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Research and Development Cell

All Heads of Departments and staff members are hereby informed that **Prof. P. V. Pandit** has been appointed as the **Research and Development (R&D) Cell In-charge** for the Academic Year **2026–2027**.

Further, the following **Academic Research and Development (AR&D) Cell Committee** is hereby constituted to promote research, innovation, consultancy, academic excellence, and professional development among faculty members and students.

Academic Research & Development Cell Committee:

1	Dr. P. V. Pandit	Convener
2	Ms. G.P. Mohole	Member
3	Dr. S.A. Thete	Member
4	Mr. S.B. Patil	Member
5	Mr. Y.R. Girase	Member
6	Mr. S.B. Kajabe	Member
7	Ms. M. S. Shelar	Member
8	Mr. A. A. Patil	Member
9	Mr. S. L. Desale	Member

Roles and Responsibilities of the Academic Research & Development Cell

- Coordinate and promote participation of students and faculty members in **national and international Hackathons, Smart India Hackathon (SIH), coding competitions, and project competitions.**

- Establish and strengthen the **Innovation and Incubation Ecosystem** within the Institute by encouraging student start-ups, entrepreneurship, and technology-based ventures.
- Coordinate the activities of the **Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)**, Incubation Cell, and Entrepreneurship Development initiatives. Prepare and implement the Institute's annual Research and Development Action Plan.
- Coordinate **IPR-related activities**, including patent searches, patent drafting, filing of patents, copyrights, trademarks, industrial designs, and technology transfer.
- Promote a strong research culture and encourage faculty members and students to undertake quality research and innovation.
- Guide departments in preparing research roadmaps aligned with institutional goals.
- Facilitate submission of research proposals to AICTE, DST, SERB, UGC, MSME, ISRO, DRDO, and other funding agencies.
- Coordinate consultancy projects, sponsored research, and industry-supported R&D activities.
- Encourage publication of quality research papers in SCI, Scopus, Web of Science, UGC-CARE, and peer-reviewed journals.
- Organize Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), workshops, seminars, conferences, expert lectures, and research methodology programmes.
- Coordinate with IQAC, departments, and industry partners to strengthen research collaborations, MoUs, internships, and consultancy.
- Maintain records of publications, patents, funded projects, consultancy, books, book chapters, awards, and research achievements.
- Encourage participation in national and international conferences, competitions, hackathons, innovation challenges, and professional society activities.
- Monitor the implementation and progress of funded projects and research initiatives.
- Mentor faculty members and students in preparing research proposals, publications, and intellectual property filings.
- Recommend incentives and recognition for outstanding research contributions in accordance with the Institute's policy.

Instructions to Heads of Departments

All Heads of Departments are requested to:

- Nominate a departmental Research Coordinator, if required, to coordinate with the AR&D Cell.
- Encourage faculty members and students to actively participate in research, innovation, consultancy, and funded project activities.
- Submit periodic departmental data related to publications, patents, funded projects, consultancy, FDPs, and research achievements to the AR&D Cell.
- Extend full cooperation to the AR&D Cell in implementing institutional research initiatives and achieving the research objectives of the Institute.

All faculty members are expected to actively contribute towards enhancing the research output, innovation ecosystem, and academic excellence of the Institute.



(Dr.M.V.Bhatkar)
Principal

Copy to:

- 1) All above Committee members
- 2) All Heads of Department.