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<u>Code of Ethics to check malpractices and plagiarism in Research</u>

Code of Ethics:

Ethics are the fundamental unit of teaching and research which is defined as "moral principle that allows us to strive for honesty". It includes conduct during the research which necessitates integrity to present the outcomes, without malpractices and to teach and deliver in a way that is believed to be professionally appropriate.

Basic Principles of Code of Research Conduct:

1. **Honesty:** it is the basic fundamental duty of a researcher to adhere to honesty in learning and in obtaining knowledge though research and training.
2. **Trust:**   It is the responsibility of the individuals to create an environment of mutual trust between colleagues for easy exchange of ideas and opinions **.**
3. **Transparency and Accountability:** It is important for researchers to report research methods, data and findings openly and truthfully. The researchers are advised to store that rough data, in case any issue arises from the reporting of their data. The researcher is himself responsible for the research conducted and communicated by him.
4. **Respect:**   It is the responsibility of all the individuals to have mutual respect and the institution supporting the research. Furthermore, it is highly important to maintain the highest respect for research subjects as for as privacy and rights are concerned. They should be explained regarding the consequences and outcome of research in their native language.
5.   **Conflict of interest:** Disclose any conflict of interest that may arise from the work proposed.
6. **Plagiarism:**   University has no tolerance policy for Plagiarism. It is extremely important to cite and acknowledge others work accurately. Don't copy others writings, unpublished data and ideas.

Malpractices and Plagiarism:

Malpractices include manipulation, false credit, distortion of the research process by fabrication of the data, hypothesis, or methods from other researchers' manuscripts. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to steal and pass of the ideas or words of another as one's own; to use another's production without acknowledge the original source. Faculty and researcher scholars / fellows are required to carry out their research in compliance with all the University's obligations under legislation and other ethical conduct. To fulfill ethical conduct, the University has constituted an ethical committee to ensure that no malpractices are being followed. University has a mechanism in place to check the plagiarism of publications using UGC recognized Urkund Software. Plagiarism and other scientific misconduct are checked and are made punishable including termination from the university and legal action.

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