

RGNUL Student Research Review

Plagiarism Policy

The RGNUL Student Research Review (RSRR), in its endeavours to develop a culture of academic excellence and critically comprehensive scholarship, believes in upholding and promoting the principles of high research integrity and academic honesty. For these reasons, the RSRR hereby prohibits the exercise of plagiarism in the submissions made to it and commits to not publish plagiarised materials to the highest degree practicable.

Plagiarism & Similarity

The [University Grants Commission \(Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions\) Regulations, 2018](#) ('UGC Regulations') §8 classifies the act of plagiarism in ascending order of similarity.

Whereas plagiarism refers to the passing of someone else's work as one's own, similarity indicates the extent of overlap of the submitter's work bears with the existing corpus of literature concerned, including but not limited to books, research articles, web logs, student theses, dissertations, and other such materials.

Similarity may or may not amount to plagiarism. Therefore, editorial judgment shall be exercised by the RSRR to identify and determine the existence of plagiarism where similarity is found.

Originality & Attribution

In accordance with the UGC Regulations §7, the RSRR shall exclude quoted contents with the requisite permission(s) or attribution(s), references, prefatory materials, bibliographies, as well as generic terminology, words, phrases, laws, symbols, and equations, in its calculation of plagiarism in a given submission.

Submissions must made to the RSRR must be their original work. They must also contribute to the existing corpus of literature to minimise similarity, and consequently, plagiarism. The author(s) are liable and bear sole responsibility for the accuracy of facts, opinions, and views contained within the submission(s). Submissions bearing plagiarism shall be rejected by the RSRR.

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