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## **INSTITUTE VISION**

**To emerge as a Centre of Excellence for Learning and Research in the domains of engineering, computing and management**

## **INSTITUTE MISSION**

- M1: Provide congenial academic ambience with state-art of resources for learning and research.**
- M2: Ignite the students to acquire self-reliance in the latest technologies.**
- M3: Unleash and encourage the innate potential and creativity of students.**
- M4: Inculcate confidence to face and experience new challenges.**
- M5: Foster enterprising spirit among students.**
- M6: Work collaboratively with technical Institutes / Universities / Industries of National and International repute**

## **QUALITY POLICY**

**Sreenivasa Institute of Technology and Management Studies strives to establish a system of quality assurance to continuously address, monitor and evaluate the quality of education offered to students, thus promoting effective teaching processes for the benefit of students and making the College a Centre of Excellence for Engineering and Technological studies.**





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### **1. PREAMBLE**

As per the draft regulations issued by the University Grants commission through “University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Education institutions) Regulation-2018” vide notification dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 regarding plagiarism check, the following anti-plagiarism policy document is prepared and followed at SITAMS. Ethics and Honesty are the two most important components of the academic activities in teaching or research. Teaching and research is a noble profession based on extremely high moral values.

### **2. DEFINITION OF PLAGIARISM**

- Plagiarism is the “wrongful appropriation” by “stealing and publication” of another authors “language thoughts, ideas, or expressions” and the representation of them as ones original work.
- Plagiarism is defined as presenting another person's work as one's work without the permission of the owner.
- The presentation includes copying or reproducing it without the acknowledgment of the source.

### **3. ADOPTION OF ANTI-PLAGIARISM POLICY AT SITAMS**

Plagiarism is considered as academic dishonesty and a breach of journalistic ethics. Globally, many institutions use plagiarism detection software to uncover potential plagiarism practices. At SITAMS, the anti-plagiarism policy shall be adopted and implemented not only to protect the “intellectual





property Right” but also to develop the character among the students to be perfect in academic writing.

- ✚ The Institute has subscribed plagiarism detection software to facilitate the teachers and students to produce original papers, projects, theses, etc.
- ✚ Guidelines prescribed under this policy document shall be applicable to the students, researchers, faculty and staff of SITAMS.
- ✚ These regulations shall be applicable from the date of publication.
- ✚ The service shall be limited to SITAMS Academic Community.
- ✚ It shall be mandatory to screen all the theses.
- ✚ Based on the general practices at various Universities/Institutions, the similarity index limit shall be kept as 30% or lower.

#### 4. DETECTING PLAGIARISM

It is the prime responsibility of an institute or individual to distinguish original content from plagiarized work. The detection of plagiarism is a judgment to be made by a person who understands the subject and who is also aware of the definition of plagiarism. Such a person should also be aware of the tools available to detect the plagiarism. SITAMS is using the best tools/software to detect plagiarism.





## 5. GUIDELINES TO CHECK PLAGIARISM

1. Plagiarism reports must be generated by available anti-plagiarism software at the time of submission of theses/ papers
2. In case of self-plagiarism or cases where published work of a researcher is known by plagiarism check, a certificate (Plagiarism Self Exclusion Certificate) has to be issued by the Supervisor specifying and attaching the articles that have been published by the student from thesis work.
3. For B.Tech/M.Tech/MBA/MCA thesis, the certificate that contains less plagiarism in the thesis has to be submitted to the Exam Branch at the time of submission of thesis along with a certificate from the students signed by the supervisor.

## 6. LEVELS OF PLAGIARISM

For all cases, plagiarism shall be quantified into following levels in ascending order of severity for the purpose of its definition:

- ❖ *Level 0: Similarities between 0% to 10%.*
- ❖ *Level 1: Similarities between 10% to 40%.*
- ❖ *Level 2: Similarities between 40% to 60%.*
- ❖ *Level 3: Similarities above 60%.*





## 7. PENALTY

- Penalty in the case of plagiarism shall be imposed on students pursuing studies at the level of UG, PG, Ph.D. and faculty of the institute only after academic misconduct on the part of the offender has been established without doubt, when all avenues of appeal have been exhausted and the individual in question has been provided enough opportunity to defend himself or herself in a fair or transparent manner.

Penalty for various plagiarism issues

Level	Student THESIS	Faculty PUBLICATION
Level 0	No Penalty	No Penalty
Level 1	Asking for resubmission within six months	Asking for withdrawing the manuscript.
Level 2	Debarring the student for one year for submitting a revised script.	1. Ask for withdraw of the manuscript. 2. Stop to give annual increment. 3. Not allowed to be as a guide for two years.
Level 3	Cancelling the student registration.	1. Ask for withdrawing the paper. 2. Stop to give two annual increments. 3. Not allowed to be as a guide for three years.





