

## Code of Ethics

The institution has a Research Cell which follows a Code of Ethics for all research activities undertaken by the staff and students of the college. All research activities of the institution are passed through the Research Cell which ensures that the Code of Ethics is followed by the participants. This Code is based on the following general principles:

- i) **Essentiality:** For undertaking research it is necessary to make all possible efforts to get and give adequate attention to existing literature/knowledge and its relevance and the alternatives available on the subject/issue under the study
- ii) **Maximisation of public interest and of social justice:** Research is a social activity carried out for the benefit of the society. It should be undertaken with the motive of maximization of public interest and of social justice.
- iii) **Respect and protection of the autonomy, rights and dignity of the participants:** Research involving participation of individual(s), must not only respect but also protect the autonomy, rights and the dignity of participants. The participation of individual (s) must be voluntary and based on informed consent.
- iv) **Non-exploitation:** Research must not unnecessarily consume the time of participants or make them incur undue loss of resources and income. It should not expose them to risks due to participation in the research. The relationship within the research team including students and junior members should be based on the principle of non-exploitation. Contribution of each member of the research team should be acknowledged and properly recognized.
- v) **Accountability and transparency:** The conduct of research must be fair, transparent and honest. The researchers should be amenable to an academic and financial review by the Research Cell and the institution. All research documents are passed through a plagiarism software before submission of the same, in order to detect any malpractices indulged in by the participants. They should also preserve all research records for a considerable period of time and a copy of their research report should be submitted to the institution.