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Code of Ethics for Research

The purpose of code of ethics is to prevent malpractices in research work done by faculties and **research scholars**. The code of ethics mainly focuses on imparting integrity and honesty in the research activities and prevents plagiarism in research.

Our Institute follows the code of ethics given below

1. Use of plagiarism check software: We use plagiarism check software for checking thesis and papers written by UG, PG students and Ph.D. scholars. We allow 10% similarity for reports written by PG students and Ph.D. scholars whereas 20 % similarity for reports written by UG students.
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3. Acknowledgement for help or funding provided by other researchers or funding agency: For externally funded research, equipment and software are purchased through purchase committee of institute. In addition, funding support is acknowledged in research publications and reports submitted.
4. Avoidance of ghost author in research publications: Authors of scientific/technical papers contribute significantly in developing new knowledge by carrying out research and dissemination of same through publication for benefit of society. Ghost authorship is not encouraged and discouraged in our institute.
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6. Maintenance of confidentiality of results and designs of research work carried out for industries: Faculties and students may receive confidential information from other researchers or industries for carrying out research work. They need to ensure confidentiality of data and do not disclose it to the others or publish it without the consent of the party who owns the information. Researchers must protect commercially sensitive data or Intellectual Property that may cause losses to the business.
7. Misconduct in academic research implies but is not limited to fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or deception in proposing, carrying out, or reporting results of research and deliberate, dangerous, or negligent deviations from accepted practice in carrying out research. It includes failure to follow an agreed protocol if and when this failure results in unreasonable risk or harm to persons, the environment, and when it facilitates misconduct in research by collusion in, or concealment of, such actions by others.
8. The institute demands that research misconduct is to be abhorred by a researcher and further states that “research misconduct does not include honest error or differences of opinion”.
9. Misconduct includes but is not limited to the following acts:
 - I. Plagiarism: The deliberate copying of ideas, text, data, or other work (or any combination thereof) without due permission and acknowledgment. Plagiarism is “the appropriation of another author’s ideas, processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit”. Representing any part or parts of another’s work as one’s own is considered as plagiarism and may be a violation of the Principle of Ethics.
 - II. Piracy: The deliberate exploitation of ideas from others without proper acknowledgment.





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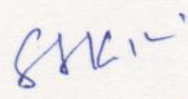
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- III. Abuse of Intellectual Property Rights : Failure to observe legal norms regarding copyright and the moral rights of authors.
 - IV. Abuse of Research Resources: Failure to observe the terms and conditions of institutionally licensed research resources.
 - V. Defamation: Failure to observe relevant legal norms governing libel and slander.
 - VI. Misinterpretation: The deliberate attempt to represent falsely or unfairly the ideas or work of others, whether or not for personal gain or enhancement.
 - VII. Personation: The situation where someone other than the person who has submitted any academic work has prepared (parts of) the work.
 - VIII. Fabrication and Fraud: The falsification or invention of qualifications, data, information, or citations in any formal academic exercise.
 - IX. Sabotage: Acting to prevent others from completing their work. This includes stealing or cutting pages out of library books or otherwise damaging them, or willfully disrupting the experiments of others, or endangering institutional access to licensed research resources by willfully failing to observe their terms and conditions.
10. In case if students or faculties do not adhere to the code of conduct, then such cases shall be taken to the R&D committee for resolving the issue.
11. Following to be considered while writing the report or thesis or research paper
- I. Write the report as per the template/format.
 - II. Use of legal license software for report writing.
 - III. Publish research work in reputed/recognized/standard publisher's conference/journal.


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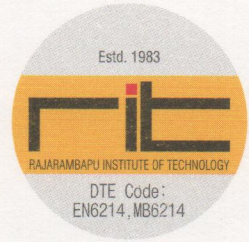
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