ITM University Gwalior Code of Academic Integrity

1) It is the prime responsibility of individual to distinguish original content from plagiarized work.
2) While the Teachers, Researchers and students are
   a) sending their paper to publish
   b) paper to present in the conference
   c) sending proposals for funding the grant
   d) filing patents
   e) allowing students to submit dissertation /thesis
   f) loading anything on the university website or other relevant website

   they are required to submit the draft to the R & D cell to check their draft by the plagiarism software available with the department alongwith a signed statement that they are aware of the policy of the University and no part of their work (paper, project report, thesis or dissertation, thesis etc) is not copied in any form and it is their own creation.
3) R&D Section will use appropriate sotwares and other mechanism to identify plagiarism.
4) Till the submitted draft is cleared by R&D section of the University it cannot be used for any purpose. Clean documents will be issued certificate by R&D section citing results of scrutiny by relevant softwares. As per UGC requirement all Ph.D. thesis, not applicable to language subjects, will also have to submit at least one copy in English and that research supervisors must also attest to the originality of the work, including that no plagiarism has taken place.
5) University will procure softwares to **detect plagiarism and other forms of "academic theft". Any other software with the same effectiveness** and efficiency may also be approved by **Academic Council.**
6) As per UGC guidelines the University will submit a soft copy of the M.Phil. dissertation and PhD thesis to the UGC for hosting the same in the digital form maintained by INFLIBNET.

Procedure for handling alleged Plagiarism

1) Following three member standing committee for detection of plagiarism (consisting of persons understands the subject and who is also aware of the definition of plagiarism) will be formed.

   a) Dean /Coordinator of R & D Cell (Convenor)
   b) Subject expert
   c) VC Nominee

2) The committee will first ascertain the degree of plagiarism. Towards the same the committee of experts should use the best possible software suggested by UGC or National Knowledge Commission for detecting the plagiarism. .

3) In case plagiarism is detected the concerned person will be informed and asked to respond within a given time to the allegations against them .

4) This committee will then prepare report along with its recommendation to VC to take disciplinary action.

5) Depending on the severity of crime the punishment could be :
   a) Fine or warning
   b) Rustication for limited period or permanent for research/teaching
   c) Withdrawal of degree
   d) Punishment to blacklist guide who has a PhD student with whom plagiarism is detected.
   e) Failure in the course to suspension or expulsion from the University.
   f) freezing of all research grants,
   g) Promotions/annual increments of the offender may be stopped, for a specified period and
   h) Organization may debar the offender from sponsorship of research funding, travel grant, Supervision of Ph.D. students, scholarship, fellowship or any other funded program for a period

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