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**Code of Ethics in Academic
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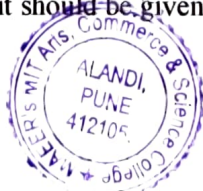
MIT Arts, Commerce and Science, Alandi (D) is indeed committed to promote and maintain high standards of integrity and accountability in the conduct of academic research at all levels and is intense to support the tradition of honesty and transparency in all its institutional activities. This is the demand of academic integrity that all researchers follow prominent professional standards, including appropriate research design and frameworks. We define academic integrity in terms of the assurance to the ethics of honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility.

As an academic institution, we undertake to preserve, extend, and communicate truth. The following Code of Ethics in Research attributes general ideology of ethical demeanor to guide researchers towards the highest morals of academic research.

I. Integrity and Honesty

Considering Integrity and honesty two basic pillars in academic research, the researchers are always motivated to carry all of their research related activities as per the accepted standards of regulations. They should abide following responsibilities:

1. All the data that is gathered for research purpose and thereby used, should be correct and authentic.
2. Only the verified and correct data should be reported in journals, conferences and reports at any level.
3. Any kind of error that the researcher observes in any of his/her published material should be rectified by taking all required reasonable steps via issuance of retraction or correction of data.
4. Any statement that could be misinterpreted or misleading for someone should not be declared asserted or published anywhere.
5. Plagiarism will not be accepted at any cost, that it is highly forbidden to present portions of another's report or data as our own, even if the other work or source of data is cited somewhere previously by us.
6. Researcher must clearly cite every source of information and data, which is used in the research document and is not the result of the researcher himself.
7. If the research/resource has been funded by any agency or organization, then proper acknowledgment and credit should be given to that agency or organization.



8. Complete, detailed and up-to date records should be kept for all kind of research undertaking.
9. Complete transparency in the use and disbursement of resources for research should be followed.
10. Research results must be accessible to the public once the research is concluded.
11. Confidentiality of sources must be respected and confidential data and information must not be revealed in any of the report or research outcome.

II. Fairness and Justice

Considering research as a collaborative effort, contributing to the knowledge by sharing resources and expertise, our peers, colleagues, students, benefactors, and research participants must be treated impartially and fairly. To have this, each of us is expected to fulfill the following responsibilities and standards of conduct:

1. Peers, colleagues, students, and research participants should be respected in due manner.
2. One should provide assistance to other researchers, especially if one is specifically skilled and gained expertise in that specific field.
3. Confidentiality and proprietary rights of peers, colleagues, and students whose material is being reviewed for publication, presentation, or funding by a grant must be respected.
4. Special care should be given to the equipments, material resources, and results.
5. The material contribution of others in research undertaken by someone should be acknowledged.
6. The legal ownership of the research and/or its products should be properly distributed among the stakeholders.

III. Sense of responsibility and Safety

Being intellectuals, it becomes the responsibility of researchers to protect and promote the safety and interests of the community. In this respect, we have the following obligations, as stated below:

1. Call the attention of the public and the authorities to any observed vulnerability or risk that threatens human and environmental safety.
2. Making misleading or exaggerated statements, or publicizing equivocal research findings as fact should be avoided.
3. Safety practices in all research activities should be observed.



4. Deliberate violation or circumvention of regulations governing research should be avoided.
5. At the end of any kind of research activity, it should be ensured that laboratory wastes are properly disposed or treated.
6. It must be assured that research activities do not result in environmental degradation.



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