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### ShodhShuddhi (Urkund) [Part – I]

National Steering Committee (NSC) of e-ShodhSindhu, The Ministry of Education, Govt. of India has initiated a programme "ShodhShuddhi" which provides access to Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS) to all universities/ Institutions in India since Sept 1, 2019.

Under this initiative, **URKUND a Web Based Plagiarism Detection Software system** is being provided to all users of universities/Intutions in the country. This initiative is formally launched by Honourable Minister of HRD (now renamed as Minister of Education) on September 21, 2019.

#### Beneficiary Institutions as on 02.02.2021 09:15 am

- ✦ Total Member Institutions: 1,038
- ✦ Total Users: 1,03,683
- ✦ Total Documents Submitted: 9,77,194

#### UGC Notification for Plagiarism in the "Gazette of India" (on 23.07.2018). Highlighted some important points of the Regulations:

- ❖ These regulations shall be called the *University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018*.
- ❖ "Academic Integrity" is the intellectual honesty in proposing, performing and reporting any activity, which leads to the creation of intellectual property;
- ❖ "Author" includes a student or a faculty or a researcher or staff of Higher Educational Institution (HEI) who claims to be the creator of the work under consideration;

#### Objectives

- ❖ To create awareness about responsible conduct of research, thesis, dissertation, promotion of academic integrity and prevention of misconduct including plagiarism in academic writing among student, faculty, researcher and staff.
- ❖ To establish institutional mechanism through education and training to facilitate responsible conduct of research, thesis, dissertation, promotion of academic integrity and deterrence from plagiarism.
- ❖ To develop systems to detect plagiarism and to set up mechanisms to prevent plagiarism and punish a student, faculty, researcher or staff of HEI committing the act of plagiarism.

#### 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% - Minor similarities, no penalty
- Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40%
- Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60%
- Level 3: Similarities above 60%

### **Detection/Reporting/Handling of Plagiarism**

If any member of the academic community suspects with appropriate proof that a case of plagiarism has happened in any document, he or she shall report it to the Departmental Academic Integrity Panel (DAIP). Upon receipt of such a complaint or allegation the DAIP shall investigate the matter and submit its recommendations to the Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP) of the HEI.

The authorities of HEI can also take *suomotu* notice of an act of plagiarism and initiate proceedings under these regulations. Similarly, proceedings can also be initiated by the HEI on the basis of findings of an examiner. All such cases will be investigated by the IAIP.

#### **1. Departmental Academic Integrity Panel (DAIP)**

- i. All Departments in HEI shall notify a DAIP whose composition shall be as given below:
  - a. Chairman - Head of the Department
  - b. Member - Senior academician from outside the department, to be nominated by the head of HEI.
  - c. Member - A person well versed with anti-plagiarism tools, to be nominated by the Head of the Department.
  - d. The tenure of the members in respect of points 'b' and 'c' shall be two years. The quorum for the meetings shall be 2 out of 3 members (including Chairman).
- ii. The DAIP shall follow the principles of natural justice while deciding about the allegation of plagiarism against the student, faculty, researcher and staff.
- iii. The DAIP shall have the power to assess the level of plagiarism and recommend penalty(ies) accordingly.
- iv. The DAIP after investigation shall submit its report with the recommendation on penalties to be imposed to the IAIP within a period of 45 days from the date of receipt of complaint / initiation of the proceedings.

#### **2. Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP)**

- i. HEI shall notify a IAIP whose composition shall be as given below:
  - a. Chairman - Pro-VC/Dean/Senior Academician of the HEI.
  - b. Member - Senior Academician other than Chairman, to be nominated by the Head of HEI.
  - c. Member - One member nominated by the Head of HEI from outside the HEI
  - d. Member - A person well versed with anti-plagiarism tools, to be nominated by the Head of the HEI.

The Chairman of DAIP and IAIP shall not be the same. The tenure of the Committee members including Chairman shall be three years. The quorum for the meetings shall be 3 out of 4 members (including Chairman).

- ii. The IAIP shall consider the recommendations of DAIP.
- iii. The IAIP shall also investigate cases of plagiarism as per the provisions mentioned in these regulations.
- iv. The IAIP shall follow the principles of natural justice while deciding about the allegation of plagiarism against the student, faculty, researcher and staff of HEI.
- v. The IAIP shall have the power to review the recommendations of DAIP including penalties with due justification.
- vi. The IAIP shall send the report after investigation and the recommendation on penalties to be imposed to the Head of the HEI within a period of 45 days from the date of receipt of recommendation of DAIP/ complaint / initiation of the proceedings.
- vii. The IAIP shall provide a copy of the report to the person(s) against whom inquiry report is submitted.

### **Penalties**

Penalties in the cases of plagiarism shall be imposed on students pursuing studies at the level of Masters and Research programs and on researcher, faculty & staff of the HEI only after academic misconduct on the part of the individual has been established without doubt, when all avenues of appeal have been exhausted and individual in question has been provided enough opportunity to defend himself or herself in a fair or transparent manner.

❖ **Penalties in case of plagiarism in submission of thesis and dissertations:** Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP) shall impose penalty considering the severity of the Plagiarism.

- i. Level 0: Similarities upto 10% - Minor Similarities, no penalty.
- ii. Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40% - Such student shall be asked to submit a revised script within a stipulated time period not exceeding 6 months.
- iii. Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60% - Such student shall be debarred from submitting a revised script for a period of one year.
- iv. Level 3: Similarities above 60% -Such student registration for that program shall be cancelled.

*Note: Penalty on repeated plagiarism* - Such student shall be punished for the plagiarism of one level higher than the previous level committed by him/her. In case where plagiarism of highest level is committed then the punishment for the same shall be operative.

*Note: Penalty in case where the degree/credit has already been obtained* - If plagiarism is proved on a date later than the date of award of degree or credit as the case may be then his/her degree or credit shall be put in abeyance for a period recommended by the IAIP and approved by the Head of the Institution.

❖ **Penalties in case of plagiarism in academic and research publications**

- I. Level 0: Similarities up to 10% - Minor similarities, no penalty.
- II. Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40%
  - i) Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
- III. Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60%
  - ii) Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
  - iii) Shall be denied a right to one annual increment.
  - iv) Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master's, M.Phil., Ph.D. Student/scholar for a period of two years.
- IV. Level 3: Similarities above 60%
  - i) Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
  - ii) Shall be denied a right to two successive annual increments.
  - iii) Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master's, M.Phil., Ph.D. Student/scholar for a period of three years.

*Note: Penalty on repeated plagiarism* - Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript and shall be punished for the plagiarism of one level higher than the lower level committed by him/her. In case where plagiarism of highest level is committed then the punishment for the same shall be operative. In case level 3 offence is repeated then the disciplinary action including suspension/termination as per service rules shall be taken by the HEI.

*Note: Penalty in case where the benefit or credit has already been obtained* - If plagiarism is proved on a date later than the date of benefit or credit obtained as the case may be then his/her benefit or credit shall be put in abeyance for a period recommended by IAIP and approved by the Head of the Institution.

*Note:* HEIs shall create a mechanism so as to ensure that each of the paper publication/thesis/dissertation by the student, faculty, researcher or staff of the HEI is checked for plagiarism at the time of forwarding/submission.

*Note:* If there is any complaint of plagiarism against the Head of an HEI, a suitable action, in line with these regulations, shall be taken by the Controlling Authority of the HEI.

*Note:* If there is any complaint of plagiarism against the Head of Department/Authorities at the institutional level, a suitable action, in line with these regulations, shall be recommended by the IAIP and approved by the Competent Authority.

*Note:* If there is any complaint of plagiarism against any member of DAIP or IAIP, then such member shall excuse himself / herself from the meeting(s) where his/her case is being discussed/investigated.

**UGCs Mandate:** University Grants Commission (promotion of Academic Integrity and prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018. (vide no. 287, dated 31 July 2018, for ready reference copy attached herewith as annexure III). Related Links are as below;

- a) UGC letter to The Vice-Chancellor of all Universities, dated 07 August 2018. [https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7044741\\_UGC-letter-reg-Regulations-on-Plagiarism-\(1\).pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7044741_UGC-letter-reg-Regulations-on-Plagiarism-(1).pdf)
- b) Regulations as Circulated through The Gazette of India dated 31 July 2018. [https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7771545\\_academic-integrity-Regulation2018.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7771545_academic-integrity-Regulation2018.pdf). Also available at, <https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/> (under the heading/caption 'UGC Notification')

***How to check level of similarity through URKUND will be circulated in the next issue as Part -II.***

### **SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES:**

- **Meet with newly appointed faculty members:** The meeting has been arranged for an awareness program on 'VB Library Resources, Services and Facilities' to enable them to utilize library resources properly to steer their academic activities. The program was much appreciated by all the twenty-five faculty members who have attended the session.

- **Similarity Checking Through URKUND Software:** On request from the academics 34 articles/ Files have been checked through URKUND software and report has been forwarded through mail.
- **Online Ph.D. Open Viva Voce:** As discussed in a meeting and as instructed by the authority, VBLN has taken-up the initiative to offer necessary technical-support for arranging Online Ph.D. Open Viva Voce on different dates. Altogether, three candidates one from Kala-Bhavana (25/01), one from Sangit Bhavana (27/01) and another one from Women's Study Centre (28/01) have appeared in the online viva to complete the Ph.D. program.
- **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 16 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.
- **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days at Reference Section, Central Library:** Organized special exhibitions of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs to celebrate;
  - a) 127th Birth anniversary of Satyendra Bose on 1 January 2021.
  - b) 158th Birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on 12 January 2021.
  - c) 124th Birth anniversary Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on 23 January 2021.
  - d) 155th Birth anniversary Lala Lajpat Rai on 28 January 2021
  - e) **Hindi Bhavana Library** has arranged a small BOOK EXHIBITION organized at the Hindi Bhavana premises during 6-7 January, 2021 (from 10.30am to 4.30pm). Three publishers/vendors have confirmed for participation but only Anand Prakashan and Rajkamal Prakashan have participated in this exhibition.
- **Remote Access Login/Password:** On request from the academics 03 new Remote Access including Discovery Services have been opened and on request 07 existing expired accounts have been renewed for their accessibility. The name of the Remote Access platform is OpenAthens from the EBSCO Information Services.
- **Visitor:** Prof. Ajay Pratap Singh, Director General, RRRLF, Kolakta has visited Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 09 January 2021 and noted his observation as "It is a golden moment to visit the Central Library of Viswa-Bharati. The visionary, thinking vis-a-vis to the ideology of Gurudev Tagore has overwhelmed me and motivated me to propagate this model in Public Libraries of the country. The quality of services, cleanliness and the co-operative attitude of all staff members are remarkable. Thanks for providing me this opportunity to visit the library".
- **New Additions (Books) during the Month**
  - Central Library: Number of Books received as Purchased: 375 (Acc. No. 439994 – 440368)  
Number of Books received as Gift: 66 (Acc. No. 10033-10098)
  - Cheena Bhavana Library: Number of Books received as Purchased: 12 (CB41156 – CB41167)
  - Hindi Bhavana Library: Number of Books received as Purchased: 140 (HB36630 – HB36769)  
Number of Books Received as Gift: 17 (HG383 – HG399)

### **New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)**

[Books](#)(click)

[Journals](#) (click)

### **IMPORTANT LINKS:**

- ❖ **Khan Academy:** Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- ❖ **Murty Classical Library of India:** The Murty Classical Library of India aims to make available the great literary works of India from the past two millennia. <http://www.murtylibrary.com/why-a-classical-library-of-india.php>

### **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS:**

- **ICALUC 2021:** International Conference of Agricultural Librarians and Users Committee-ICALUC-2021, takes place at the University of Agricultural Sciences GKVK, Bangalore, India, 25-26 February 2021.
- **University of Calicut International Online Conference 2021:** Transformation of the library ecosystem: terrains and trajectories. 24-25 February 2021. Online. India.



Meet with newly appointed VB faculty members



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