

MSP Mandal's Shri Shivaji Law College, Parbhani Policy Document

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Introduction:

Research and development through it, have become a vital aspect of every HEIs. Research enables to search solutions to the problems faced by individuals, society and nation and ultimately paves way for development. Development further poses problems and answer to it sought through research. Thus, research is a continuous process or chain of problem and solutions which leads to innovations & development. HEIs play important role in this process of research through the intellectuals involved therein such as academicians, research scholars as well as students who innovate ideas, plots, etc. For that purpose, it is necessary to have research culture in every HEI which promotes, protects ideas and supports to bring these ideas into existence through incubation process. MSP Mandal's Shri Shivaji Law College and Research Institution is actively engaged in imparting legal education from graduation to doctoral level since many years. In order to keep pace with time, the Institute has now transformed its research center into Innovation and Incubation Center (IIC).

Aims & Objectives of IIC:

Research is continuous, long-term process involving multiple people intellectually. It also needs financial assistance and engagement of multiple people to complete the task effectually and this may pose hurdles before individuals. To overcome this drawback, it is necessary to take initiative by HEIs and offer helping hand to the researchers. The aims and objectives of IIC of the College are thus, as below-

- 1. To promote healthy and innovative 'research culture' in the Institute.
- 2. To enable faculty to undertake research projects useful to the society.
- 3. To support in terms of financial, academic and human resources.
- 4. To create an ecosystem for innovation including incubation centre and other initiatives for creation and transfer of knowledge.
- 5. To conduct workshop/seminars on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR),
- 6. To encourage faculty members and research scholars to participate in seminars, workshops, symposia, etc. and present, publish research papers in reputed journals.
- 7. To check malpractices in research.
- 8. To create linkages and MoUs for widening scope of research in faculty of law.

Policy and Procedure of IIC:

Shri Shivaji Law College has well developed research center since 2008. Till date more than 15 students have completed Ph.D. in the faculty of law, having 7 research supervisors from all over the State. At present there are 13 Research scholars pursuing their doctoral study including one international

student. In order to achieve the above stated aims and objectives, the Institute has developed policy accordingly. The Institute takes timely administrative decisions to enable faculty to submit project proposals. It also helps the faculty to approach funding agencies for mobilizing resources for research. The Institution supports to its faculty for submitting research projects and securing external funding through flexibility in administrative processes and infrastructure. The Institute also provides financial assistance to its faculty for research publication in reputed journals.

Procedure for Financial Assistance:

All faculty members are encouraged to publish research papers in reputed journals and they are provided financial assistance. The procedure is,

- i. Every year specific amount is earmarked for IIC in the Institutional budget.
- ii. All the faculty members are acquainted about provision of financial assistance for research publication.
- iii. Publications in UGC approved and reputed refereed journals are taken into account for release of finance.
- iv. 60:40 formula is applied for financial aid i.e. out of earmarked budget 60% would be reserved for International publication while 40% for national.
- v. Only registration fees would be provided to the faculty members taking into account the fact that complete reimbursement is not possible in all cases.
- vi. All faculty who have published papers are required to make application to the IIC Committee headed by Head of the Research Institute.
- vii. Applications will be scrutinized by the Committee and pro rata amount will be disbursed at the end of every academic year.
- viii. One faculty will be entitled to receive the aid once in year, however if the budget permits, he/she may avail it for more than once in the same year.

Procedure for Research Projects:

The Institute shall have a separate Committee for searching area of research, funding agencies such as UGC, Governmental Agencies, NGOs, etc. that will sponsor the research projects undertaken by the Institute. If there is delay in receiving research funds from such funding agencies, the Institute will make every attempt to provide seed money to the researchers. The Committee will encourage the faculty to suggest and materialize minor research proposals to the newer ones while major research projects to those who have completed minor research project previously.

Linkages and MoUs:

Research is not restricted to individuals, hence engagement of all stakeholders in research shall make the research complete and substantive. This can be achieved by inclusive research that includes visions, opinions, suggestions, views and findings of stakeholders. For this, coming together by intellectuals and sharing their expectations and experiences shall improve quality and ambit of research. For this, linkages and Memorandum of Understandings with other institution shall assist in achieving quality research. Linkages and MoUs also assist in providing internships and trainings to the students. Through these linkages and MoUs, the Institution shall organize and also participate in intellectual gatherings such as seminars, conferences, workshops, webinars, etc. for students and teachers.

Research Supervisors:

At present the Institution has 06 full time teachers of the College as recognized research supervisors of affiliating Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded. These research supervisors are also working as external experts for evaluation of Ph.D. work of other Universities.

List of Research Supervisors:

- 1. Dr. R.B. Deshmukh
- 2. Dr. Mrs. P.G. Chavan
- 3. Dr. G.M. Fulzalke
- 4. Dr. Harsha Suryawanshi
- 5. Dr. Waseem I. Khan
- 6. Dr. K.S. Neharkar

Recognized PG Teachers:

Pre-requisite of research supervisor is recognition as PG teacher. Following full time teachers of the College are recognized as PG teachers by affiliating University-

- 1. Dr. V.P. Maknikar
- 2. Dr. S.D. Jawanjal
- 3. Dr. Mrs. A. R. Deshmukh

Research Area:

The Institution focuses on conducting, arranging and participating research in contemporary social, political, economic, scientific and allied multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary research. Research in the form of research papers, dissertation, surveys, etc. shall focus on above mentioned subjects. While arranging intellectual congregations the Institution shall focus on issues such as IPRs, women empowerment, Constitutional provisions, social issues, etc.