

Research and Development Cell (RDC) Constitution

(As per UGC Guidelines and NEP 2020)

1. Introduction

In alignment with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Research and Development Cell (RDC) is established to promote quality research, innovation, and technology development in the University.

2. Objectives of RDC

- To create a research ecosystem and culture across departments.
- To promote interdisciplinary and collaborative research.
- To identify and support emerging areas of research.
- To facilitate faculty and student research projects, publications, patents, and technology transfer.
- To liaise with external funding agencies for project proposals.
- To encourage start-ups, incubations, and entrepreneurship activities.
- To monitor research quality and ethical standards.

3. Composition of the Research and Development Cell

S. No	Name and Designation	Position in RDC
1	Dr R V R Krishna Chalam, Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
2	Dr V Alagarsamy, Director (R&D)	Convener
3	Dr R Kiran Kumar, Dean, Engg & Tech and AI	Member
4	Dr K Venkata Ramana, Professor of Optometry	Member
5	Dr P Harish Kumar, Professor of Physiotherapy	Member
6	Dr Ms Shaheela Parveen, Senior Scientist and Head, MNR FRI (Inter-Disciplinary Research)	Member
7	Dr P Rathnagiri, CEO, Genomix Molecular Diagnostics, USA, Member, BoM	External Member
8	Mr C Naga Viman Kumar, MSc I Year	Student Member
9	Dr PCJ Srinivasa Rao, Associate Professor	Member Secretary
10	Ms Shefali Gokarn, Assistant Professor	Member

4. Roles and Responsibilities of RDC

a) Policy Formulation

- Formulate and periodically update the University's Research Policy.
- Ensure adherence to research integrity, ethics, and plagiarism regulations.

b) Research Promotion

- Encourage faculty and students to undertake research projects.
- Provide guidance on writing proposals for external funding.
- Organize seminars, workshops, FDPs, and research methodology courses.

c) Research Funding and Collaborations

- Identify potential funding agencies.

- Facilitate collaborations with industry, government bodies, and international institutions.

d) Monitoring and Review

- Review progress of ongoing research projects.
- Maintain records of funded research, publications, patents, and citations.
- Evaluate faculty research contributions during performance appraisals.

e) Capacity Building

- Promote multidisciplinary research.
- Establish dedicated research clusters, centers of excellence, and thematic areas.

f) Innovation and IPR

- Support idea incubation and start-up culture.
- Assist in filing patents and managing intellectual property.

5. Frequency of Meetings

The RDC shall meet at least **twice in an academic year** or as required, to review and plan research activities.

6. Tenure of Members

- The term of nominated internal members shall be **2 years**, extendable based on performance.
- The external member's term shall be **1 year**, renewable.

7. Reporting and Review

The RDC shall submit an **Annual Report** to the University's Academic Council summarizing research activities, achievements, and plans.

8. Implementation

This Constitution shall come into force upon approval by the competent authority and will be applicable to all schools/departments within the University.