

GOVIND NATIONAL COLLEGE, NARANGWAL (LUDHIANA)

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC) & RESEARCH COUNCIL

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND CODE OF ACADEMIC ETHICS

Institutional Regulatory Code Framework | Session: 2026 - 2027

This document establishes the official rules, support mechanisms, and ethical requirements governing academic research at Govind National College. It ensures full compliance with the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Criterion 3 parameters and University Grants Commission (UGC) regulations.

1. EXECUTIVE R&D CHARTER & OBJECTIVES

1.1. The Research & Development (R&D) Cell acts as the central administrative node to oversee, review, and advance academic inquiry across all undergraduate, postgraduate, and vocational departments.

1.2. The primary mandates of the cell include:

Fostering a robust culture of scientific and humanities inquiry among faculty and postgraduate scholars.

Providing administrative guidance for drafting and submitting research proposals to national funding bodies (UGC, ICSSR, CSIR, and state councils).

Building active industry-academia linkages to expand practical research applications within our B.Voc streams.

Leveraging our advanced Faculty of Physical Education to drive research in sports physiology, field biomechanics, and regional health metrics.

2. RESEARCH PROMOTION, GRANTS, AND INCENTIVES

To systematically motivate high-quality academic output, the institution provides structured infrastructural and operational backing:

Incentive / Support Category	Institutional Allocation & Operational Rules
Academic Leave for Research	Faculty members are eligible for Duty Leave (DL) to present peer-reviewed research papers at approved national and international conferences, subject to prior approval from the Principal.

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Infrastructural Access Nodes	Full open access to the automated central library repositories, computer labs, and digital e-gateways including INFLIBNET N-LIST and DELNET for data retrieval.
Specialized Lab Allotments	Priority access to advanced physical education testing systems and IT labs for conducting empirical research projects and student dissertations.

3. CODE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND ETHICS

The institution enforces a strict zero-tolerance policy regarding academic dishonesty and plagiarism to guard the integrity of its scholarly publications:

- 3.1. **Plagiarism Thresholds:** All research papers, project reports, and student dissertations must be processed through official plagiarism detection software before submission. In accordance with UGC regulations, a maximum similarity index of **10%** is permitted for cross-referenced literature. Any work exceeding this limit will be rejected for revision.
- 3.2. **Data Authenticity:** Fabricating, falsifying, or intentionally manipulating empirical data or sports performance metrics constitutes severe academic misconduct and triggers immediate disciplinary review.
- 3.3. **Author Attribution:** Due credit must be given to all co-investigators, student assistants, and institutional contributors. Ghost authorship or adding non-contributing individuals to publications is explicitly forbidden.

4. INTEGRITY REVIEW & DISCIPLINARY FRAMEWORK

- 4.1. An Academic Integrity Committee (AIC), chaired by the Principal and convener of the R&D cell, evaluates all complaints regarding plagiarism or unethical research practices.
- 4.2. If a faculty member or student is found guilty of intentional plagiarism or data falsification, the committee reserves the right to enforce disciplinary measures, including:

Formal withdrawal of the paper or project from institutional records.

Forfeiture of institutional research support or grants for a designated period.

Issuance of a formal administrative warning letter, with copies archived in the individual's service book or academic profile.

Convener, R&D Cell Govind National College		Principal / Chairperson Govind National College
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