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### **Aim of Research Ethics Policy**

- There are a rising number of students, teachers and research scholars, piloting major and minor research projects in the domain of Arts, Science, Commerce and Management.
- Human participation in these studies is inescapable phenomenon for investigation concern.
- In recent years, researchers have increasingly ventured into topics that touch upon social and ethical dilemmas and controversial subjects, enjoys investigation in diverse fields.
- The interest and integrity of researchers is societal responsibility.
- The research must be for integrity of society and nation, they are funded from government and non-government agencies across India.
- The purpose of Research Ethical committee is to maintain integrity in ongoing scientific research practices, good scientific reporting practices and Anti-plagiarism practices.
- the UGC has recommended that each institution has its own Office of Research Integrity (ORI) at the local level (Patwardhan et al, 2020).
- General ethical principles and ethical standards laid by the American Psychological Association (APA) has enlisted general ethical principles for participation of humans in research: Integrity, Justice, Rights and dignity of people, Loyalty, Kindness and non-maleficence

### **Objectives of Research Ethical committee**

- To respect human dignity and reliability
- To ensure transparency and honesty towards research areas
- To respect individual freedom in relevant research
- To protect individual by research
- To ensure confidentiality and privacy
- To Promote impartiality and comprehensiveness
- To minimize harm
- To maximize benefit
- To share benefit of research for betterment of society
- To respect and protect an environment for future





- To check personal rights of the participants (every living and non-living entities).
- To penalize researcher if he or she violates personal rights of the participants
- To scrutinize research proposals that methodologies involving human participation
- To give guideline to researchers on survey based research with respect to informed consent : aims, methods and voluntary participation, risk factor, time of survey, precautions, funding agencies, confidentiality
- To clarify the motto of research
- To explain any issues relating to copyright of data and other materials used in the research.
- To ensure for following plagiarism policy.
- To take strong justification when some controversial methodologies like covert research, internet research, social media research

**The important circumstances for the approval of the research proposal from a research committee:**

- It needs to be carefully scrutinized in research when there is presence of Vulnerable participants such as children, refugees, irregular migrants, sex workers, people with cognitive impairments, dissidents, traumatized people at risk of re-traumatization.
- The ethical committee reviews the proposal of the research before the study begins as well as during the proposed period.
- When the finding in research fall outside the scope of the research project then, the findings should be put in front of Research committee for approval.
- A research proposal may be classified as “minimal risk project”
- If the research project is beyond “minimal risk” level, it must be scrutinized research ethics committee



### **The guidelines about the constitution of the research ethics**

- Research Ethics Committee must be multidisciplinary and multisectoral
- Members include individuals with scientific expertise, including expertise in behavioural or social sciences;
- Committee must include members who are not affiliated with organization
- Committee should include at least five members with two non-affiliated members.

### **Core documentation required by Research Ethics Committee**

- the research proposal, included with the exact methods and procedures to be followed
- a statement that no unethical deception of participants is involved, and no exaggeration of proposed benefits
- a statement of about confidentiality.

### **The need for upgrading the knowledge of current good research practices for ethical committee members**

- The educational institution needs to organize training programmes for ethical committee members from time to time so as to maintain updated knowledge about research ethics.



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