

**One day National workshop on Ethics & Plagiarism in Research**  
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### **Ethical Issues in Research**

Research that involves human subjects or participants or even animal subject raises unique and complex ethical, legal, social and political issues. Research ethics is specifically interested in the analysis of ethical issues that are raised when people are involved as participants in research. There are three objectives in research ethics: to protect living participants; to ensure that research is conducted in a way that serves interests of individuals, groups and/or society as a whole; to examine specific research activities and projects for their ethical soundness, looking at issues such as the management of risk, protection of confidentiality and the process of informed consent.

In humanities and social science research, different kinds of ethical issues arise. New and emerging methods of conducting research, such as auto-ethnography and participatory action research raise important but markedly different ethical issues and obligations for researchers. Research involving vulnerable persons, which may include children, persons with developmental or cognitive disabilities, persons who are institutionalized, the homeless or those without legal status, also raises unique issues in any research context.

### **Codes and Policies for Research Ethics**

Given the importance of ethics for the conduct of research, many different professional associations, government agencies, and universities have adopted specific codes, rules, and policies relating to research ethics like Statements on Ethics and Professional Responsibility (American Anthropological Association), Statement on Professional Ethics (American Association of University Professors), the Nuremberg Code and the World Medical Association's Declaration of Helsinki, and Indian Council of Medical Research in India.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi had brought a document in February 1980, 'Policy Statement of Ethical Considerations involved in Research on Human Subject' prepared by the Ethical Committee which is being used, not only by ICMR, but also by Research Institutions, Government Agencies, and Non-Government Agencies. However, a need

to update this has risen in view of the modern biology and recent developments in different medical fields. Therefore, the Central Ethics Committee on Human Research (CECHR) was constituted to consider various issues related to ethical, social and legal aspects. The Committee identified the following major areas and set up sub- Committees of experts for drawing up a set of guidelines related to clinical evaluation of drugs, epidemiological research, human genetic research, transplantation research, assisted reproductive technologies and many more. It was proposed that these guidelines be updated periodically, with the development of the area of medical and health science. In view of the circumstances of developing countries in regard to the applicability of ‘Nuremberg Code and Declaration of Helsinki’, the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS) and the World Health Organization (WHO) undertook and issued the proposed international guidelines for biomedical research involving human subjects (1982). The purpose of proposed guidelines was to indicate the ethical principles that should guide the conduct of biomedical research involving human subjects, as set in the ‘Declaration of Helsinki’ which could be applied effectively and efficiently in developing countries. How well we adhere to these is a concern we will address with this workshop.

### **Ethics in Publications**

The Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) was established in 1997 by a small group of journal editors in the UK but now has over 10 000 members worldwide from all academic field and are interested in publication ethics.

COPE provides advice to editors and publishers on all aspects of publication ethics and, in particular, how to handle cases of research and publication misconduct.

In this one-day national seminar and workshop on “Ethics and Plagiarism in Research” on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2017, we invite academic researchers, teachers, legal experts and clinicians in order to understand issues about ethics in research, plagiarism issues in wake of new UGC guidelines, forms of academic and research misconduct across disciplines, and look for appropriate solutions. This seminar and workshop will help to gain perspective on research ethics and plagiarism issues globally and shall focus on what funding agencies and publications houses are seeking. It will also help researcher to create formal research ethics values and become internal regulator, to match standards with external overseer. Ethical issues and dilemmas encountered by researchers during human research and initiating collaboration on creating ethical material and liaise with UGC to ensure its implementation will be focused.