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POLICY DOCUMENT ON PLAGIARISM

- Plagiarism in any form (ie.) papers presented in regional, national and international seminars, publication of research papers in journals, M.Phil., Ph.D., D.Litt. and D.Sc. thesis submitted to the University for Evaluation should not be allowed.
- The authentication from Librarian has to be attached to the thesis submitted that the said thesis is original and has not been plagiarized. This authentication may be issued by using plagiarism software. This is applicable to all the papers presented and all the research work published. This is also applicable to M.Phil., Ph.D., D.Litt. and D.Sc. thesis to be awarded hereafter.
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Scale of Punishment

- If "Plagiarism" is identified in case of thesis submitted for the award of M.Phil., Ph.D., D.Litt. and D.Sc. the degree should be withdrawn. For the students doing M.Phil./Ph.D. if plagiarism is identified in any research papers presented/published, his/her registration will be cancelled.
- In case of research papers presented in seminars and conferences, if there is any complaint about plagiarism, a fact-finding Committee nominated by the Vice-Chancellor may be constituted which will decide on the mode of punishment based on the degree of plagiarism. The Committee should comprise two external experts from other Universities.
- If Plagiarism is identified in respect of Assistant Professor the person concerned will not be allowed to apply for higher post either through CAS/CDS/for selection. Further he is required to wait for 3 more years than the stipulated time for applying to the next higher cadre.
- In case of Associate Professor and Professor, the person concerned who had resorted to plagiarism will be demoted to the immediate lower cadre. Further, those who are found guilty in this regard will be debarred from guide-ship for a further period of 10 years.
- The relevant software may be procured in the Research Section to find out the plagiarism.
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