

BANGALORE CITY COLLEGE

(Affiliated to Bangalore North University, Recognized by Govt. of Karnataka)

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CODE OF ETHICS TO MALPRACTICES & PLAGIARISM IN RESEARCH

1. Introduction:

The Brainchild of Ramakrishna Education Trust (R), Bangalore City College was founded with the sole aim to serve the people by imparting quality education. Ramakrishna Education Trust was founded in the year 1999 and envisages to provide quality management education along with information technology and biological sciences to further their intellectual and social growth in the society. Situated in a pristine location, at the center of Bangalore and providing atmosphere for academics, Bangalore City College is aiming at imparting value based education to the students.

The concept of research is an integral part of every activity. The objective is to ensure that the process of research work is embedded in every bit of the activity. Faculties who have passion for research are recruited. Rewards and recognition promotes research and publication activities. Reports are evaluated and preserved in the Central Library as a valuable reference material for the students and faculty.

Institute requires that all research carried out at all levels is conducted according to high ethical standards. The syllabus include research projects, research papers internships etc. To facilitate the research activity the institute avails research databases. Plagiarism software is used to check authenticity of the research work. The provisions for ethical approval assist researchers, supervisors and students doing research to identify appropriate issues and to address these in the structuring of research proposals.

The Institution encourages Faculty and students to involve themselves seriously in improving their academic profile by attending National/International Seminars/Conference and by writing Research Papers. Orientation sessions are also organized for enabling them to know about how to write a good research paper, keeping in view of the contemporary developments on their respective fields. It is also planned to make them aware of the trends in research, ISSN/ISBN requirements and the threat of plagiarism. The Present Code of Ethics as is expected to impose a kind of discipline among the faculty and research scholars working for their degrees. An attempt has also been made to align these guidelines with UGC's Regulations on Plagiarism issued on 1st September 2017. In addition, the affiliating University's Rules and Regulations will also be followed in letter and spirit.

2. Objectives:

It is the objective of the college to ensure that the Research work as carried out with highest Standards and it shall be the policy of the College to follow Zero Tolerance Policy. This would be made applicable not only to Thesis, but also to every other report/results.

- To create academic awareness about responsible conduct of research, study, project work, assignment, thesis, dissertation, promotion of academic integrity and prevention of misconduct including plagiarism in academic writing among students, researchers, faculty and other members of academic staff as well as any employee HEIs.
- To establish institutional mechanism through education and training to facilitate responsible conduct of research, study, project work, assignment, thesis, dissertation, promotion of academic integrity and deterrence from plagiarism.
- To develop systems to detect plagiarism and to set up mechanisms to prevent plagiarism and punish a student, faculty, or staff of HEI committing the act of plagiarism.

3. Code of Ethics:

1. Research should be designed, reviewed and undertaken to ensure integrity, value and quality.
 2. Researchers must ensure their proposed research projects follow the ethical guidelines of an appropriate learned society recognized by their Faculty.
 3. 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.
 4. 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.
 5. The interests of research participants should be considered at all stages of the research projects.
 6. Research outcome should be made accessible.
 7. Any conflict of interest must be declared during the approval process.
 8. All the material would be checked for plagiarism.
 9. Researcher must maximize the project's utility for the benefit of society.
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4. Initiatives:

The college initiated the following action to achieve the objectives

- College organized orientation workshops for creating awareness of the guidelines

- To advise all the paper writers to acknowledge the sources from which they have borrow the material or ideas without violating the copyright law. Also take necessary permission from the Author/Authors and Publishers for reference or reproduction.
- To put on place the necessary mechanism to look in to the cases of plagiarism and malpractices like copying text, photos and etc.
- To use suitable software for selection of plagiarism.
- To maintain a Data Bank of Thesis/Reports to help prospective scholars ask guidance to undertake good quality research work.

5. Penalty:

In case any Faculty or Student if found to have indulged in committing Plagiarism, he/she will not be permitted to submit the Thesis/Report. One opportunity will be given to him/her to correct and put the Thesis or Report in order. If found repeating disciplinary action is initiated on them.

In case of Students, there will be punishment in terms of reduction in the marks/credits. If found repeating, action will be taken to detain from taking the exam and finally leading to debarring from the institution.