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POLICY FOR PLAGIARISM AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) GUIDELINES for Ph.D. Scholars

Framed in conformity with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, the UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, and Ordinance - 1 of 2023 of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya

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Preamble

The arrival of generative artificial intelligence in academic writing has not changed what a thesis is for - it remains a demonstration that its author can think, argue, and contribute something original - but it has changed how easily that demonstration can be faked, and how honestly it must now be vouched for. **Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya** ("the University") frames this Policy neither to prohibit the use of artificial intelligence tools in research, nor to wave it through unexamined, but to draw a clear, workable line between assistance that sharpens a scholar's own thinking and substitution that replaces it.

This Policy for Plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines sets out the University's framework for the responsible use of AI tools by Ph.D. scholars, the disclosure obligations attached to such use, and the graduated institutional response to varying degrees of textual similarity and undisclosed AI-generated content, whether arising from conventional plagiarism or from AI assistance. It operates as a specific elaboration of Section 13 of the University's Research Policy and Sections 6 and 8 of the Constitution of the Ethics Board, and has been framed in conformity with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 ("the UGC Regulations, 2022"), the UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018 ("the 2018 UGC Regulations"), and Chapters 9.2 and 12.1 of Ordinance - 1 of 2023 of the University ("the Ordinance").

Where this Policy prescribes a similarity or AI-content threshold, or a consequence attached to it, more specific than the general threshold described in Section 8 of the Constitution of the Ethics Board, this Policy shall govern on that specific point, the general inquiry procedure of the Ethics Board continuing to apply save as this Policy expressly modifies it.

1. Short Title, Applicability and Commencement

1. **Short Title.** This document shall be called the "*Policy for Plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines, Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya.*"
2. **Applicability.** This Policy applies to every Ph.D. scholar of the University, in respect of every piece of written or coded work submitted for academic credit or evaluation - including the Research Proposal, coursework assignments, semester progress reports, conference and journal


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manuscripts arising from University-affiliated research, the pre-submission seminar document, and the thesis itself - and, so far as the principles in Section 4 are concerned, to faculty members' own research output.

3. **Commencement.** This Policy shall come into force on the date of its approval by the both statutory bodies i.e., Academic Council and ratification by the Board of Management, and shall apply to every document submitted for screening thereafter.

2. Definitions

- **"AI Tool"** means any software application employing machine learning, large language models, or other generative artificial intelligence techniques capable of producing, summarising, translating, restructuring, or analysing text, code, or data with limited direct human authorship of the output.
- **"AI-Assisted Content"** means content produced with the aid of an AI Tool but substantively reviewed, verified, edited, and adopted as the scholar's own reasoned expression, consistent with Section 5.
- **"AI-Generated Content"** means content produced by an AI Tool and incorporated into a submission substantially as generated, without the substantive intellectual reworking described above.
- **"Undisclosed AI Use"** means the incorporation of AI-Generated Content, or material assistance from an AI Tool of a character requiring declaration under Section 6, into a submission without the disclosure required by this Policy.
- **"AI-and-Similarity Index" ("AISI")** means the composite percentage score generated by the University-approved screening software, reflecting the proportion of a document flagged as either textually similar to existing sources without proper attribution (conventional plagiarism) or statistically consistent with AI generation, computed and reported as a single score for the purposes of the framework in Section 7.
- **"Fabrication", "Falsification", "Plagiarism"** carry the meanings assigned in Section 2 of the Constitution of the Ethics Board.
- **"Declaration Form"** means the AI Use Declaration Form prescribed at Annexure A, to be submitted with every document described in Section 6.2.


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3. Guiding Principles

The University's approach to AI in doctoral research rests on five principles, which every scholar is expected to internalise as the substance of academic integrity in the AI era, not merely its formal requirements:

- **Original thinking behind the arguments and conclusions.** The intellectual work of framing a research problem, constructing an argument, and drawing a conclusion must be the scholar's own; an AI Tool may inform that process but may not perform it in the scholar's place.
- **Honest authorship - no hiding who (or what) wrote a section.** A scholar must be able to state, truthfully and completely, which parts of a submission were written by the scholar, which were assisted by an AI Tool, and which (if any, and where permitted) were substantially AI-generated.
- **Transparency about how AI was used, where relevant.** The nature, extent, and purpose of AI assistance must be disclosed through the Declaration Form described in Section 6, in terms specific enough to be meaningful to a reader or evaluator.
- **Proper attribution when it applies.** Where an AI Tool's output is quoted, closely paraphrased, or used as a substantive source, it must be acknowledged in the manner prescribed in Section 6.4, in the same spirit that governs attribution of any other source.
- **Academic integrity as the baseline, not the exception.** Compliance with this Policy is not a special accommodation for scholars who choose to use AI tools; it is the ordinary standard applicable to every scholar, whether or not AI is used at all.

4. Permitted and Prohibited Uses of AI

The table below illustrates, without being exhaustive, the boundary between AI use the University considers a legitimate aid to scholarship and AI use the University treats as a substitute for it and therefore a breach of academic integrity.

Responsible AI Use (Permitted, Subject to Disclosure Where Required)	Unacceptable Practice (Prohibited)
Grammar and clarity improvements to the scholar's own draft text	Copying AI-generated chapters or sections into the thesis without independent review and verification

Responsible AI Use (Permitted, Subject to Disclosure Where Required)	Unacceptable Practice (Prohibited)
Language polishing, including improving readability for scholars writing in a non-native language	Fabricating references, citations, or bibliographic entries, including references invented or hallucinated by an AI Tool
Coding or data-analysis assistance, including debugging, script generation, and statistical procedure guidance	Inventing research findings, data points, or experimental results, whether generated by an AI Tool or otherwise
Brainstorming structure, chapter organisation, or the sequencing of an argument	Submitting an AI-written literature review, or substantial portions of one, and presenting it as the scholar's own original synthesis
Formatting and citation-management help, including reference-style conversion	Concealing substantial AI-generated writing by omitting or falsifying the Declaration Form required under Section 6

A use not listed above shall be assessed by the Research Supervisor and, where necessary, the Ethics Board, against the five guiding principles in Section 3; the decisive question in every case is whether the AI Tool assisted the scholar's own thinking or substituted for it.

5. Categories of Legitimate AI Assistance: Detailed Guidance

5.1 Language and Editing Assistance

A scholar may use an AI Tool to improve the grammar, syntax, clarity, or flow of text that the scholar has independently drafted, including for the purpose of writing in English as an additional language. Such use does not require disclosure of individual sentences affected, but the general fact of having used an AI Tool for language editing shall be recorded in the Declaration Form under Section 6.2, category (a).

5.2 Coding and Data Analysis

A scholar may use an AI Tool to assist with the writing, debugging, or optimisation of analysis code, the selection of an appropriate statistical procedure, or the interpretation of software output, provided that the scholar independently verifies the correctness of the code and the validity of the resulting analysis before relying on it, and records the tool and its general purpose in the Declaration Form. The scholar remains fully responsible for the accuracy of any finding derived from AI-assisted code or analysis.


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5.3 Structural and Ideation Support

A scholar may use an AI Tool to brainstorm possible chapter structures, generate a list of sub-questions for further independent investigation, or suggest alternative ways of organising an argument already substantively developed by the scholar. The final structure and the substance of the argument must remain the scholar's own considered choice.

5.4 Formatting and Citation Assistance

A scholar may use an AI Tool for formatting tasks such as converting a bibliography between citation styles, or ensuring consistent heading and numbering conventions, without this constituting a disclosure-triggering use under Section 6.2, provided the underlying citations and content are the scholar's own and independently verified for accuracy.

5.5 Translation and Transcription

A scholar conducting fieldwork or archival research in a language other than the language of submission may use an AI Tool to assist with translation or transcription of source material, provided that (a) the accuracy of the translation is independently verified, so far as practicable, against the original source or by a competent human reviewer, and (b) the use is disclosed in the Declaration Form, identifying the material translated or transcribed.

5.6 What Remains Prohibited Regardless of Disclosure

- No disclosure, however complete, cures the fabrication of data, findings, or references; such conduct remains research misconduct under Section 9 of the Constitution of the Ethics Board irrespective of whether an AI Tool was involved.
- No disclosure cures the submission of literature reviews, analytical chapters, or substantial connected passages of the thesis that were substantially AI-generated rather than AI-assisted, save to the limited extent, if any, that the Research Supervisor and DRC have specifically approved AI-generated material for a clearly delineated, non-original purpose (such as a machine-translated appendix), which approval must itself be recorded and disclosed.


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6. Disclosure and Declaration Requirements

6.1 General Obligation

Every scholar shall disclose, honestly and completely, the use of any AI Tool falling within the categories described in Section 5, or any other material AI assistance, in the Declaration Form prescribed at Annexure A. Non-disclosure of AI use that falls within a disclosure-triggering category shall be treated as Undisclosed AI Use, subject to the consequences prescribed in Section 8.

6.2 Points at Which a Declaration Form is Required

Stage	Declaration Required
Research Proposal (at registration)	Yes - general declaration of anticipated AI tool use, if any
Coursework assignments and term papers	Yes - per assignment, where an AI Tool was used
Semester Progress Report to the RAC	Yes - cumulative declaration for the reporting period
Manuscript submitted for publication arising from the research	Yes - in addition to, and consistent with, the requirements of the target journal or publisher
Pre-submission seminar document	Yes - cumulative declaration covering the document presented
Final thesis, at the time of submission	Yes - comprehensive, chapter-wise declaration, forming part of the mandatory originality undertaking under Regulation 11(4) of the UGC Regulations, 2022

6.3 Content of the Declaration

The Declaration Form shall require the scholar to identify, for each document: (a) whether any AI Tool was used; (b) the name and, where material, the version of the tool; (c) the specific purpose of use, by reference to the categories in Section 5; (d) the chapters, sections, or portions of the document to which the assistance relates; and (e) a signed statement that the scholar has independently reviewed, verified, and taken intellectual ownership of the content of the document as a whole.

6.4 Attribution Where AI Output is Directly Used

Where an AI Tool's output is quoted verbatim or closely paraphrased in a submission - for example, a definitional passage the scholar has chosen to retain substantially in the tool's own words - the passage shall be clearly marked and attributed to the tool (naming the tool and, where feasible, the date


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of generation), in the same manner that any other secondary source would be attributed, and shall not be presented as the scholar's own original prose.

6.5 Verification by the Research Supervisor

The Research Supervisor shall review each Declaration Form alongside the submission to which it relates, and shall certify, at the time of forwarding the document for RAC review or thesis evaluation, that the declaration appears consistent with the Supervisor's own knowledge of the scholar's work. A Supervisor who has reason to doubt the completeness of a declaration shall refer the matter to the DRC in the first instance.

7. The AI-and-Similarity Index (AISI): Graduated Response Framework

Every document listed in Section 6.2, at the relevant stage, shall be processed through the University's approved plagiarism-and-AI-detection screening software to generate an AI-and-Similarity Index (AISI). The AISI shall inform, but not mechanically substitute for, the Ethics Board's qualitative judgment in every case; a score within a given band creates a rebuttable institutional expectation of the corresponding response, calibrated by the Ethics Board to the facts of the individual case, including whether AI use was properly declared.

AISI Band	Description	Institutional Response
Below 10%	Minimal - ordinary variance attributable to standard terminology, quoted material, and generic phrasing.	No separate action; treated as within the routine baseline maintained under Section 8 of the Constitution of the Ethics Board.
10% - 20%	Accepted, subject to proper declaration of AI use.	The document is accepted for further processing provided the Declaration Form under Section 6 is complete and consistent with the flagged content. Where AI use in this band has not been declared, the matter is treated as Undisclosed AI Use and escalated to at least the 20%-40% response below.
20% - 40%	A revise-and-resubmit band.	The scholar is required to revise and resubmit the document within a set window, ordinarily thirty (30) working days, fixed by the Research Supervisor in consultation with the DRC. Evaluation of the document does not proceed until a revised version is accepted. This band is recoverable, and most scholars who engage with the required revision proceed

AISI Band	Description	Institutional Response
		without further consequence.
40% - 60%	A serious band, indicating a pattern of unattributed similarity or undisclosed AI generation extending beyond isolated passages.	The scholar's submission timeline is delayed pending a closer institutional review, conducted by the DRC in coordination with the Ethics Board's Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Panel; the Research Supervisor is required to certify a section-by-section review of the flagged content; a written explanation is required from the scholar.
Above 60%	The most severe band.	The matter is referred to the Ethics Board for formal inquiry under Section 9 of its Constitution; the most severe outcome available - cancellation of the scholar's Ph.D. registration - remains on the table, subject to the University's disciplinary procedure and the applicable UGC Regulations, alongside the fuller range of consequences described in Section 9.6 of the Constitution of the Ethics Board.

The bands above apply to the document under review as a whole; a document with an aggregate AISI below a given threshold but containing a concentrated block of unattributed or undisclosed AI-generated content in a single section (such as an entire literature review chapter) may nonetheless be escalated to the response appropriate to that concentrated content, at the discretion of the Research Supervisor, DRC, or Ethics Board, notwithstanding the lower aggregate score.

8. Screening Procedure

4. **Screening Points.** Screening for AISI shall occur at every stage listed in Section 6.2, using software approved by the Ethics Board under Section 6.1 of its Constitution, which shall be configured to detect both conventional textual similarity and indicators associated with AI-generated text.
5. **Initial Review.** The screening report shall be reviewed in the first instance by the Research Supervisor, who shall determine, with reference to the band table in Section 7 and the completeness of the accompanying Declaration Form, whether the document may proceed, requires revision, or must be escalated.
6. **Escalation.** A document falling in the 40%-60% or above-60% bands, or a document in a lower band where the Research Supervisor has reason to suspect concealment, shall be escalated to the DRC and, as required by


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Section 7, to the Ethics Board, following the procedure of Section 8 (Plagiarism Screening Procedure) and Section 9 (Inquiry) of the Constitution of the Ethics Board.

7. **Re-Screening.** A document revised and resubmitted under the 20%-40% band shall be re-screened in full; a further AISI in the 20%-40% band or above on re-submission shall be treated as an aggravating factor for the purpose of the Ethics Board's assessment should the matter be referred onward.
8. **Recordkeeping.** Every AISI report, the associated Declaration Form, and the outcome of review shall be retained in the scholar's file for the duration of the scholar's registration and for a minimum of eight (8) years thereafter, consistent with Section 5.4 of the Constitution of the Ethics Board.

9. Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Responsibility Under This Policy
Scholar	Complete and sign the Declaration Form for every applicable document; independently verify all AI-assisted content; refrain from prohibited AI use listed in Section 4
Research Supervisor	Review the Declaration Form and AISI report; certify consistency between the two; determine the appropriate response within the Supervisor's authority under Section 7; escalate as required
RAC	Consider AISI outcomes as part of the scholar's semester progress review; ensure corrective measures directed under Section 7 are tracked to completion
DRC	Coordinate revise-and-resubmit windows; conduct closer institutional review for the 40%-60% band; escalate to the Ethics Board where warranted
Ethics Board (Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Panel)	Conduct formal inquiry for the above-60% band and any escalated matter; determine and recommend consequences under Section 9.6 of its Constitution
Dean (Research)	Maintain University-wide oversight of screening software approval, aggregate reporting, and consistency of application of the band framework across Departments

10. Data Protection and Confidentiality in AI Use

- A scholar shall not input unpublished research data, confidential participant information, or material subject to a non-disclosure obligation into a public or third-party AI Tool that retains, trains on, or otherwise processes submitted data beyond the immediate session, without first


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confirming that such use is consistent with the University's data protection obligations, any applicable Ethics Committee clearance under the Constitution of the Ethics Board, and, where relevant, the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.

- Where a scholar's research involves sensitive human-subject data, use of an AI Tool for any purpose involving that data shall be disclosed to, and where necessary specifically cleared by, the Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) referred to in Section 6.1 of the Constitution of the Ethics Board, in addition to the general Declaration Form required under Section 6 of this Policy.
- The University shall, so far as practicable, identify and recommend institutionally licensed or privacy-preserving AI tools for scholars' use, and shall publish guidance on which categories of data may not be submitted to public AI tools under any circumstances.

11. Training and Awareness

The principles and procedures of this Policy shall be incorporated into the compulsory Research and Publication Ethics (RPE) coursework prescribed under Regulation 9 of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 7.1 of the Ordinance, so that every scholar receives structured instruction on responsible AI use before undertaking substantial independent research. The Ethics Board shall, in coordination with the Dean (Research), conduct periodic refresher sessions and publish illustrative examples of acceptable and unacceptable AI use, updated as AI Tools and detection methods evolve.

12. Appeal

A scholar aggrieved by a determination made under this Policy - whether as to the AISI band applicable, the completeness of a Declaration Form, or a consequence imposed - may appeal in accordance with Section 13 of the Constitution of the Ethics Board (for a matter that has reached the Ethics Board) or the Policy for the Grievance Redress Mechanism of Scholars (for a matter resolved at Research Supervisor or DRC level under Sections 7-8 of this Policy, treated as a Tier 1/Tier 2 grievance under that Policy).

13. Relationship with Other University Policies

This Policy operates as a specific elaboration of Section 13 of the Research Policy and Sections 6 and 8 of the Constitution of the Ethics Board, and as part of the

same regulatory architecture as the Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme, the Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme for Foreign Students, the Fellowship/Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars, the Constitution of the RAC and DRC, and the Policy for the Grievance Redress Mechanism of Scholars. In the event of an apparent conflict between this Policy and the Constitution of the Ethics Board as to a similarity or AI-content threshold, this Policy shall prevail on that specific point; the Ethics Board's general inquiry procedure continues to govern the conduct of any resulting formal inquiry.

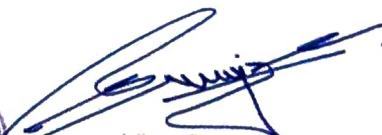
14. Amendment, Review and Interpretation

9. **Periodic Review.** This Policy shall be reviewed by the Ethics Board at least once every two (2) years - a shorter cycle than other instruments in this regulatory architecture, in recognition of the pace at which AI tools and detection methods evolve - and any resulting amendment shall be placed before the Academic Council and the Board of Management for approval.
10. **Interim Directions.** Pending formal amendment, the Chairperson of the Ethics Board, in consultation with the Dean (Research), may issue interim guidance on the treatment of a specific AI Tool or use-case not clearly addressed by this Policy, such guidance to be ratified at the Ethics Board's next meeting and reported to the Academic Council.
11. **Interpretation.** Where any doubt arises as to the interpretation of this Policy, or as to whether a specific use of an AI Tool falls within Section 4's permitted or prohibited categories, the matter shall be referred to the Chairperson of the Ethics Board, whose determination, taken in consultation with the Dean (Research), shall be final, subject to the overriding authority of the Board of Management.
12. **Effective Date.** This Policy shall take effect from the date of its approval by the Board of Management and shall apply to every document screened thereafter; a thesis already under evaluation on that date shall continue to be governed by the plagiarism-screening provisions in force at the time of its submission, unless the scholar elects, in writing, to have it governed by this Policy.


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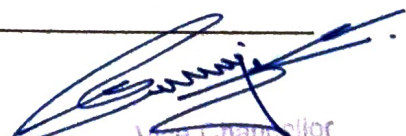
Annexure A: AI Use Declaration Form (Prescribed Format)

Field	Particulars to be Furnished
Scholar Name and Registration Number	-
Document Title and Stage	e.g., "Chapter 3 - Methodology", "Semester 4 Progress Report", "Final Thesis"
Was an AI Tool used?	Yes / No
Name and Version of AI Tool(s) Used	-
Purpose of Use (select all applicable, per Section 5)	Language/grammar editing; coding/data-analysis assistance; structural/ideation support; formatting/citation assistance; translation/transcription; other (specify)
Chapters/Sections to Which Use Relates	-
Extent of Use (brief narrative description)	-
Verbatim/Closely Paraphrased AI Output Retained?	Yes / No - if yes, confirm attribution has been provided per Section 6.4
Scholar's Declaration	I confirm that I have independently reviewed, verified, and taken intellectual ownership of the content of this document as a whole, and that this declaration is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
Scholar's Signature and Date	-
Research Supervisor's Certification	I certify that this declaration appears consistent with my knowledge of the scholar's work. Signature and Date: _____


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Annexure B: Cross-Reference to Governing Instruments

Subject	Governing Instrument
General plagiarism screening mandate and threshold	Regulation 11(3)-(4), UGC Regulations, 2022; 2018 UGC Regulations; Chapter 9.2, Ordinance; Section 8, Constitution of the Ethics Board
Research and Publication Ethics coursework	Regulation 9, UGC Regulations, 2022; Chapter 7.1, Ordinance
Ethics Board inquiry procedure and consequence matrix	Sections 9 and 9.6, Constitution of the Ethics Board
Human-subject data protection in AI use	Section 6.1, Constitution of the Ethics Board; Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023
Appeal from an Ethics Board finding	Section 13, Constitution of the Ethics Board
Appeal from a Research Supervisor/DRC-level determination	Policy for the Grievance Redress Mechanism of Scholars
Originality undertaking at thesis submission	Regulation 11(4), UGC Regulations, 2022


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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION

45th Meeting of the Board of Management

Date: 28 March 2026

Item No.: BoM-45/26/9

POLICY FOR PLAGIARISM AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) GUIDELINES FOR PH.D. SCHOLARS

The Dean (Research) placed before the Board the draft “**Policy for Plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines for Ph.D. Scholars**”, framed in conformity with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, the UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, Ordinance No. 1 of 2023 of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya, the University’s Research Policy and the Constitution of the Institutional Research Ethics and Integrity Board, for consideration and approval.

The Board examined the draft Policy in detail and observed that the proposed Policy establishes a comprehensive institutional framework governing academic integrity, plagiarism prevention and the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence in doctoral research. The Board further observed that the Policy prescribes the guiding principles governing AI-assisted research, permissible and prohibited uses of Artificial Intelligence, mandatory disclosure requirements, AI Use Declaration Forms, verification by Research Supervisors, AI-and-Similarity Index (AISI) thresholds, plagiarism screening procedures, institutional responsibilities, data protection safeguards, appeal mechanisms and periodic review, thereby strengthening the University’s commitment to originality, research ethics and responsible innovation in doctoral education.

RESOLVED THAT

The Board of Management hereby approves the “**Policy for Plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines for Ph.D. Scholars**” as the official institutional policy governing plagiarism prevention, responsible use of Artificial Intelligence, originality verification, AI disclosure obligations, similarity assessment and academic integrity in all doctoral research conducted under the authority of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

The approved Policy shall apply to every Ph.D. Scholar, Research Supervisor, Co-Supervisor, Research Advisory Committee (RAC), Doctoral Research Committee (DRC), Institutional Research Ethics and Integrity Board, Dean (Research), Research Degree Committee and every

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authority entrusted with responsibilities relating to doctoral research and research integrity within the University.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

The provisions relating to AI-assisted research, AI disclosure, plagiarism screening, AI-and-Similarity Index (AIS), institutional review procedures, disciplinary proceedings, appeals and data protection shall be implemented in conjunction with the University's Research Policy, the Constitution of the Institutional Research Ethics and Integrity Board, the Policy for the Grievance Redress Mechanism of Scholars and all other applicable University Regulations and Ordinances.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

The Vice Chancellor is hereby authorised to issue administrative directions, Standard Operating Procedures, implementation guidelines, screening protocols, AI declaration formats, approved software specifications, operational manuals, advisory notes and such other consequential administrative orders as may be necessary for effective implementation of the approved Policy.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

The Institutional Research Ethics and Integrity Board, Dean (Research), Research Degree Committee, Doctoral Research Committees, Research Advisory Committees, Research Supervisors, Heads of Departments, Registrar and every authority concerned shall discharge their respective duties strictly in accordance with the provisions contained in the approved Policy.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

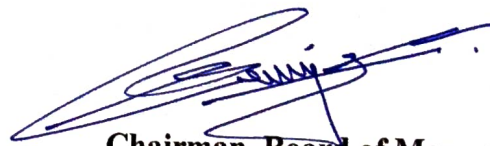
The Registrar shall issue the necessary notification, preserve the authenticated master copy of the Policy, circulate the same amongst all Schools, Departments, Research Centres and administrative offices of the University, publish the approved Policy on the official University website and undertake all consequential administrative action necessary for its implementation.

Certified to be a True Resolution

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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT EXTRACT OF RESOLUTION

Extract of the Minutes of the 45th Meeting of the Board of Management

Date: 28 March 2026

Item No.: BoM-45/26/9

Policy for Plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines for Ph.D. Scholars

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Management approved the “Policy for Plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines for Ph.D. Scholars”, framed in conformity with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, the UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, Ordinance No. 1 of 2023, the University’s Research Policy and the Constitution of the Institutional Research Ethics and Integrity Board, as the institutional policy governing plagiarism prevention, Artificial Intelligence assisted research and academic integrity for Ph.D. Scholars of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Vice Chancellor shall issue such administrative directions as may be necessary for operationalisation of the approved Policy.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Registrar shall notify and implement the approved Policy throughout the University.

Certified to be a True Extract of the Minutes

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ACADEMIC COUNCIL RESOLUTION

46th Meeting of the Academic Council

Date: 20 June 2026

Item No.: AC-46/26/10

POLICY FOR PLAGIARISM AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) GUIDELINES FOR PH.D. SCHOLARS

The Dean (Research) placed before the Academic Council the draft “**Policy for Plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines for Ph.D. Scholars**” for consideration and academic approval.

The Academic Council examined the draft Policy in detail and observed that it establishes a transparent and academically rigorous framework governing originality in doctoral research by prescribing ethical standards for the use of Artificial Intelligence, disclosure obligations, AI-assisted writing, plagiarism screening, AI-and-Similarity Index (AIS) thresholds, supervisory responsibilities, institutional review mechanisms, appeal procedures, confidentiality safeguards and research data protection. The Council further observed that the Policy strengthens research integrity while recognising the legitimate use of Artificial Intelligence as an academic assistance tool without compromising scholarly originality.

RESOLVED THAT

The Academic Council hereby approves the “**Policy for Plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines for Ph.D. Scholars**” from the academic standpoint and recommends the same to the Board of Management for statutory approval.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

Upon approval by the Board of Management, the Policy shall form an integral part of the University’s academic and research governance framework governing academic integrity, plagiarism prevention and responsible Artificial Intelligence usage in doctoral research.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

The Institutional Research Ethics and Integrity Board, Dean (Research), Research Degree Committee, Doctoral Research Committees, Research Advisory Committees and Research Supervisors shall periodically review implementation of the Policy and recommend amendments



whenever required by developments in Artificial Intelligence technologies, University Grants Commission Regulations, national legislation or institutional academic requirements.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

The Registrar shall place the approved Policy before the Board of Management for statutory approval and thereafter undertake all consequential administrative action for implementation.

Certified to be a True Resolution

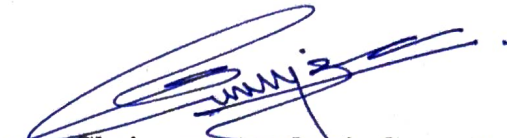
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ACADEMIC COUNCIL EXTRACT OF RESOLUTION

Extract of the Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Academic Council

Date: 20 June 2026

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Policy for Plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines for Ph.D. Scholars

RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council approved the “Policy for Plagiarism and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines for Ph.D. Scholars” and recommended the same to the Board of Management for statutory approval as the institutional policy governing plagiarism prevention, responsible Artificial Intelligence usage and academic integrity in doctoral research conducted at Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT upon approval by the Board of Management, the Policy shall be implemented throughout the University.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Dean (Research), Institutional Research Ethics and Integrity Board and the Registrar shall take all necessary academic and administrative action for implementation of the approved Policy.

Certified to be a True Extract of the Minutes

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