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Code of Ethics: Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a Cognizable Offence.

The core work carried out by the student, faculty, staff and researcher shall be based on original ideas and shall be covered by Zero Tolerance Policy on Plagiarism. The core work shall include abstract, summary, hypothesis, observations, results, data collection, conclusions and recommendations. Every submission related with research will be accompanied by an undertaking by the researcher indicating that the document is his/ her original work and free of any plagiarism and contain a bibliographic reference of the copied part.

Follow Good Research Practices.

Preamble

Ethics and honesty are the two most important components of the academic activities (be it teaching or research). Teaching & research is a novel profession based on extremely high moral values. There cannot be any room for claiming the credit for the work he/she has not undertaken. Many times it is observed that some of the “academicians” knowingly or unknowingly publish or present other’s work as their own. Such acts will affect healthy academic atmosphere in the institute which will also harm the reputation of the institute as well as the individual.

It is therefore important for the growing academic institute like Government College Rhenock under Sikkim University to have in place a policy on plagiarism.

Our Institute will use the online and freeware to detect plagiarism. The Government College Rhenock is affiliated to Sikkim Central University. In order to check malpractices and plagiarism in research, the institution uses software **URKUND** from its affiliated university. Government College Rhenock was constituted Research Committee to motivate the students and the faculties of the college and to check the malpractices. To assess malpractices in research this institution sends the individual manuscripts to the Research Committee (RC) to check such practices. The institution is using www.turnitin.com and <http://writingcommons.org> which are available online to prevent plagiarism.

1. Definition of Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is defined as presenting another person’s work as one’s own work. Presentation includes copying or reproducing it without the acknowledgement of the source. Plagiarism involves copying of phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or longer extracts from published or unpublished work (including from the Internet) that exceeds the boundaries of the legitimate cooperation without acknowledgement of the source. Plagiarism could be intentional (dishonest plagiarism) or non-intentional (negligent plagiarism).

2. Objectives:

1. To create academic awareness about responsible conduct of research, study, project, field study/report, term paper, promotion of academic integrity and prevention of misconduct including plagiarism in academic writing among UG students, researchers, faculty and other members of academic staff of the college.
2. To establish institutional mechanism through education and awareness programmes-cum-training to facilitate responsible conduct of research study, field work, 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 the student and faculties committing the act of plagiarism.

3. Detection of Plagiarism:

It is the prime responsibility of the College or individual to distinguish original content from plagiarized work. The detection of plagiarism is a judgment to be made by a person who understands the subject and who is also aware of the definition of plagiarism. Such person should also be aware of the tools available to detect the plagiarism.

4. Procedure for handling alleged Plagiarism:

a. Procedural Fairness

The Institution is committed to deal with alleged plagiarism in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness, including the right to:

- Matter is resolved within the stipulated time.
- Impartiality in any investigation process.
- Rejection of manuscript by the Research Committee/Editorial board.

b. Identification and Assessment of Alleged Plagiarism

Where an examiner detects or is made aware of alleged plagiarism by any person, the examiner must report the alleged plagiarism to an empowered body which confirms first if there is a plagiarism or not; if it is, then whether it is negligent or dishonest type and what is the degree of plagiarism. This constituted body will take action on it. Plagiarism would be quantified into following levels in ascending order of severity for the

Purpose of its definition: Similarities up to 10% - excluded

Level 1: Similarities above 10 to 40% Level (only one chance is given for revision of the manuscripts)

Level 2: Similarities above 40 to 60 % (3 chances will be given the revision of the manuscripts/book chapters)

Level 3: Similarities above 60% (Manuscript is rejected)

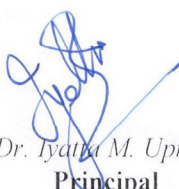
5. Counseling:

As the detection of plagiarism and steps to prevent it are important, equally important is to educate students about the dangers of plagiarism. Institution needs to take steps to strengthen the moral of students so that they do not take support of the unfair-means.

6. Guidelines for Action:

The college has formed a Research Committee of about 9 members who will establish whether there is a plagiarism or not, if it is then what is the level. This committee has a Convener and seven members and the Principal of the College as the Chairperson. This committee will submit its report to the Chairperson and the Convener for the final decision.




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