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RESEARCH POLICY

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RESEARCH POLICY

- ## Preamble

Research is the hallmark of progressive and result oriented educational institutions. It is the precursor for the academic excellence of the institution. It fosters scientific temper, critical thinking, creativity and research bent of mind.

Higher Education Institutions are expected to perform threefold activity which includes teaching, research and extension. Research happens to be one of the pioneer aspects of academic activities which help the institution to achieve excellence in the field of education. It also includes the quality of learning and knowledge development. Research and developmental activities helps to create and disseminates new avenues in knowledge, promotes innovation and it will motivate better learning and teaching among faculties and students of S.M. Shetty College of Science, Commerce and Management Studies we have framed and implemented our Research Policy.

- ## Purpose

The purpose of the Research Policy is to create a vibrant atmosphere of research among faculty and inculcate research culture among the students and faculty. The policy shall serve as an overall framework within which research activities will be carried out. It also aims to identify thrust areas of research having social relevance and thereby supplementing the Vision and mission of the college. The Research policy also emphasises contribution towards society and to the nation at large.

- ## Scope

This Research Policy forms the basics of the research ethics of the college and is implemented in all the departments and it serve as the guidelines for the functioning of the Research council of the college. The implementation and updating of the research policy is carried out by the Chairperson Research Cell of the college. The Research Policy shall have a Research Advisory Cell with external experts to function under the Principal of the College, to assist and advice in matters related to research within the college.

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- ## **Objectives of Research Policy**

 Objectives of the Research Policy are as follows:

- To develop awareness regarding research among the faculty and students
- To establish a right kind of research culture through various research initiatives and programs
- To establish Research Centre in different disciplines with emphasis on socially relevant topics.
- To encourage faculty members to publish research papers and undertake various research projects of social and academic importance.
- To publish research papers and articles in research journals, to provide a dais to the faculty members, as well as researchers and academicians in the college as well as in those from academia across the country.
- To create awareness in the society through various research initiatives and by giving due publicity to the socially useful research projects that will be undertaken by the college.

- ## **The Support System/ Research Infrastructure**

 The following research facilities are available in our College:

- Seed money is provided to faculty and students to participate and publish research papers and UGC recognised journals.

- The College has 15 dedicated computers in the library and also dedicated computers at Research Centre which students and research scholars can use whenever they require.

- The College is well equipped with internet as well as Wi-Fi connection which enables students to use laptops

- Around 56 national and international journals and periodicals have been subscribed.

- More than seventeen thousand books, audio-visual collections and e-research material are available in the library for the benefit of all.

- Books and reference material for project work are available in the library.

- The College has an active Research Cell, which encourages more number of students and faculty to undertake research projects.

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- The college research cell conducts activities to encourage research **culture and aptitude** periodically

- IQAC organises Annual Research Methodology FDP's to enrich knowledge of research for faculties and students

- Teachers are available to mentor and guide students for participating in all research related activities.

- Departmental teachers guiding students to participated in 'Avishkar', Maharashtra State Government sponsored research activity

- A reading room is available for students and research scholars throughout the year.

- Teachers and students can place their demand for placing order for their desired books

- Experts are invited in the College for guest lectures

- ## Plagiarism Policy

We follow the plagiarism policy decided by UGC and University of Mumbai. This policy is given in the following link.

https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/8864815_UGC-Public-Notice-on-Draft-UGC-Regulations,- 2017.pdf

In order to facilitate the plagiarism policy college has purchased software Plagiarism Checker X and installed in the Computers of Research Centre.

- Plagiarism check is mandatory for undergraduate and post graduate students who undertake any project during their tenure at S.M. Shetty College.
- The students who write the project submit the copy to the guide and guide makes plagiarism check and report is submitted to the Librarian who in turn issues the certificate.
- If the Plagiarism is fall between 10 to 20 percent the project is accepted and otherwise it is rejected.
- Faculty who publishes research papers have to go through plagiarism check.
- Research proposal submitted to the Research Centre also have to undergo the plagiarism check.

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- **Research Policy**

The college shall have a well-defined research quality which shall act as a guideline for the scholar, teachers and all other concerned personnel.

- To encourage original research in the relevant fields
- To identify and encourage the faculty members to undertake research in emerging areas of research
- To establish linkage with industries and business organizations to identify potential areas of research
- To encourage faculty members to get funded projects research projects from National Funding agencies
- To provide seed money (financial assistance) for publication of research papers and research findings
- To offer a suitable platform to the faculty members, scholars and students of S.M. Shetty College Mumbai to publish their research findings and encourage them to bring to the relevance of society
- To organize various workshops to develop appropriate research skills among the scholars and faculty members.
- To depute faculty members to various workshops, symposia, seminars and conferences in their respective fields
- To establish research infrastructure in the college that will help to undertake different research projects.
- To enrich information and data resources suitable for undertaking quality research projects and enquires.
- To undertake all activities that will inculcate research culture in the college.

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