Plagiarism Policy

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In accordance with the UGC Notification on University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, the Plagiarism Policy of the institute has been formulated with a view to ensure that the institute ensures zero-tolerance for plagiarism in the research work carried out by its faculty or the students.

'**Plagiarism'** is the unacknowledged use of another person's work as one's own work. Plagiarism involves copying of Phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or longer extracts from published or unpublished workincluding from internet without acknowledgement of the source.

Self-Plagiarism:
Copying/reproducing, in part or whole one's own published work without giving proper reference of thatwork.

Methods of Plagiarism:
(a) Quoting directly another person's language, data, illustration, tables, etc. without due acknowledgement of the source.
(b) Copying a section of book/article/report/monograph/dissertation/thesis without proper citation.
(c) Buying, stealing or borrowing assignments, experiments/results.
(d) Paragraphing the work of others without due acknowledgements.
(e) Using ideas of someone else without crediting the originator.
(f) Copying, cutting and pasting from the internet or online source and submitting as one's own workwithout giving proper reference/citation.

Detection of Plagiarism:
Candidate shall submit the report generated on the plagiarism checking software like **Drillbit** software, of his/her Synopsis/draft thesis along with a soft copy of both the documents for the consideration of Departmental Research Committee.

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 content, preface and acknowledgements.
  iii) All generic terms, laws, standard symbols and standards equations.

Note:

The research work carried out by the student, faculty, researcher and staff shall be based on original ideas, which shall include abstract, summary, hypothesis, observations, results, conclusions and recommendations only and shall not have any similarities. It shall exclude common knowledge or coincidental terms, up to fourteen (14) consecutive words.

Similarity Index

    i) For Synopsis : Similarities up to 10%

    ii) For Thesis: Similarities up to 10%

Detection/Reporting/Handling of Plagiarism

If any member of the academic community suspects with appropriate proof that a case of plagiarism has happened in any document, he or she shall report it to the Departmental Research Committee (DRC). Upon receipt of such a complaint or allegation, the DRC shall investigate the matter and submit its recommendations to the Research & Development Department.

Procedure for reconciliation of plagiarism reports:

If a draft thesis is found plagiarized and is reported to Departmental Research Committee, then the Departmental Research Committee shall call the candidate to hear the candidate's view. On hearing the candidate, the Departmental Research Committee shall submit its recommendations keeping in mind the following guidelines:

a. The similarity between documents is within the limit for putting some original results in proper context and all original sources are correctly cited. The similarity is not of such nature which directly affects the original findings of research. No further action is required. Candidate may be permitted to submit the thesis.

b. Self-plagiarism: "Regarding self-plagiarism or cases where published work of the student is shown Plagiarism in the check, the candidate may exclude the same by citing it as reference. Only those articles that have been published by the student from the thesis work should be excluded from the check.

c. Similarity contents are from candidate's previous published work without proper citation. Candidate will be required to resubmit the work with proper citations. If the published work is co-authored by others, the researcher shall submit a consent letter from co-author(s) and publisher permitting him to use the work in his thesis.

  Note:

    The thesis resubmitted as recommended by the Departmental Research Committee will be again placed before Departmental Research Committee and the candidate will also be required to be present to substantiate the necessary improvements made by him/her in the thesis.

Plagiarism reported after the of Award of Degree

a. In case, any plagiarism is reported to the Institute after a Ph.D degree has already been awarded, the Vice Chancellor may constitute an expert committee to enquire into charges of plagiarism and the committee will submit its report with recommendations.

b. The expert committee may give the opportunity of hearing to the concerned parties as it deems fit.

c. The Vice Chancellor will place the report along with recommendations of the committee before the Academic Council for its consideration and action.