

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

### **OBJECTIVES-**

1. Research should be designed, reviewed and undertaken to ensure integrity, value and quality.
2. All researchers' projects with human participants should aim to avoid or minimize social harm to groups and individuals. Risk assessment appropriate to each research project will be undertaken. The research proposal must have an undertaking that the response of the respondents is voluntary and is not influenced by any factor.
3. Participants should be fully informed about the purpose, methods, and intended possible use of the research. Where there are exceptions to this, the purpose and rationale of such research projects will be fully considered, as appropriate, before approval is given.
4. The interests of research participants should be considered at all stages of the research projects.
5. Research outcome should be made accessible.
6. Any conflict of interest must be declared during the approval process.
7. All the research papers/ material would be checked for plagiarism.
8. Researcher must maximize the project's utility for the benefit of society.
9. To uphold academic honesty and integrity
10. To provide a positively oriented set of practical guidelines for maintaining integrity in research

### **Honesty**

An academic community should advance the quest for truth, knowledge, scholarship and understanding by requiring intellectual and personal honesty in learning, teaching and research.

### **Fairness**

An academic community should seek to ensure fairness in institutional standards, practices and procedures as well as fairness in interactions between members of the community

### **Legality**

An academic community should observe valid legal norms related to the conduct and publication of research particularly in relations to copyright, the intellectual property rights of third parties, the code of ethics in academic research terms and conditions regulating access to research resources and the laws of libel.

### **Plagiarism**

Authors who present the words, data, or ideas of others with the implication that they own the same, without attribution in a form appropriate for the medium of presentation, are committing theft of intellectual property and may be guilty of plagiarism and thus of research misconduct

### **Use and Misuse of Data**

If some data should be disregarded for a stated reason, confirmed by an approved statistical test for neglecting outliers, the reason should be stated in the published accounts. A large background of negative results must be reported. Any intentional or reckless disregard for the truth in reporting observations may be considered to be an act of research misconduct

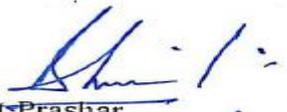
### **Self-citations**

In citing one's own unpublished work, an author must be careful not to imply an unwarranted status of a manuscript. A paper should not be listed as submitted, in anticipation of expected submission. A paper should not be listed as accepted for publication or in press unless the author has received galley proof or page proof or has received a letter from an editor or publisher stating that publication has been approved, subject perhaps only to copy-editing.

### **Responsibility**

An academic community should uphold high standards of conduct in learning, teaching and research by requiring shared responsibility for promoting academic integrity among all members of the community

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