CODE OF ETHICS TO CHECK MALPRACTICES AND PLAGIARISM IN RESEARCH

B N COLLEGE, DHUBRI

As a premier academic institute of western Assam, B. N. College, Dhubri, has been playing a leading role in promoting quality research to strengthen the sustainable knowledge system of the nation. It encourages innovative thinking of the academicians and allows academic freedom to them to perform research activities. However, of late, discrepancies, malpractices etc. have been witnessed in the research activities that denigrate the basic thrust of research. In order to enhance quality and high standards of integrity and accountability in research, the college has formulated Code of Ethics through which it checks malpractices and plagiarism.

The college has adopted the following Code of Ethics and the researchers need to adhere to these guidelines while pursuing their research activities:

(i)   The theme and topic of research works of the researchers needs to be original. Suggestions or ideas borrowed from other sources need to be duly recognised/referred.

         To look into the pros and cons of research, the college has constituted a Research-cell that guides new researchers about the criteria and obligatory part of research. To create awareness about research, the Research-cell organises meetings, special classes on Research Methodology in regular interval. This cell provides information to the teachers and students about the guidelines of publishing papers in the journals recognised by the UGC. It also counsels the researchers to be cautious about the abuse of plagiarism and its consequence.

(ii)   Researchers should not fabricate data, i. e., they should not make deceptive or fraudulent statements regarding their publications, research findings, etc.

(iii)   Plagiarism test needs to be conducted before publication of Research papers as well as final submission of the Thesis. For that purpose the researchers are suggested to verify their Research papers/Thesis by a plagiarism-checking-software. The Research-cell of the college extends its full support by

providing the information of the free-plagiarism-testing software available in the websites.

(iv)   In order to attend/participate in any conference/seminar, etc., permission must be sought from the Principal and the letter of invitation should be enclosed along with the application.

(v)   In case of selection of papers for a seminar, organised by the college, emphasis should be given on the original thought and expression. The papers should be filtered through multiple layers of review.

(vi)   Data collected from internet must be supported by the accessed date and time along with the portal link.

(vii)   Researchers/Authors need to recognise the intellectual property rights.