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## Code of ethics to control malpractices in research and plagiarism in publication

Aim- The main aim of this stratagem document is to control and promote the quality in research work and the corresponding publications.

This includes supervising the research work done by the students and faculty members in the premise of this institute and assure to prohibit any sorts of malpractices that can harm the confidentiality, freedom of expression, ownership of innovations and ideas.

This also includes assurance of quality check for the publications done by the institute through its programs like conference, seminars etc.

### Introduction-

The institute has formed a specific code of ethics for researchers working in the campus of institute. Also the stated code of ethics takes care of quality of the publication done by the institutes through various events like National/ International conferences. The important issue is to ensure optimum quality in research work. This requires defining various forms of malpractices. Also the definition and cases of plagiarism are given for understanding of the readers.

### Possible Malpractices-

- 1) **Conflict of Interest:** Considering the possibility of conflict of interest in two of more participants in a common research venture in case if such activity can hamper the objectivity and effectiveness such activity shall be avoided or discontinued.
- 2) **Disputes about authorship:** The authorship represented in the written material shall be clear and agreed by the parties working together.
- 3) **Duplicate Submission:** Duplicate submission can be considered as abuses to the resources involved in the publication process. This includes resources used in the editing, reviewing, reporting staff, mailing agencies etc. Thus duplicate submission is taken as unprofessional and unacceptable.
- 4) **Fabrication or misrepresentation of data or results:** Fabrication or misrepresentation of data or results may cause serious misguidance to user of such data or results. This may turn into failures to the respective implementations. Thus fabrication is considered as an extremely serious breach of professional conduct, with potentially severe ethical and legal consequences.

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**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism constitutes unethical scientific behavior and is never acceptable. Proper acknowledgement of the work of others used in a research work must always be given. Further, it is the obligation of each author to provide prompt retractions or corrections of errors in published works.

There are varying degrees of plagiarism warranting different consequences and corrective action, listed below from most to least serious:

1. Verbatim or nearly verbatim copying or translation of a full paper(s) , or the verbatim or nearly verbatim copying or translation of a significant portion(s) of another published paper(s).
2. Disclosing unpublished data or findings without permission, even if attributed.
3. Unaccredited verbatim or nearly verbatim copying or translation of individual elements of another paper(s).
4. Unaccredited paraphrasing of pages or paragraphs from another paper(s).
5. Credited verbatim copying or translation of a major portion of a paper without clear delineation (e.g., quotes or indents)

### **Important Quality Measures-**

The institute has identified a few quality measures that a researcher must follow.

- **Integrity:** The researcher is responsible for the trustworthiness of his or her own research. Fabrication, falsification, plagiarism and similar serious violations of good academic practice are incommensurate with such trustworthiness.
- **Respect:** People who participate in research, as informants or otherwise, shall be treated with respect.
- **Good consequences:** Researchers shall seek to ensure that their activities produce good consequences and that any adverse consequences are within the limits of acceptability.
- **Fairness:** All research projects shall be designed and implemented fairly.
- **Quest for Truth:** Research activity is a quest for new knowledge, with critical and systematic verification and peer review.
- **Academic freedom:** institution shall assist in ensuring the researchers' freedom in their choice of topic and methodology, implementation of research and publication of results.
- **Confidentiality:** As a general principle, those who are made the subjects of research are entitled to have their personal information treated confidentially. The researchers must take care not to inflict damage on individuals who are the subjects of research.
- **Availability of Results:** As a main rule, research results should be made available. Openness regarding research findings is essential for ensuring verifiability, for returning some benefit to the research participants and society in general, and for ensuring a dialogue with the public.
- **Institutional responsibility:** The responsibility for ethical conduct rests not only with the individual researcher, but also with the respective institution where the researcher works.
- **Social Responsibility:** Researchers have an independent responsibility to ensure that their research will be of benefit to research participants, relevant groups or society in general, and for preventing it from causing harm.
- **Global Responsibility:** Research institutions and researchers have a responsibility to communicate relevant knowledge to regions that are otherwise excluded for reasons of economic disadvantage.
- **Laws and Regulations:** In the field of research, there are national laws and regulations as well as applicable international conventions and agreements, and researchers and research institutions must abide by these.



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### **Policy for Plagiarism-**

1. The Ph.D. guides are supported with Urkund Software by NMU. They are using this software for the purpose of checking and controlling plagiarism in publications of research papers and thesis before it is published.
2. For other researchers of our Institute the candidates are instructed to use online plagiarism software and assure avoidance of plagiarism.
3. Copyright Form- The candidates participating in conference and selected for journal/proceeding publication are required to fill up the Copy Right/Undertaking form to take the responsibility of the ownership of the published document and questionable contents (if any not identified in review process).

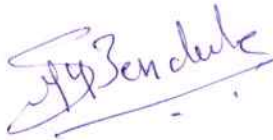
### **Publication Ethics Committee-**

These code of ethics are formed by the Publication ethics committee. The committee is responsible to look after the fairness of the research activity taking place in the institute and has the right to take decisions in case of violations of the code as prescribed in this document.

In case of any sorts of conflict, complaints the committee will take the decision about publication in question and communication to respective authors of papers.

The member comprises:

- 1) Director of Institute: Chairman
- 2) Member Coordinator (Research Cell): Secretary
- 3) Respective Head of the Department: Member
- 4) Subject Experts: 2 Members



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