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Code of Ethics for checking malpractices and plagiarism in Research

The main objective is to promote the research and research publications and prevention of plagiarism in research.

The SSR College of Arts, Commerce and Science is committed to promote and maintain high standards of integrity 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 while trying to allow academic freedom and innovative thinking. The institute strives to preserve academic honour and integrity by eliminating all forms of academic and intellectual fraudulence, including plagiarism.

The college is committed to maintain the standard of research, original thought and expression which are ensured through review committee constituted at Institutional level. All teachers and students follow the guidelines given by **Savitribai Phule Pune University** for publication in various journals which are recognized by UGC. We also use **Plagiarism-X: licence version software**.

The review committee comprises

1. Principal
2. IQAC Co-ordinator
3. Head of Respective Department
4. Subject Expert

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism represents unethical scientific behaviour which is never acceptable. Proper acknowledgement of the work of others used in a research work must always be given. Further, it is the obligatory on part of each author to provide prompt corrections of errors in published work.

Degrees of Plagiarism:

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| 1. Invalid Source | 6. Misleading Attribution |
| 2. Secondary Source | 7. Unethical Collaboration |
| 3. Duplication | 8. Verbatim Plagiarism |
| 4. Replication | 9. Complete Plagiarism |
| 5. Repetitive Research | 10. Paraphrasing |

Possible nature of Ethical violations:

- **Conflict of Interest:** Any action that may result in a conflict of interest must be fully disclosed. When impartiality and effectiveness cannot be maintained, the activity should be avoided or discontinued.
- **Disputes about authorship:** Proper authorship representation is usually a matter for the involved parties to resolve.
- **Duplicate Submission:** Duplicate submission is unprofessional and

unacceptable. It misuses the resources of all affected journals, including the valuable time of editors, reviewers and staff.

- **Fabrication of data or results:** Any incidence of fabrication shall be considered to be an extremely serious breach of professional conduct, with potentially severe ethical and legal consequences.

Action/Penalty:

Any violation of the rule and other issue, complaints regarding plagiarism attracts disciplinary action to be imposed by committee within one month from the day of complaint. Depending on the type of act and violation of code of ethics, suitable penalty or punishment against defaulters shall be recommended by the review committee.