes, awareness sessions, and orientation programmes on:

- Academic integrity.
- Ethical research practices.
- Referencing and citation methods.
- Responsible use of Artificial Intelligence tools in research.
- Publication ethics and intellectual property rights.

7.2.2.10. Compliance

All stakeholders shall comply with the UGC Regulations on Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism and any subsequent amendments issued by UGC or other competent authorities from time to time.

7.3. Sponsored Research

Funded research projects constitute a vital component of the institution's research ecosystem and play a significant role in advancing knowledge, fostering innovation, strengthening industry-

academia collaboration, and addressing societal and technological challenges. Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering (YCCE) encourages faculty members, research scholars, and students to actively pursue funded research projects from national and international funding agencies, government organizations, industries, and professional bodies

The Institute shall facilitate the identification of funding opportunities, proposal development, project management, interdisciplinary collaboration, and effective utilization of research grants. Through sustained efforts in sponsored research, YCCE aims to enhance research excellence, develop advanced infrastructure, generate intellectual property, scholarly publications, promote technology transfer, skill development, product development, thereby strengthening the institutional research profile and contributing to national development.and contribute to national development and societal well-being.

7.3.1. Recruitment of a project staff:

a. Recruitment of project personnel such as Junior Research Fellows (JRFs), Senior Research Fellows (SRFs), Project Associates, Research Assistants, Technical Assistants, Project Scientists, Project Engineers, Institutional Fellows, and other staff shall be carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed by the sponsoring agency and the Institute.
b. All project appointments shall be purely temporary and contractual in nature and shall not confer any claim for regular employment in the Institute.
c. The tenure of appointment shall ordinarily be co-terminus with the duration of the sponsored project, subject to satisfactory performance, availability of project funds, and continuation of the project.
d. Selection of project personnel shall be undertaken through a transparent and merit-based process by a duly constituted Selection Committee, in accordance with the guidelines of the funding agency and institutional regulations.
e. Appointment orders shall be issued by the competent authority based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee and approval of the Principal through the Dean (Research and Development).
f. Project personnel shall execute the necessary agreements, declarations, confidentiality undertakings, and other documents as prescribed by the Institute and the sponsoring agency at the time of joining.
g. Eligible project personnel may be permitted to register for Ph.D. programmes in accordance with the prevailing UGC Regulations, University Statutes, and institutional guidelines

7.3.2. Salary and Allowances:

a. All sponsored research projects shall be administered in accordance with the financial regulations of the sponsoring agency, Institute financial procedures, statutory audit requirements, and applicable government regulations.
b. Separate financial records and accounts shall be maintained for each sponsored research project to ensure transparency, accountability, and effective utilization of funds.
c. Project funds shall be operated under approved budget heads such as Personnel, Equipment, Consumables, Travel, Contingency, Institutional Overheads, and any other categories approved by the funding agency.
d. Re-appropriation of funds between budget heads, wherever permitted, shall be carried out only in accordance with the norms of the sponsoring agency and with approval from the competent authority.
e. Principal Investigators (PIs) shall be responsible for maintaining all project-related records including procurement documents, asset registers, stock registers, utilization records, and technical progress reports.
f. All project expenditures shall be incurred within the approved project period and in accordance with the sanctioned budget and funding agency guidelines.
g. Equipment, software, infrastructure, and other assets procured through sponsored projects shall remain the property of the Institute or shall be governed by the ownership provisions specified by the sponsoring agency.

7.3.3 Travel, Training and Dissemination Support

a. Subject to availability of funds and approval of the competent authority, project personnel, Principal Investigators (PIs), Co-Principal Investigators (Co-PIs), research scholars, and students associated with the project may be supported for participation in conferences, workshops, seminars, training programmes, field visits, and other research-related activities.
b. Travel Allowance (TA), Dearness Allowance (DA), registration fees, accommodation charges, and other admissible expenses shall be governed by the provisions of the sponsoring agency and institutional regulations.
c. Researchers shall be encouraged to disseminate project outcomes through publications, patents, technology demonstrations, workshops, and stakeholder engagement activities.

7.3.4 Institutional Support for Sponsored Research

a. The Institute will provide administrative, financial, legal, and technical support for proposal development, project execution, procurement, reporting, auditing, and project closure activities.
b. Faculty members are encouraged to seek funding from national and international agencies including ANRF, DST, DBT, DRDO, ISRO, CSIR, AICTE, MSME, Ministry of Education, industries, foundations, and other recognized organizations.

7.3.5. Incentives for Projects Funded by Sponsoring Agency:

In order to promote research environment and activity of the Institute and motivating the researchers, incentives are given to the faculty members, who have Projects sponsored by sponsoring agencies. 3% incentive for MODROB and 5% incentive for any proposal/project funded by the Government funding agencies

7.3.6. Faculty Development & Research Interactions:

YCCE recognizes continuous professional development as a critical component of research excellence. The Institute shall encourage faculty members, researchers, and research scholars to participate in Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), workshops, short-term training programmes, research methodology courses, advanced certification programmes, industrial training, and international collaborative activities.

Financial support for registration fees, course fees, travel, accommodation, and related expenses may be provided as per institutional norms and budgetary provisions. The Institute may also invite eminent academicians, researchers, industry experts, innovators, entrepreneurs, and policymakers for expert lectures, collaborative research initiatives, mentoring activities, and capacity-building programmes.

7.3.7. Institutional Seed Grant Scheme for faculty members

The Institutional Seed Grant Scheme aims to promote innovative, interdisciplinary, translational, patent-oriented, and socially relevant research by providing financial assistance to faculty members for initiating high-quality research projects that have the potential to attract external funding, generate intellectual property, develop prototypes, or create societal impact.

7.3.7.1 Eligibility

a. Full-time regular faculty members of YCCE shall be eligible to apply for seed grants.
b. Collaborative and interdisciplinary proposals involving multiple departments shall be encouraged.

A grant of the research seed money is given to the full-time faculty members of YCCE, under

Policy Number	Name of the scheme	Limit
F - 28	Innovative Minor Patentable Product Development	30000
F - 29	Innovative UG/PG Projects	25000 (in exceptional cases 50000)
F - 05	Inhouse Minor Research Scheme	1 L
F - 26	Innovative Experimental Setup	25000 (in exceptional cases 50000)

7.3.7.2 Call for Proposals

a. The Dean (Research and Development) shall invite research proposals periodically, ordinarily twice in an academic year.
b. Proposals shall be submitted in the prescribed format along with objectives, methodology, expected outcomes, budget estimates, and implementation plans.

7.3.7.3 Evaluation and Approval

a. All proposals shall undergo peer review, RAB Members and evaluation by an expert committee constituted by the Institute.
b. Evaluation shall be based on innovation, technical merit, feasibility, societal relevance, interdisciplinary nature, publication potential, patentability, commercialization prospects, and alignment with institutional research priorities.
c. Recommendations of the evaluation committee shall be placed before the competent authority for approval.

7.3.7.4 Duration and Monitoring

a. The normal duration of a seed grant project shall be one year, extendable under exceptional circumstances with approval of the competent authority.

b. Periodic progress reviews shall be conducted by the Dean (R&D) or a committee constituted for the purpose.

7.3.7.5 Expected Outcomes

Seed grant recipients shall be expected to achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

- Submission of external funding proposals
- Publications in quality journals indexed in Scopus/WoS
- Patent filing or intellectual property generation
- Prototype or product development
- Technology transfer or commercialization
- Industry collaboration
- Societal or community impact initiatives

7.3.7.6 Project Closure

Upon completion of the project, the Principal Investigator shall submit a technical report, financial utilization statement, outcome report, and other documents as prescribed by the Institute.

7.4. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and Technology Transfer

Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering (YCCE) recognizes Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) as a strategic asset for promoting innovation, knowledge creation, technology development, entrepreneurship, and societal impact. The Institute is committed to fostering a culture of innovation and intellectual property generation among faculty members, researchers, research scholars, students, and staff by facilitating the protection, management, commercialization, and dissemination of intellectual assets arising from academic, research, consultancy, and innovation activities.

The Institute shall provide guidance and support for identification, protection, ownership, valuation, licensing, commercialization, and technology transfer of intellectual property generated through institutional research and innovation activities. The IPR Division shall also facilitate awareness regarding patents, copyrights, trademarks, industrial designs and other forms of intellectual property in accordance with applicable national and international laws, Government of India policies, and guidelines issued by UGC, AICTE, and other competent authorities.

The Institute shall encourage the conversion of research outcomes into intellectual property assets, technology products, start-ups, and commercially viable solutions that contribute to economic growth, societal development, and national priorities.

7.4.1 Objectives of the IPR Division

The objectives of the IPR Division are to:

a. Promote awareness and understanding of Intellectual Property Rights among faculty members, researchers, students, and staff.
b. Encourage innovation, creativity, and protection of research outcomes through appropriate intellectual property mechanisms.
c. Facilitate patent filing, copyright registration, trademark registration, design registration, and other intellectual property protection activities.
d. Support technology transfer, commercialization, licensing, and entrepreneurship initiatives.
e. Establish linkages with industries, start-ups, incubation centres, innovation ecosystems, and technology transfer organizations.
f. Enhance the Institute's contribution towards innovation-driven research, product development, and societal impact.

7.4.2 Institutional Support for IPR Protection

The Institute shall provide necessary administrative, technical, legal, and financial support for intellectual property protection activities. The support may include:

a. Prior-art and patentability searches.
b. Patent drafting and filing assistance.
c. Copyright registration support.
d. Technology assessment and valuation.
e. Legal consultation related to intellectual property protection.
f. Awareness programmes, workshops, FDPs, and training on IPR.
g. Facilitation of technology licensing and commercialization.

7.4.3 Financial Assistance for Intellectual Property Protection

To encourage innovation and intellectual property generation, YCCE may provide financial assistance support as per institutional policies approved from time to time. The financial assistance may include:

a. Patent prior-art search charges.
b. Patent drafting charges.
c. Patent filing fees.
d. Examination and prosecution fees.
e. Copyright registration fees.
f. Design registration fees.
g. Prototype development support.
h. Technology validation and commercialization support.

The quantum of financial assistance shall be governed by separate institutional guidelines and budgetary provisions approved by the competent authority.

7.4.4 Ownership of Intellectual Property

a. Intellectual Property generated using significant institutional resources, sponsored project funds, consultancy assignments, or research facilities of the Institute shall ordinarily be governed by the Institute's IPR Policy and applicable agreements.
b. Intellectual Property generated jointly with external organizations shall be governed through mutually agreed arrangements and formal agreements.
c. Revenue generated through commercialization or licensing shall be shared as per institutional norms approved by the competent authority.

7.4.5 Technology Transfer and Commercialization

The Institute shall actively promote the transfer of knowledge and technologies developed through research and innovation activities to industry, government agencies, start-ups, and society. Technology transfer activities may include:

a. Licensing of intellectual property.
b. Industry collaboration.

c. Product and prototype development.
d. Start-up creation and incubation.
e. Consultancy and technical services.
f. Joint development agreements.
g. Technology commercialization initiatives.

7.4.6 Incentives and Recognition

To promote innovation and intellectual property generation, the Institute provides recognitions and performance-based appreciation mechanisms

7.4.7 IPR Awareness and Capacity Building

The Institute shall organize regular awareness programmes, workshops, seminars, FDPs, expert lectures, innovation challenges, and training programmes on:

a. Intellectual Property Rights.
b. Patent drafting and filing.
c. Technology transfer.
d. Entrepreneurship and start-up development.
e. Innovation management.
f. Commercialization strategies.
g. National and international IPR frameworks.

7.4.8 Compliance

All stakeholders shall comply with the provisions of the Patents Act, 1970 (as amended), Copyright Act, 1957 (as amended), Designs Act, 2000, and other applicable intellectual property laws, regulations, and institutional policies.

The Institute will periodically review its IPR practices and procedures to ensure alignment with evolving statutory requirements, national innovation policies, and global best practices.

8. Code of Conduct:

Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering (YCCE) is committed to fostering a culture of integrity, accountability, transparency, professionalism, and ethical conduct in all research, innovation, consultancy, and scholarly activities. All faculty members, researchers, project personnel, research

scholars, students, and collaborators engaged in academic and sponsored research activities shall adhere to the following principles:

8.1 General Responsibilities

a. Comply with all applicable institutional policies, statutory regulations, funding agency guidelines, and terms and conditions governing research and sponsored projects.
b. Conduct research with honesty, objectivity, accountability, and professional responsibility, ensuring the highest standards of academic and scientific integrity.

8.2 Confidentiality and Information Security

a. Maintain confidentiality of research data, intellectual property, proprietary information, project documents, and sensitive technical information, wherever applicable.
b. Refrain from unauthorized disclosure, sharing, publication, or dissemination of confidential information obtained during the course of research activities.

8.3 Academic Integrity and Ethical Research Practices

a. Ensure originality in all scholarly work and strictly avoid plagiarism, self-plagiarism, fabrication, falsification, data manipulation, and any form of research misconduct.
b. Adhere to the provisions of the UGC Regulations on Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism and subsequent amendments.
c. Ensure appropriate citation, acknowledgement, authorship attribution, and recognition of contributions made by collaborators and stakeholders.

8.4 Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Tools

a. Use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools and digital technologies responsibly, ethically, and transparently in research, publication, and academic activities.
b. Disclose the use of AI-assisted tools wherever required and ensure that researchers remain fully accountable for the accuracy, originality, and integrity of the work produced.

8.5 Fairness, Inclusivity, and Professional Conduct

a. Promote fairness, impartiality, mutual respect, and professionalism in all research and academic interactions.
b. Uphold the principles of equality, diversity, inclusion, non-discrimination, and respect for human dignity.

c. Foster a collaborative research environment that encourages interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary engagement.

8.6 Conflict of Interest

Researchers shall disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest that may influence the conduct, interpretation, reporting, or evaluation of research activities.

8.7 Compliance and Accountability

Any allegation of violation of this Code of Conduct, research misconduct, ethical breach, or non-compliance with institutional regulations shall be examined by a duly constituted committee. Based on the findings and recommendations of the committee, the competent authority may initiate appropriate corrective, disciplinary, or administrative action in accordance with institutional rules and applicable statutory provisions.

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