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**Objective:** To establish institutional mechanism for code of ethics of research and to prevent plagiarism.

**Introduction:** Unfortunately, researchers indulge in various types of misconduct such as altering results (falsification), making up data or results (fabrication) or copying other people's work (plagiarism). In order to counter widely committed malpractices research work and publication, our institute has laid down "Code of Ethics". It provides a set of regulating guidelines for safeguarding genuineness and sincerity of research. These guidelines include description of generally accepted ideal practice for researchers. These guidelines will help researchers to know misconducts in research and how to prevent them.

**The guidelines are as follows:**

**1. Research Misconduct:** Research misconduct is moral offence. Faculty members, staffs, and students should not involve in this offence. However, researchers may get lured into it due to pressure of "publish or perish", over ambitious publication goals, immorality of character, etc. Whatever the reason may be, they should be well aware of aftereffects of these misconducts. Researchers should firmly avoid these misconducts at their level rather than being caught by rival research group, other lawful agencies or editors while scrutinizing manuscripts.

## **2. Plagiarism**

**2.1 Definition:** Plagiarism is presenting someone else's work, ideas, texts and data as your own work. It includes copying or reproducing contents without an acknowledgement of source. Plagiarism is an offence. Such researchers are thief of intellectual property. Hence, faculty members, staffs, and students must not become guilty of plagiarism and thus of research misconduct.

### **2.2 Methods of Plagiarism:**

- a) Copying of Phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or longer extracts from published or unpublished work including from internet without giving acknowledgement.
- b) Quoting directly another person's language, data, illustration, tables, etc. without due acknowledgement of the source.

- c) Copying a section of book/article/report/monograph/dissertation/thesis without proper citation.
- d) Buying, stealing or borrowing assignments, experiments/results.
- 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 work without giving proper reference/citation.

**2.3. Detection of Plagiarism:** These regulatory guidelines are to educate students and teaching community about plagiarism and the factors constituting it. First hand detection of plagiarism is on basis of subject expert's judgment. Later, it is verified by plagiarism software /tools.

- a) Candidate must submit the report generated on the plagiarism checking software - Turnitin of his/her manuscript.
- b) The exclusion at the time of performing the check is limited to the following:
  - (i) Quotes, Bibliography, Phrases
  - (ii) Small matches up to 4 words
  - (iii) Small similarity less than 2%
  - (iv) Mathematical Formula
  - (v) Affiliations, Name of Institutions, Departments etc.
  - (vi) References