



LALIT NARAYAN MITHILA UNIVERSITY

Kameshwaranagar, Darbhanga-846004

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the U.G.C. (Promotion of Academic Integrity & Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, the L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga has adopted the policy and accordingly, "University Plagiarism Policy & Regulations- 2018" framed by the University is hereby notified and shall be applicable with immediate effect.

Heads of all the University Departments and Deans of all the faculties will ensure implementation of this Policy & Regulations in letter and spirit in order to maintain the ethical, and high Research values in academic pursuits.

Further, the HoDs are requested to constitute the Departmental Academic Integrity Committee (DAIC) according to the provision 3.3 of the aforesaid regulation.

By order of the Vice-Chancellor,

Sd/-

(Dr. Mushtaque Ahmad)

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Date 08/01/2021

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Kameshwarnagar, Darbhanga (Bihar)

University Plagiarism Policy and Regulations -2018

1. Preamble

In pursuance of University Grants Commission's Academic Integrity and prevention of Plagiarism Regulation-2018 vide D. O. No F.1-18/2010 (CPP-II) dated 23 July 2018, a student/ researcher/ faculty /staff is required to have ethical and moral values in his academic pursuit. The student/researcher/faculty/staff is expected to produce and submit the original and genuine work. In the present era, huge information is available on the internet and online as source material. In this context, plagiarism has become a serious problem. Thus, in compliance of the UGC's Regulations, L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga has framed the following Regulations:

2. Definition:

“Plagiarism” is the unacknowledged use of another person's work as one's own work. Plagiarism involves copying of Phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or longer extracts from published or unpublished work including from internet without acknowledgment of the source.

2.1 Methods of Plagiarism:

- (i) Quoting directly another person's language, data, illustration, tables, etc. without due acknowledgment of the source.
- (ii) Copying a section of book /article/ report/ monograph/ dissertation/thesis without proper citation.
- (iii) Buying, stealing or borrowing assignments, experiments/results.
- (iv) Paragraphing the work of others without due acknowledgments.
- (v) Using ideas of someone else without crediting the originator.
- (vi) Copying, cutting and pasting from the internet or online source and submitting as one's own work without giving proper reference/citation.
- (vii) And any other means which have not been listed here.

2.2 Self-Plagiarism

Copying/reproducing, in part or whole one's own published work without giving proper reference to that work.

2.3 Golden Rule to avoid the Plagiarism:

The research work carried out by the student, faculty, researcher, and staff shall be based on original ideas, which shall include abstract, summary, hypothesis, observations, results, conclusions and recommendations only and shall not have any similarities. It shall exclude a common knowledge or coincidental terms, up to fourteen (14) consecutive words.

Therefore,

- (i) Due credit be given to the original author (s) with the proper citation and proper reference.
- (ii) The text be written in inverted commas, when text verbatim is quoted.

3. Academic Integrity Committees

3.1 University Academic Integrity Committee (UAIC)

There shall be an University Academic Integrity Committee for every Faculty whose composition is as below:

- (i) Chairman - Pro-V.C./Dean/Senior Academician.
- (ii) Member - Senior Academician other than Chairman, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor of the University.
- (iii) Member - One member nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from outside the University.
- (iv) Member - A person well versed with anti-plagiarism tools, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The tenure of the committee members including Chairman shall be three years. The quorum for the meetings shall be 3 out of 4 members (including Chairman).

3.2 Role and Responsibilities of University Academic Integrity Committee

- (i) “The UAIC shall consider the recommendations of the Departmental Academic Integrity Committee.
- (ii) The UAIC shall also investigate cases of plagiarism as per the provisions mentioned in these regulations.
- (iii) The UAIC shall follow the principles of natural justice while deciding about the allegation of plagiarism against the student, faculty, researcher, and staff of the university.
- (iv) The UAIC shall have the power to review the recommendations of DAIC including penalties with due justification.
- (v) The UAIC shall send the report after investigation and the recommendation on penalties to be imposed to the President within a period of 45 days from the date of receipt of the recommendation of DAIC/ complaint/initiation of the proceedings.
- (vi) The UAIC shall provide a copy of the report to the person(s) against whom inquiry report is submitted”.

3.3 Departmental Academic Integrity Committee (DAIC)

There shall be a Departmental Academic Integrity Committee (DAIC) whose composition shall be as given below:

- (i) Chairman - Head of the Department
- (ii) Member - Senior academician from outside the department, to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor.
- (iii) Member - A person well versed with anti-plagiarism tools, to be nominated by the Head of the Department.

The tenure of the members shall be for two years. The quorum for the meetings shall be 2 out of 3 members (including Chairman).

3.4 Role and Responsibilities of Departmental Academic Integrity Committee (DAIC)

- (i) “The DAIC shall follow the principles of natural justice while deciding about the allegation of plagiarism against the student, faculty, researcher, and staff.
- (ii) The DAIC shall have the power to assess the level of plagiarism and recommend penalty (ies) accordingly.
- (iii) The DAIC after investigation shall submit its report with the recommendation on penalties to be imposed to the UAIC within a period of 45 days from the date of receipt of complaint/initiation of the proceedings”.

4. Levels of Plagiarism

Plagiarism would be quantified into following levels in ascending order of severity for the purpose of its definition:

- (i) Zero Level: Similarities up to 10% - Minor similarities, no penalty
- (ii) Low Level: Similarities between 10% to 40%
- (iii) Mid Level: Similarities between 40% to 60%
- (iv) High Level: Similarities above 60%

5. Procedure for Submission of Documents for Plagiarism check

University already has a subscription of a detection of Plagiarism Software ‘URKUND’. It is available in the university’s Central Library. Any student, faculty, researcher and staff who wish to submit his/her final thesis, dissertation, research paper or any other such documents to the university or to some other agency, shall be required to submit the soft copy of the thesis/ dissertation/ manuscript to the librarian with a request letter duly forwarded by the Supervisor and the HoD for the plagiarism check prior to final submission. The candidate has to deposit the requisite fee also. The librarian shall supply / email the soft copy of the report generated on the plagiarism check done through the software to the concerned HoD, Supervisor and the concerned candidate.

6. Procedure for the reconciliation of plagiarism reports:

- 6.1 If a case of plagiarism is found in the report generated on the plagiarism checking software supplied by the librarian then Head of the Department shall call a meeting of DAIC to consider the report and shall summoned the candidate to hear the candidate’s view. The DAIC shall follow the principles of natural justice while deciding about the allegation of plagiarism against the student, faculty, researcher, and staff. On hearing the candidate, the DAIC shall submit its recommendations keeping in view of the following guidelines:

The DAIC shall exclude the following at the time of performing the check:

- 6.1.1 All quoted work reproduced with all necessary permission and/or attribution

- 6.1.2 All references, bibliography, table of content, preface and acknowledgments.
- 6.1.3 Phrases
- 6.1.4 All generic terms, laws, standard symbols and standards equations.
- 6.1.5 Name of Institutions, Departments etc.
- 6.2 Departmental Academic Integrity Committee (DAIC) may recommend the penalty on the student/ researcher/ staff member on considering the severity of the Plagiarism to University Academic Integrity Committee (UAIC).
- 6.4 **Penalties in case of plagiarism in the submission of thesis and dissertations**
 - 6.4.1 **For Zero Level Similarity:** The similarity between documents is within the limit (not more than 10%) for putting some original results in proper context and all original sources are correctly cited. The similarity is not of such nature which directly affects the original findings of research. No further action is required. The committee may recommend to UAIC that candidate may be permitted to submit the thesis/ dissertation without any penalty.
 - 6.4.2 **For Low Level Plagiarism :** When the plagiarism is a result of negligence or without intent to cheat and the similarity between documents outside the limit (between 20% to 40%), then the committee may recommend to UAIC that candidate may be allowed to resubmit the work with proper citations within a stipulated time period not exceeding 1 year.
 - 6.4.3 **For Mid Level Plagiarism:** Failure to cite proper citations, copying few paragraphs only. Intent to cheat is very low and may be due to lack of knowledge. The similarity between documents is outside the limit (above 40% to 60%). Then the committee may recommend to UAIC that the candidate shall be debarred from submitting a revised script for a period of one year and shall be allowed to resubmit the work with proper citation and with a warning not to repeat the mistake again otherwise registration in the programme will be cancelled.
 - 6.4.4 **For High-Level Plagiarism:** Deliberate and planned attempt to copy the work done by someone else. A large amount of data taken from someone else's work, artwork copying, source code copying etc. Intention to cheat is very clear. The similarity between documents is outside the limit (above 60%). Then the committee may recommend to UAIC that the candidate's registration may be cancelled.
 - 6.4.5 **For Self Plagiarism:** "Regarding self-plagiarism or cases where published work of the student is shown Plagiarism in the check, a certificate (Self Plagiarism Exclusion Certificate-Annexure-III) has to be issued by the supervisor specifying

and attaching the articles that have been published by the student from the thesis work. Only these articles should be excluded from the check, no other article of student or supervisor should be excluded from the check.”

Similarity contents are from candidate’s previous published work without proper citation. Candidate will be required to resubmit the work with proper citations. If the published work is co-authored by the others, the researcher shall submit a consent letter from co-author(s) and publisher permitting him to use the work in his thesis.

6.4.6 For Repeated Plagiarism: The committee may recommend to UAIC the penalty on repeated plagiarism that such student shall be punished for the plagiarism of one level higher than the previous level committed by him/her. In the case where plagiarism of the highest level is committed then the punishment for the same shall be operative.

6.5 Penalties in case of plagiarism in academic and research publications

6.5.1 For Zero Level Similarity: The similarity between documents is within the limit (not more than 10%) for putting some original results in proper context and all original sources are correctly cited. The similarity is not of such nature which directly affects the original findings of research. The committee may recommend to UAIC that No further action is required.

6.5.2 For Low-Level Plagiarism: When the plagiarism is a result of negligence or without intent to cheat and the similarity between documents outside the limit (between 10% to 40%), then the committee may recommend to UAIC that candidate shall be asked to withdraw manuscript. Revise and resubmit within 12 months.

6.5.3 For Mid Level Plagiarism: Failure to cite proper citations, copying few paragraphs only. Intent to cheat is very moderate and may be due to lack of knowledge. The similarity between documents is outside the limit (between 40% to 60%). Then the committee may recommend to UAIC that

- (i) The candidate shall be asked to withdraw manuscript. Can resubmit only after 12 months period.
- (ii) The faculty member shall be denied a right to one annual increment.
- (iii) The supervisor shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master’s, Ph.D. Student/scholar for a period of two years.

6.5.4 For High-Level Plagiarism: The similarity between documents is outside the limit (above 60%). Then the committee may recommend to UAIC that

- (i) The candidate shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
- (ii) The faculty member shall be denied a right to two successive annual increments.

- (iii) The supervisor shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master's, Ph.D. Student/scholar for a period of three years.

6.5.5 For Repeated Plagiarism: The committee may recommend to UAIC the penalty on repeated plagiarism that such student shall be asked to withdraw manuscript and shall be punished for the plagiarism of one level higher than the lower level committed by him/her. In the case where plagiarism of the highest level is committed then the punishment for the same shall be operative. In the case of High-level Plagiarism, offence is repeated by the faculty member then the disciplinary action including suspension/termination as per service rules shall be taken by the University.

6.6 Penalty on Plagiarism reported after the of Award of Degree/credit

In case, any plagiarism is reported to the University when a degree or credit has already been awarded, then his/her degree or credit shall be put in abeyance for a period recommended by the UAIC and approved by the President.

6.7 Penalty on Plagiarism in case where the benefit or credit has already been obtained - If plagiarism is proved on a date later than the date of benefit or credit obtained as the case may be then his/her benefit or credit shall be put in abeyance for a period recommended by UAIC and approved by the President.

6.8 **Penalties by UAIC:** University Academic Integrity Committee (UAIC) shall impose penalty considering the severity of the Plagiarism. Penalties in the cases of plagiarism shall be imposed on students pursuing studies at the level of Masters and Research programs and on researcher, faculty & staff of the university only after academic misconduct on the part of the individual has been established without any doubt, when all avenues of appeal have been exhausted and individual in question has been provided enough opportunity to defend himself or herself in a fair and transparent manner.

6.9 The authorities of the university can also take suomotu notice of an act of plagiarism and initiate proceedings under these regulations. Similarly, proceedings can also be initiated by the university on the basis of findings of an examiner. All such cases will be investigated by the DAIC and UAIC.

6.10 If any member of the academic community suspects with appropriate proof that a case of plagiarism has happened in any document, he or she shall report it to the Departmental Academic Integrity Committee (DAIC). Upon receipt of such a complaint or allegation, the DAIC shall investigate the matter and submit its recommendations to the University Academic Integrity committee (UAIC) of the University.

6.11 If there is any complaint of plagiarism against the Head of Department/Authorities at the university level, a suitable action, in line with these regulations, shall be recommended by the UAIC and approved by the Competent Authority.

- 6.12 If there is any complaint of plagiarism against any member of DAIC or UAIC, then such member shall excuse himself/herself from the meeting(s) where his/her case is being discussed/investigated.
- 6.13 If there is any complaint of plagiarism against the Vice Chancellor of the university, a suitable action, in line with these regulations, shall be taken by the Controlling Authority of the university.
7. Every student submitting a thesis/ dissertation, or any other such documents to the University shall be required to submit an undertaking indicating that the document has been prepared by him or her and that the document is his/her original work and free of any plagiarism (**Annexure - II**). The undertaking shall include the fact that the document has been duly checked through a Plagiarism detection tool approved by the university.
8. Each supervisor shall submit a certificate indicating that the work done by the researcher under him/her is plagiarism free (**Annexure-I**).
9. The approved policy shall be placed on the homepage of the university's website.
- 9.1. Soft copies of all Masters, Research program's dissertations and thesis shall be submitted to INFLIBNET within a month after the award of degrees for hosting in the digital repository under the "Shodh Ganga e-repository".
- 9.2. All the thesis/dissertation/ paper/publication and other in-house publications of the university shall 'be displayed on the University Repository on the university's website.

Department of _____
L.N. MITHILA UNIVERSITY, DARBHANGA

Plagiarism Verification

1. Name of Researcher:
2. Registration No: Date:
3. Email id: Mobile No. :
4. Subject :
5. Faculty:
6. Name of Supervisor:
7. Supervisor's Official Designation, Address, Email id, Mobile No.:
8. Departmental Email Id & contact No. :
9. Title of the Thesis:

The above thesis/ dissertation was scanned for similarity detection. The report is as follows:

Software used: URKUND/ Turnitin

Date: Similarity Index: Total word count:

The report is attached for the review by the Supervisor

Signature of Research Scholar/ Student

The plagiarism report of the above thesis/ dissertation has been reviewed by the undersigned
The similarity index is below accepted norms.

The similarity index is above accepted norms, because of the following reasons:

- i.
- ii.
- iii.

This is certified that the thesis/dissertation is plagiarism free/ the similarity content is below accepted norms and does not affect the originality of research work. Therefore, the thesis may be considered for submission to the University. The software report is attached.

Signature of Researcher

Signature of Supervisor

With seal

Date:

Place:

Signature of the Head of the Department
With Seal

Annexure-II

(To be submitted on a RS. 10/- Non-Judicial Stamp Paper duly notarized)

AFFIDAVIT

I,..... S/D of Shri.....,
aged years, the resident of
....., Mobile No.....
do hereby take oath and state :

- (i) That, I am registered for the Ph.D on the topic titled :
In the Faculty of of L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga.
My Registration no. is
- (ii) That, the contents of my thesis/ dissertation submitted to the L.N.Mithila University, Darbhanga, for the award of Ph. D Degree are original and my own work, and is free from plagiarism. I have checked the thesis/dissertation through a Plagiarism detection tool approved by the university.
- (iii) That, if, after checking my thesis for plagiarism by any standard plagiarism checking software, are found copied or come under plagiarism, I will be solely responsible for it and University shall have sole right to cancel my research work ab-initio.
- (iv) That, this work has not been submitted by me for the award of any other Degree/Diploma in any other University/ Institute.
- (v) That, I shall be responsible for any legal dispute/case(s) for violation of any provisions of the Copyright Act relating to my thesis.

Date :

DEPONENT

Place :

VERIFICATION

I, the above named deponent, do hereby take oath and verify that the contents of para (i) to (v) of above affidavit are true and correct to my personal knowledge and nothing has been concealed by me. No part of it is incorrect.

DEPONENT

LALIT NARAYAN MITHILA UNIVERSITY, DARBHANGA

Self Plagiarism Exclusion Certificate from Supervisor

The content of the chapters have been published in

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This published work has been included in the thesis and has not been submitted for any degree to any University/Institute.

Signature of the Candidate

Signature of Supervisor

Name: _-----_ Name: -----

Date:

Place:

LALIT NARAYAN MITHILA UNIVERSITY, DARBHANGA

Self Plagiarism Co-authors Certificate

We have published the following article jointly:

S.No.	Name of Article/ Chapter	Name of Journal/Book with details - volume, year, page no, publisher etc. (ISSN etc.)	Name of the Co-author/s
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We give our consent to Mr./Ms.to make use of these articles for his / her Ph. D. research.

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We shall be responsible for any legal dispute/ case(s) for violation of any provisions of the Copy Right Act.

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A L.N. Mithila University Academic Integrity Committee (LNMUAIC) committee is constituted with following persons as member thereof in pursuance of the U.G.C. (Promotion of Academic Integrity & Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018:-

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| 1. Pro-Vice-Chancellor,
L.N.M.U., Darbhanga | - | Chairman |
| 2. Dean, Faculty of Science,
L.N.M.U., Darbhanga | - | Member |
| 3. Dr. Ashok Kumar Jha,
Déptt. of Physics,
Patna Science, Patna | - | Member |
| 4. Dr. Parul Banerjee,
Univ. Déptt. of Zoology,
L.N.M.U., Darbhanga | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. K.K. Sahu,
Development Officer,
L.N.M.U., Darbhanga | - | Convenor |

By order of the Vice-Chancellor,

Sd/-

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- Directors of all Self-financed Institutes** under L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga;
- Secretary**, University Grant Commission, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi;
- O.S.D. (Univ.)**, Governor's Secretariat, Bihar, Raj Bhavan, Patna;
- Director (Higher Education)**, Government of Bihar, Patna;
- All Officers**, L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga;
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