

Introduction

HPT Arts & RYK Science College, Nashik is committed to fostering a culture of research excellence, integrity, and ethics. This policy outlines the principles and guidelines for conducting research and ensuring ethical standards in all research activities undertaken by the college community. Research centers in the College are the epicentres of innovation and excellence.

Scope

This policy applies to all research activities conducted by faculty members, students, and staff of HPT Arts & RYK Science College, Nashik, including:

1. Research projects funded by external agencies or internal grants
2. Research collaborations with other institutions or organizations
3. Research involving human subjects, animals, or biological materials
4. Research involving sensitive or confidential information

Objectives:

The objective of the Research Policy of HPT Arts & RYK Science College, Nashik is to promote a culture of research excellence, innovation, and ethics, with the aim of:

1. Advancing knowledge: To contribute to the advancement of knowledge in various disciplines, fostering a spirit of inquiry, and promoting intellectual curiosity among faculty members, students, and staff
2. Improving teaching and learning: To enhance the quality of teaching and learning by integrating research into the curriculum, promoting evidence-based practices, and encouraging the development of innovative pedagogies
3. Addressing societal needs: To conduct research that addresses the needs and challenges of society, promoting social responsibility, and contributing to the betterment of the community

4. **Fostering collaboration:** To encourage interdisciplinary and inter-institutional collaborations, promoting a culture of teamwork, and facilitating the exchange of ideas and expertise
5. **Developing research capacity:** To build research capacity among faculty members, students, and staff, providing opportunities for professional development, and supporting the growth of research leaders
6. **Ensuring research integrity:** To promote the highest standards of research integrity, ethics, and accountability, ensuring that all research activities are conducted with transparency, honesty, and respect for persons, animals, and the environment
7. **Enhancing institutional reputation:** To enhance the reputation of HPT Arts & RYK Science College, Nashik as a center of research excellence, attracting external funding, and promoting national and international recognition
8. **Dissemination of Information:** To share information/guidelines issued by UGC, Govt. of Maharashtra and Centre for Publication Ethics (CPE) of Savitribai Phule Pune University with staff and students

By achieving these objectives, the Research Policy aims to create a vibrant research ecosystem that supports the college's mission to provide high-quality education, promote academic excellence, and contribute to the betterment of society.

Research Ethics Principles

The college is committed to upholding the following research ethics principles:

1. **Respect for persons:** Researchers will respect the autonomy, dignity, and privacy of individuals involved in research, including participants, collaborators, and colleagues.
2. **Beneficence:** Researchers will ensure that their work is conducted with the intention of promoting the well-being and safety of individuals and society.
3. **Non-maleficence:** Researchers will avoid causing harm or injury to individuals, animals, or the environment.

4. **Justice:** Researchers will ensure that their work is conducted fairly, without bias or discrimination, and with respect for the rights and interests of all individuals involved.
5. **Integrity:** Researchers will maintain the highest standards of honesty, transparency, and accountability in their work.

Policy Guidelines:

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

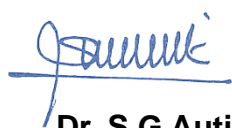
- The primary objective is to promote original and high-quality research in various fields such as science, literature, social sciences, and interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary areas.
- Research Centers in the College will encourage innovative and socially relevant research, by adhering high standards of research ethics.
- All drafts prepared by faculty and students must undergo plagiarism checks by the research committee before being published in UGC approved journals.
- The aim is to identify emerging research areas and encourage faculty members to engage in research within these domains.
- Utilizing manuscripts available in the College library for research purposes will contribute to the development of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS).
- Establishing connections with industries and business organizations will help in identifying potential research areas, conducting surveys, and other research inquiries.
- Acquiring projects, market surveys, and research activities with assistance from various business entities, industries, NGOs, boards, and forums is crucial.
- Encouraging faculty members to secure research projects from National Funding agencies like SERB, DBT, DST, ICSSR, UGC, and other institutions is a priority.
- Providing a platform for faculty members, scholars, and students to publish their research findings and address contemporary societal issues, including through Gokhale Education Society's research journal, 'Swayamprakash'.

- Organizing workshops to enhance research skills among scholars and faculty members is essential.
- Sending faculty members and students to workshops, symposia, seminars, and conferences in their respective fields and areas of contemporary importance is encouraged.
- Establishing appropriate infrastructure within the college to support various research projects is a key focus.
- Encouraging undergraduate and postgraduate students to participate in research competitions like Avishakar is part of fostering a research-oriented culture.
- Undertaking activities that promote a research culture within the college is a fundamental goal.

Sources for References:

The College will use following sources for updating its information for research and ethics:

1. Centre for Publication Ethics (CPE) of Savitribai Phule Pune University- <https://cpe.unipune.ac.in/>
2. UGC- Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics- <https://ugccare.unipune.ac.in/Apps1/Home/Index>.
3. Guidelines for Research Publications- http://unipune.ac.in/uop_files/Report-Guidelines_20-5-15.pdf



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