

Rajarshi Shahu Mahavidyalaya (Autonomous), Latur.

“Code of Ethics for Research (CER)”

1. Preliminary

Rajarshi Shahu Mahavidyalaya (Autonomous), Latur with its mission ‘Pursuit of Excellence’ is committed to the pursuit of truth, honesty and integrity to safeguard and promote the interest in research activities. The policy aims at prevention of plagiarism and malpractices in research work carried out by Teachers, Research Scholars and Students of the College in and outside the campus.

2. Scope

The “Code of Ethics for Research” is applicable to all Teachers, Research Scholars and Students of the College undertaking research activities in and outside the campus. It comprises all the activities through which research data and other relevant information are collected, analysed, processed and proclaim including surveys, interviews and the reporting of research findings.

3. Objectives

Code of Ethics for Research are Set by the college to:

- Provide the ethical outline within which the ethical review progression will operate within the institute.
- To promote worthy ethical standards in research and scholarships.
- The Teachers and Research Scholars should not publish the articles in predatory journals and avoid the malpractices including falsifying the results, artificial construction of research results, Misinterpretation of results, etc.

4. Ethical Values Addressed:

The following are ethical values addressed under the “Code of Ethics for Research” set by the college:

(Reference: A. Shamoo and D. Resnik, “Responsible Conduct of Research”, New York: Oxford University Press, 2nd ed., 2009)

4.1. Academic Candour:

Teachers, Research Scholars and Students should be genuine in all scientific communications, data and results to be reported, methods and procedures, and publication status. Never manipulate/misrepresent/falsify the data nor mislead colleagues, granting agencies or society.

4.2. Reliability:

Keep your undertakings and agreements; act with honesty; struggle for consistency of quality deliberations and action.

4.3. Caution:

Circumvent casual blunders and negligence; carefully and critically inspect and justify your work and the work of peers. Keep quality paperwork and records of research activities, such as Daily-Diary Methodology, literature review, research design, data collection, data analysis, interpretation, drafted manuscripts and its communication with agencies or journals. Teachers and Research Scholars should not publish the Research Papers in Predatory Journals. All researchers have to take care of plagiarism and the publication should not lead to retraction, which will be treated as a serious offence.

4.4. Respect for Intellectual Property (IP) and its Rights:

Tribute patents, copyrights, and other forms of intellectual property. Furthermore, never use others unpublished data, methods, or results without the permission of belonging person. Give credit/acknowledgement at requisite places where credit is due for all contributions to research/persons.

4.5. Privacy:

Protect confidential communications, such as manuscripts, projects or grants submitted for publication, personnel records, deals or military secrets, and patient records used for requisite research.

4.6. Societal Accountability:

Put subtle efforts to endorse social well-being and to prevent or lessen social harms through research, public education, and promotion.

4.7. Competence:

Sustain and improve professional proficiency and expertise throughout enduring education and learning; acquire steps to promote competence in all disciplines of research as a whole by keeping interdisciplinary/transdisciplinary approach.

4.8. Legitimacy:

Get acquainted with governmental policies, IP relevant laws (such as cyber crime, IP rights, etc) and college rules and regulations to obey them.

4.9. Animal Care:

Depict appropriate respect and care for animals when using them in research by following the relevant norms of the UGC/Committee for the purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA)/Government. Never conduct needless or poorly framed animal experiments.

4.10. Human Subjects Protection:

Whilst conducting research on human subjects reduce troubles, risks and make the most of the benefits; respect human decorum, privacy, and independence; take requisite particular safety measures with susceptible populations; and endeavour to distribute the profits and troubles of research honestly.

5. Composition of CER:

The composition of CER will be

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| 1. Principal | Ex-officio Chairperson |
| 2. Vice Principals | Ex-officio members |
| 3. Faculty Representatives (from RAC) | Members |
| 4. Member of CER | Member Secretary |

(Chairperson can invite additional members as per the need.)

6. Review and Implementation

The compendium of 'Code of Ethics for Research' will be applicable to the college campus and collaborating institutes / colleges / industries.

The policy will be reviewed periodically by taking into consideration the various situations, time to time guidelines from Parent University, Govt. of Maharashtra, UGC, etc.

It will comprise of a Chairperson, Member Secretary, and 7-13 active members who represent an appropriate balance of professional, ethical, legal, cultural, educational, and community interests. The committee will have a minimum of 7, and maximum of 13 members.

Principal
