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Research & Development Cell

Policy Document

Context: Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, a Govt.-aided institution affiliated to West Bengal State University has already established itself as a premier institute offering multidisciplinary undergraduate courses in the region. The college has been committed to offering the best academic as well as research ambience to the young learners for their academic development as well as for their holistic development. With the establishment of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) our college has institutionalized the process of academic improvement in a well-structured way, and we believe that research endeavour will help us identify the potentiality of students and give them exposure to higher studies. Research & Development Cell has been instrumental in ensuring excellence, consistency in academic domain in higher education institutions. As our institution has been assessed and accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) two times, we strive to scale higher in the domain of research excellence besides academic excellence by institutionalizing the policy for Research & Development cell.

Objectives:

- a) To promote research ambience and ecosystem in students and faculties
- b) To facilitate the application for grants from various govt and non-govt agencies/organizations

- c) To inculcate the spirit of cross-disciplinary/multidisciplinary research among the faculty and students
- d) To motivate students to take up research project along with their regular academic activity

Key Coordinates of Policy on Research:

- a) **Seed Money/Research Grant:** In order to motivate and inspire research ambience among students, a small amount of money as seed money may be granted to the interested learners who will work under the guidance of the faculty.
- b) **Conduct of Research Seminar/Workshops:** The institution will organize a number of research seminars/workshops throughout the year to inculcate the spirit of research among students and faculties. The departments would be encouraged to apply for financial assistance from various organizations and necessary support will be provided to them.
- c) **Publication Venture:** In addition to the regular research work, the institution will launch its publication venture by asking the departments to bring out edited volumes on emerging areas. The emphasis would be placed on the interdisciplinary joint publication ventures. The institution will consider to launch its own journal with ISSN No. In future, the institution aims to include the journal in UGC CARE list.
- d) **Financial Assistance to the faculties for presenting papers in Seminars/Workshops:** The institution will facilitate the faculty members in participating in various seminars/workshops by offering financial assistance that will be ordinarily restricted to reimbursing the registration fees for participation in the seminars/workshops.
- e) **Invited Talks:** The institution will host various talks to be delivered by eminent speakers on emerging areas to keep the faculties and students about the recent developments in research areas.
- f) **Collaboration with other institutions/Research Bodies:** The college will encourage collaborative research work with other institutions or research bodies by signing MoU exclusively on research areas.

- g) **Institutional ISBN:** The necessary steps will be taken to apply for obtaining the institutional ISBN so that publications can be made on its own.
- h) **Peer Talks:** The institution will chalk out the plan of holding peer talks so that the research done or contemplated by the faculties may be disseminated properly.

Roadmap for future: The Research & Development Cell will supervise the research work undertaken in the college, and necessary steps will be taken to establish in future a research body or cell to be named as Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Research Cell to promote research among the faculties and students.