



## CODE OF ETHICS TO CHECK MALPRACTICES AND PLAGIARISM IN RESEARCH

### **Objective:**

To promote novel research among faculty members and to prevent malpractices and plagiarism.

### **Policy:**

All the academic documents of PIET faculty & students like research papers, project reports, and seminar reports shall be of high quality. The work is always divided in two parts, first one is the original contribution of the author i.e. the Core Work, which shall be based on original ideas and shall be covered by Zero Tolerance Policy on Plagiarism. Other one is the review work of the authors can be referred from other authors in same domain, shall be texted in the words of the author and should have minimum plagiarism.

In case Plagiarism is found, then it would be brought under Plagiarism Disciplinary Committee for necessary and maximum penalty.

The core work shall include abstract with keywords, introduction, objective, hypothesis, research methodology, analysis and interpretation, summary and observations, conclusions, recommendations and references.

As in lieu of the ethics in higher education, fair conduct of research and prevention of misconduct, as per UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2017, students, researchers and faculty members should not perform any academic misconduct by the theft of intellectual property in any manner.

Therefore, the proper attribution, seeking permission of the author wherever necessary, acknowledgement of source compatible with the needs and specificities of disciplines and in accordance with rules and regulations governing the source is essentially required. In case of found guilty of plagiarizing, they shall be considered under following class of severity:

Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40% - Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript submitted for publication and shall not be allowed to publish any work for a minimum period of one year.

Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60% - shall be asked to withdraw manuscript submitted for publication and shall not be allowed to publish any work for a minimum period of 2 years and shall be denied a right to one annual increment in case of academicians.

Level 3: Similarities above 60% - shall be asked to withdraw manuscript submitted for publication and shall not be allowed to publish any work for a minimum period of three

years and in case of faculty, shall be denied a right to two successive annual increments for a period of three years.

Based on the severity and above penalty levels, in case of below 10 percent of the plagiarism is found, authors can/shall be immediately asked to correct the paper and revert.

Note: Authors are necessarily required to cite reference in case of any content adopted from anywhere other than internet open sites. It is also that, even in case of open site internet source the copied contents if found more than 20 percent in aggregate during plagiarism detection, the work shall not be considered for further proceedings.



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