

**Anti- Plagiarism Policy and Regulations
for
UG (B.Tech.), M.V. Sc., and PhD
Programmes and Research Publications
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1.1 What is Plagiarism?

The act of presenting someone else's work as one's own without properly citing all relevant sources is known as plagiarism. It is crucial to avoid plagiarism while publishing research articles, submitting Project Reports/ Dissertations/theses, and scientific journals or conference papers. Plagiarism can have negative effects on an individual's reputation as well as the reputation of the institution, and it may even have legal repercussions.

1.2 Definition and Scope of Plagiarism

The act of copying phrases, paragraphs, or longer passages from written or unwritten material including the internet without giving credit to the original author is known as plagiarism.

The following actions fall under the category of plagiarism for submissions of Project Reports/ Dissertations / theses by the students at the institutional level.

- a) Plagiarizing and passing off someone else's work as one's own.
- b) Acquiring or pilfering experimental data without giving due credit or acknowledgement.
- c) Taking passages verbatim from books, dissertations, research papers, and reports and not citing or recognizing the original author.
- d) Using someone else's concept without giving due credit.
- e) Self-plagiarism, which is the practice of copying an author's published work verbatim or in part without correctly citing earlier works.

1.3 Detection of plagiarism during submission of Synopsis/Theses

To detect plagiarism when submitting Project Reports/Dissertations /Synopsis/Theses at the Institute level, the following steps to be noted:

The synopsis/theses should be submitted in soft copy along with a set of certificates (Annexure I-III) with candidate's signature and countersigned by the Major/ Minor advisor(s) stating that the synopsis/thesis has been scanned using appropriate software (or any other comparable program that is recommended by the

institute) from the advisor(s)' user account. The plagiarism detection report shall be included in the synopsis/theses.

The subsequent specifications should be followed during the submission of soft copies of theses to the respective departments.

- a) Since many previously submitted theses are currently unavailable online or at the institute level, the student and the relevant advisor(s) will be solely responsible for any plagiarism found in the Project Reports/Dissertations/Synopsis/ Theses they are currently submitting.
- b) Research papers (Journals/Conference papers/Book Chapters) published from the thesis being submitted should be excluded in the plagiarism report generated by anti-plagiarism software. The articles from the pertinent thesis may be included in the respective thesis. The submitted Thesis must contain citations to the pertinent publications' references.
- c) The final page of the UG/PG/PhD thesis should contain the declaration certificate (Annexure-I).
- d) The UG/PG/PhD candidates are required to submit the soft copy of their theses to the Institute's Central Library. Only after receiving the soft copy, a "No dues" certificate from the central library would be issued to the candidate.

1.4 Procedure for probing into allegation of plagiarism

- (a) The committee for Anti-Plagiarism Policy constituted by the respective Dean, will investigate plagiarism allegations/conflicts on an ongoing basis. A complaint on the plagiarism should be reported to the Faculty Chairman.
- (b) The committee corresponds to record the versions and statements of both the person who complains his/her work is plagiarized and the person on whom complaint is made to substantiate the evidences.
- (c) The committee may make recommendations to the Faculty Chairman in two categories based on inquiry:
 - i. Low level plagiarism: If the student's plagiarism is due to negligence and unclear intent to cheat that is, if they simply copied a few lines from the internet or other online sources they may receive counseling and be given another chance to turn in their work within the allotted time.
 - ii. High level plagiarism: High-level plagiarism includes copying material, taking a significant amount of information from someone else's work without giving credit or acknowledgment, and purposeful attempts to replicate other

people's work. If there is proof that the intention to cheat is evident, the student's program may be discontinued/terminated, and the advisor(s) in question may be warned to be vigilant when countersigning the report.

Plagiarism would be quantified into the following levels in ascending order of severity for its definition:

Level 0: Similarities up to 20%

Level 1: Similarities above 20% to 40%

Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60

Level 3: Similarities above 60%

Note: *The committee is responsible for determining the extent of plagiarism. The Level 0 and 1 can be considered as 'Low Level' and Level 2 and 3 can be considered as 'High Level' plagiarism.*

1.5 Penalties in case of plagiarism in the submission of Project Reports/Dissertations/ Synopsis/Theses

Level 0: works with similarities up to 20% - Minor Similarities, no liability.

Level 1: works with similarities above 20% to 40% - Such student will be asked to re-submit a revised script within a stipulated period not exceeding six months.

Level 2: works with similarities above 40% to 60% - Such student shall be banned from submitting the revised script for a duration of one year.

Level 3: Similarities above 60% -Such student registration for that program shall be canceled.

1.6 Penalties in case of plagiarism in academic and research publications

Level 0: Similarities up to 20%

- Minor similarities, no penalty.

Level 1: Similarities above 20% to 40%.

- Shall be asked to withdraw the manuscript.

Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60%

- Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
- Shall be denied to one annual increment.
- Shall not be allowed to supervise to any new Master's, Ph.D. Student/scholar for two years.

Level 3: Similarities above 60%:

- Shall be asked to withdraw the manuscript.
- Shall be denied two successive annual increments.
- Shall not be allowed to supervise to any new Master's, Ph.D. Student/scholar for three years.

1.7 Awareness programme by the Institute against anti-plagiarism

- a) To raise awareness of the negative effects of plagiarism while publishing research publications, writing or mentoring theses, and submitting project reports, departments should host anti-plagiarism workshops.
- b) Before implementing the proposed anti-plagiarism policy, anti-plagiarism software should be made available at the Institute level with adequate login IDs. Training programmes should also be organized at the department level.
- c) To promote transparency and implement anti-plagiarism policies, all UG/PG/PhD theses should be made available online through the Institute server/ portal.
- d) It is also recommended that the approved antiplagiarism policy be displayed on the Institute's website.



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PLAGIARISM VERIFICATION

1. Name of the Researcher : _

2. Title of the Thesis/Synopsis/paper :

3. Name of Advisor (s) : _

4. Official Designation & Address : _

The above thesis / synopsis has been scanned for similarity detection. The report is as follows:

Software used _____ Date: _____

Similarity Index _____ Total word count: _____

Signature of Student/Researcher/First Author

- a) The plagiarism report of the above thesis/dissertation has been reviewed by the undersigned. The similarity index is within acceptable limit.
- b) The similarity index is below the accepted limit, because of the following reasons:

Signed by:
Signature of Student/Researcher/First Author

Counter Signed by:
Advisor(s)

SELF DECLARATION

I, _____ bearing Enrollment No..... and Registration No. do hereby take oath and state (Points not applicable may be struck off).

1. That, I am registered for the academic programme _____ on the topic titled _____ in the Department of _____ (College name).
2. That, the contents of my thesis/synopsis/work submitted to the (college name) for the award of degree are original and my own work, and is within the acceptable limit of plagiarism. I have checked the thesis/synopsis through a Plagiarism detection tool _____ approved by the College/University.
3. That, if, after checking, my thesis for plagiarism by the institute approved plagiarism checking software is found copied or comes under plagiarism, I will be solely responsible for it and institute may have the sole right to take suitable action.
4. That, the work has not been submitted by me for the award of other degree in any other University/Institute.
5. That, I shall be responsible for any legal dispute/case(s) for violation of any provisions relating to my thesis/work.

Date: _____

Place: _____

Signature of the Candidate

**Certificate regarding Originality of Research Work
(For Research Articles/ Project Proposals/ Reports etc.)**

Name(s) of Author(s)/ PI and Co-PIs in sequence they appear in article/project proposal/report along with name of Department/College (please also mention Registration No. in case of student):

Name and Designation of first author/PI: _____

Name and Designation of corresponding author: _____

Name of Major Advisor (if article is based on thesis/dissertation work): _____

Title of the article/ project proposal/ project report: _____

I / We hereby declare that the research paper/project proposal/project report submitted by me/us is an outcome of my/our independent and original work. I/we have duly acknowledged all the sources from which the ideas and extracts have been taken. The similarity index for the entire research article/project proposal/report is $\leq 10\%$ and meeting all the norms of Anti-plagiarism Policy laid down by the University. The research article/project is free from any plagiarism and has not been submitted elsewhere for publication/funding.

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The plagiarism check report of the research article/project proposal/ report generated by Dr/Mr/Ms..... is attached herewith.

Declaration by First and Corresponding Author/ Advisor of the Student

Further we declare that, the contents of this research article/ project proposal/ report circulated to the Departmental Research Committee of the Department of via e-mail with CC to the Director of Research dated for seeking approval for submission of research article/ project proposal/ report are original findings & research work.

- i) If any plagiarism is found in this article/ project proposal/ report, I / we shall be solely responsible for it and the University shall have sole right to initiate appropriate action in view of academic integrity rules.
- ii) This work has not been submitted for publication/funding to any other journal/funding agency.
- iii) I / We shall be responsible for any legal dispute / case(s) for violation of any provisions of the Anti-plagiarism Policy / Copyright Act / Piracy / Cyber / IPR etc.

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(.....)
Signature of the Corresponding Author

(.....)
Signature of the Author who generated plagiarism check report
Countersigned by Head
Department of
College of

Date:
Place:

Certificate regarding Originality of Research Work
(For Synopsis/Thesis/Dissertation for Masters' & Doctorate Programmes)

Name of Research Scholar : _____
Registration No./ Enrollment No : _____
Name of Major Advisor : _____
Name of Minor Advisor : _____
College & Subject : _____
Title of the Synopsis/Thesis/Dissertation : _____
Designation & address of Major & Minor Advisor: _____

We hereby declare that, the above-mentioned proposal for research (synopsis)/ research work submitted by Dr./Mr./Ms. _____ Enrollment/Registration No. _____ is an outcome of his/her own intellectual efforts/ research work, based on his/her personal study and/or research. He/she has duly acknowledged all material and sources used in its preparation, whether they be books, articles, reports, lecture notes, and any other kind of document(s), electronic or personal communication(s). The similarity index for the entire synopsis/thesis/dissertation is $\leq 20\%$ and meeting all the norms of Anti-plagiarism Policy laid down by the University. The synopsis/thesis/dissertation is free from any plagiarism and has not been submitted elsewhere for publication.

Justification for similarity index

The plagiarism check report of the synopsis/thesis/dissertation generated by students/Major Advisor is attached herewith.

Declaration by Research Scholar/ Major Advisor/ Minor Advisor

Further we declare that, the contents of this synopsis/thesis/dissertation submitted to the Department of _____ of the College for award of Masters'/Doctorate Degree are original findings & research work.

- i. If any plagiarism is found in this synopsis/thesis/dissertation, we shall be solely responsible for it and the University shall have sole right to initiate appropriate action in view of academic integrity rules.
- ii. This work has not been submitted for the award of any other Degree / Diploma in any other university/ Institutes or anywhere for publication.
- iii. We shall be responsible for any legal dispute / case(s) for violation of any provisions of the Anti-plagiarism Policy / Copyright Act / Piracy / Cyber / IPR etc.

(.....) (.....)
Signature of the Research Scholar Signature of the Major Advisor

(.....)
Signature of the Minor Advisor (if any)
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College of
Date:
Place: