## RESEARCH POLICY DOCUMENT

*'Research is to see what everybody else has seen, and to think what nobody else has thought'*

*Albert Szent-Gyorgyi*

**Introduction:**

Shri Aillak Pannalal Digambar Jain Pathashala Trust, established in 1885, has now completed more than a century of its service in education in the Solapur region. The Hirachand Nemchand College of Commerce, Solapur was started as a Degree College in 1972. Since its inception, the college has strived to maintain high standards in academic, research and extension activities. Ours is an aided institution that offers education in commerce and management. Based on our excellence in imparting quality education and sustenance of required infrastructure, our college has secured NAACs 'A' Grade, our college has been declared as Autonomous by the UGC. Our college runs UG and PG programmes in commerce and management. Our staff members are involved in fundamental and applied research that is in tune with contemporary requirement of the region and the nation.

Research and innovation are important aspects to enhance quality education. Societal challenges of our country can only be addressed by having a strong and vibrant higher education ecosystem with an emphasis on research, innovation and technology development. The policy has been designed as per the NEPs requirement for an emphasis on research, innovation and technology development to address complex and challenging issues faced by the society. Our policy will attempt to bridge the gap between research and its extension for visible outcomes as a contribution to Atma-Nirbhar Bharat (Self-reliant India) to align with the provisions of National Education Policy – 2020 (NEP2020). We are confident that, our institute with the constant support and encouragement from our esteemed Management will strive to create a viable, impactful and sustained research culture.

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**Vision**:

To build up a platform having strong mechanism for developing and strengthening the research ecosystem aligned with the provision of NEP 2020.

**Mission:**

- To create a favorable environment for developing research productivity.
- To establish collaboration across industry, government, community-based organizations at the local, national levels.
- To facilitate greater access to research through mobilization of resources and funding.
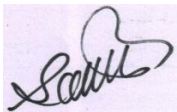
**Objectives:**

- Establishment and furthering of existing Research Facilities to achieve the ultimate goal of NEP-2020 by establishing 'Innovation, Incubation, entrepreneurship and Start-up ventures'.
- Strengthening of physical infrastructure, ICT and common facility centre for effective research activities.
- To focus on integrated research projects through interdisciplinary and inter-disciplinary research projects.
- To promote quality research through publications in high impact factor journals. • To launch facility for research in emerging areas of science and technology and social sciences.
- To establish quality parameters and benchmark for research outcome (UGC-CARE, SCOPUS etc.).
- To establish mechanism for monitoring of effective implementation of research projects and their outcomes in scientific community.
- To support research students to receive various scholarships from various funding agencies, NGOs and industries, sponsored research work etc.

**Policy Guidelines and Functions:**

- To direct various departments and centers for conducting effective and ethical research.
- To smoothen the procedure for recruitment of faculty, purchase of equipment and financial management with adequate autonomy to the research investigators and students.
- To establish Research and Development Cell for managing and coordinating the research related database of the institution i.e. Research Information Management System (RIMS) as per the guidelines of UGC.
- To strengthen 'Knowledge Resource Centre' comprising of digital library and

information, intellectual property facility, data analysis software, plagiarism check facility etc. To sensitize staff and research students about the fall out of dubious research and engaging in unethical practices while publication.

- To monitor the research work of faculty and students in terms of: approval of RDC for research projects/Ph.D. thesis/publications/ethical considerations, protocol approval, training records/SOPs, safety approvals, disposal management, permits from ethical committees, surveillance of staff, training and workshops, maintenance of field diaries, adherence of government guidelines, fund utilization as per guidelines and timely completion of research projects and submission of utilization certificate.
- Establishing Centre of Excellence in identified research areas under the umbrella of 'Institutional Research Consortia' for joint venture and collaborative multidisciplinary research work by sharing infrastructure and expertize.
- To offer specific incentives for research faculty and students through corpus fund/seed money for participation in conferences, workshops, research festivals etc.
- To provide platform for obtaining industry-institute interface, conduction of sponsored or contract research, IPR and patent support system, policy direction for technology transfer
- To conduct SWOC of research activities undertaken in the institute through internal evaluation

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