

### 3.4.1 Code of Ethics to Check Malpractices and Plagiarism in Research

St. Joseph's College for Women (A) is committed to promote and maintain high standards of honesty and accountability in the conduct of academic research and is keen to implant and endorse the culture of honesty and transparency in all its institutional activities. The institute strives to preserve academic honor and integrity by repudiating all forms of academic and intellectual dishonesty, including plagiarism. Whenever college conducts any seminar at the time of Journal publication, the Editorial committee thoroughly checks the Research papers with the plagiarism software which is available online. Use of freely available software to catch instances of plagiarism during review.

The Research Committee of St. Joseph's College for Women(A) comprises of: 1) Principal: Chairman 2) Member Coordinator 3) Respective Head of the Department: Member 4) Subject Experts 5) IQAC Coordinator

The Research Committee functions

- i. 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 of institution.
- ii. To establish institute use plagiarism software so as to ensure that documents such as thesis, dissertation, term papers, reports, publications or any other such documents are free of plagiarism at the time of their submission

Plagiarism constitutes unethical scientific behavior and is never acceptable. Proper acknowledgement of the work of others used in a research work must always be given. Further, it is the obligation of each author to provide prompt retractions or corrections of errors in published works.

The institution is committed to producing and promoting research and scholarship of the highest order, unadulterated with plagiarism and other unethical practices, all this, while endeavoring to maintain academic freedom and innovation. The college invites its teachers and students to abide by the highest standards of

integrity in their conduct of academic research and/or support to academic research activities, which include the following:

No form of plagiarism allowed. Plagiarism takes many forms viz. "passing off" another's paper as one's own, copying or paraphrasing substantial parts of another's work without due acknowledgement, and claiming credit for another's research.

Use of appropriate plagiarism checks- both manual and technical – such as, use of softwares to catch instances of plagiarism during review.

In the event of the teachers/students attending/participating in any conference, permission must be sought from the Principal, highlighting the purpose of the visit.

Many of our faculty members serve as reviewers on editorial boards of many prestigious journals, and adhere to the strictest standards to ensure good quality publications.

Our college also organizes conferences and seminars on pressing issues calling for academic inquiry, and while selecting papers for the same, places strong emphasis on the standard of research, original thought and expression,

We also keep our teachers and students informed of appropriate guidelines for publication in various journals, including those recognized by the UGC

Our library is stocked with renowned journals from the world over, acting as a mirror for quality research and writing, for our teachers and students - a veritable tool that they can employ by emulating the standards of these publications.

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