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CODE OF ETHICS IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH

Quest for truth, knowledge and scholarship are the prime objectives of research. Research should encourage the free exchange of ideas and enable all to reach their highest potential. It should be conducted with the utmost of intellectual and personal honesty. At Smt. Maniben M.P.Shah Women's College of Arts and Commerce the following code of ethics have been defined:

Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Egalitarianism

- **Respect:** All participants in the research shall be treated with respect. A researcher should uphold respect for learning and research, intellectual and institutional heritage and for educational procedures. The researcher should respect the confidentiality of matter shared by the participants in the research. It is also the responsibility of the researcher to ensure genuine voluntariness of the participants through documented consent. Hence, prior to taking consent participants should be clearly informed on the aims and implications of the research as well as the possible outcomes and benefits of the research. The researcher should respect the right of individuals to refuse to participate in research and to withdraw their participation at any stage.
- **Responsibility:** The researcher should promote high standards in research. The researcher has the responsibility to ensure that the research is of benefit to the participants and society in general. The researcher has the responsibility to share relevant knowledge gained with the academic community and the institution where the research has been carried out, in order to preserve the research output for posterity. The researcher is responsible to complete the research within the stipulated time. The



institution shall assist in the research by ensuring academic freedom of the researcher to choose topic, methodology and publication avenues. The institution and the researcher have a shared responsibility for promoting academic integrity through research.

- **Integrity:** The researcher is solely responsible for the trustworthiness of their research. The researcher should observe all valid and legal standards related to the conduct and publication of research. Care should be given to comply with standards set by applicable research institutions, publishing houses and National and International conventions. Any and all who have made a significant contribution to the project qualify for authorship and hence it is the duty of the researcher to ensure the inclusion. Where multi-authored work is based primarily on student's dissertation/thesis, the student should have a position of priority on the list of authors. However, editors of the research and data collectors do not qualify for authorship. Where a research funding body provides guidelines on the use of research funds, researchers must follow those guidelines rigorously, including adequate reporting of financial statements as required by the sponsor. Researchers must also follow all guidelines on the management and disbursement of funds.
- **Egalitarianism:** The researcher in expressing their views should be able to distinguish between professional comments, in the context of the research, and personally held opinions. There should be no premeditated intent to hurt any religious, caste, class, gender and other sentiments. At all times the researcher should ensure the equity in the conduct of the research.

Compliance with the following code is mandatory in order to uphold high standards of conduct in research.



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