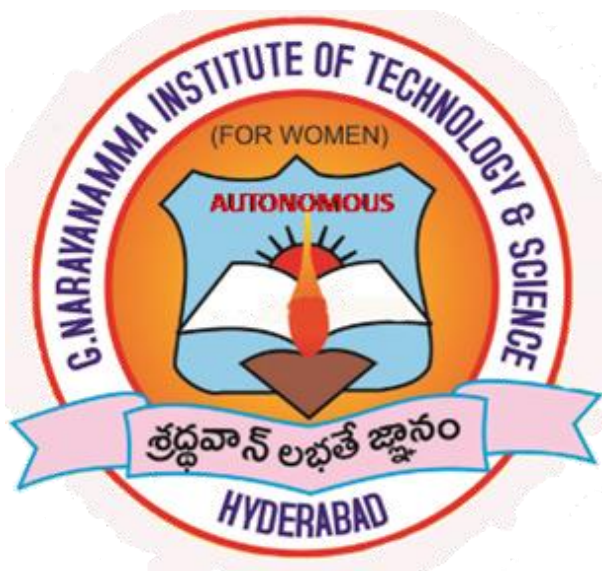


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Plagiarism policy statement

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Preamble

Ethics and honesty are the two most important components of the academic activities be it teaching or research. There cannot be any room for claiming the credit for the work he/she has not undertaken. Many times it is observed that some of the "academicians" knowingly or unknowingly publish or present other's work as their own. Such acts will affect healthy academic atmosphere in the institute which will also harm the reputation of the institute as well as the individual. It is therefore important for an academic institute like GNITS to have in place a policy on plagiarism to avoid such type of acts.

As per the draft regulations issued by the "University Grants Commission (promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations – 2017 "vide notification dated 01st September 2017 and resolution passed in the Institute Academic Committee held on 14th October 2017 regarding plagiarism checking , the following anti-plagiarism policy is prepared and followed at GNITS.

GNITS upholds the principle of academic integrity which is achieved through appropriate referencing and citation practice for all academic work. The purpose of this policy is to allow for a consistent approach to the treatment of plagiarism in the Institute and to promote a culture of academic honesty and best practice. Globally, plagiarism is recognized as an academic offence and as such has serious consequences.

Plagiarism is the reproduction, in all or part, of work prepared without giving recognition to the original source. Plagiarism can include the following:

- Failure to cite authors or sources.
- Representing work authored by a third party (including other students, family, friends and work purchased through internet services).
- Presenting large amounts of copied work from any source or medium without reference.
- Taking a passage of text, or an idea, and summarizing it without acknowledging the original source.
- Self-plagiarism which is presenting a piece of one's own work without reference to the original material.
- Passing off collaborative work as your own. Note: These forms of plagiarism apply to all forms of media (print and electronic).

Adoption of Anti-Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is considered academic dishonesty and a breach of journalistic ethics. Globally, many institutions use plagiarism detection software to uncover potential plagiarism practices. GNITS implements this policy 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 'DRILLBIT'- a plagiarism detection software to facilitate the teachers and students. A particular bench mark has also been to keep the plagiarism checked in student's thesis.

Usage Policy

- ❖ All the research papers and the M.Tech thesis have to be submitted for screening before evaluation.
- ❖ The similarity index limit i.e., the percentage of overlap between text submitted to plagiarism detection and that in original source material, should be less than 30%.

Similarity checks for exclusion from Plagiarism

The similarity checks for plagiarism shall exclude the following:

- ❖ All quoted work reproduced with all necessary permission and/or attribution.
- ❖ All references, bibliography, table of content, preface and acknowledgements.
- ❖ All generic terms, laws, standard symbols and standards equations.

Note: The research work carried out by the student, faculty, researcher and staff shall be based on original ideas, which shall include abstract, summary, hypothesis, observations, results, conclusions and recommendations only and shall not have any similarities. It shall exclude a common knowledge or coincidental terms, up to fourteen (14) consecutive words.

Levels of Plagiarism

Plagiarism would be quantified into following levels in ascending order of severity for the purpose of its definition:

- ❖ **Level 0:** Similarities upto 10%
- ❖ **Level 1:** Similarities above 10% to 30%
- ❖ **Level 2:** Similarities above 30% to 60%
- ❖ **Level 3:** Similarities above 60%

Compliance Statements

All students are required to submit a signed statement that they are aware of the plagiarism policy of the Institute and no part of their work be it term paper, project report thesis or dissertation etc. is not copied in any form and it is their own creation.

Penalties in case of plagiarism

Institution shall impose penalty considering the severity of the Plagiarism

- ❖ **Level 0:** Similarities upto 10% - Minor Similarities, no penalty.
- ❖ **Level 1:** Similarities above 10% to 30% - allowed level of similarities in the report, thesis or the research paper and hence there will be no penalty.
- ❖ **Level 2:** Similarities above 30% to 60% - Such student shall be asked to submit a revised script after a period of 1 month.
- ❖ **Level 3:** Similarities above 60% - Such student shall be asked to submit a revised script after a stipulated time period of 3 months.