

*Policy
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For
Research*



**Sonapur College, Sonapur
Kamrup(M), Assam**



Academic institutions are expected to perform multi-fold activities which includes teaching, research, consultancy and extension. Research happens to be one of the pioneer aspects of academic activities that helps an institution to achieve excellence in the field of education. Research is the foundation of knowledge that brings new energy, builds state of the art facilities, promotes research publications, develops collaborations and becomes part of active community that shares the mission objectives.

Sonapur College is committed to promote research culture amongst the faculties and students as basic long-term research provides the foundation for future development of the Institution. Research and developmental activities helps to create and disseminate new avenues in knowledge and promotes innovation that can motivate better learning and teaching amongst faculties and students of the College.

Taking these into consideration, Sonapur College, framed and implemented its Research Policy. The research policy of the college aims to develop and promote scientific temper and research aptitude of all learners, to realize the vision and mission of the college and to identify research areas of academic, practical and socially relevant significance thus contributing to regional and national development.

This Research Policy forms the basics of the research ethics of the college and is implemented in all the departments and it serve as the guidelines for the functioning of the Research Monitoring Cell of the college. In line with the policy, the College publishes Sona Sophia – a research journal for academia across disciplines, Budding Scholars – a research journal for the students and Research Monitoring Cell Bulletin that documents various research oriented activities of the faculty members of the College.

Purpose

The need for Research Policy of Sonapur College has arisen from a number of factors:

- i) To create a vibrant atmosphere of research amongst faculty and inculcate research aptitude amongst the students.
- ii) To serve as an overall framework within which research activities may be carried out.




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- iii) To identify thrust areas of research having social relevance and thereby supplementing the Vision and Mission of the college.
- iv) To emphasize contribution towards society and to the nation at large.
- v) To stress on action-oriented research related to local issues to provide a framework for solutions.

Objectives of Research Policy

The principal objectives of the Research Policy are as follows:

1. To develop desired awareness regarding research amongst the faculty of Sonapur College.
2. To promote research activity in different disciplines and emerging areas with emphasis on socially and locally relevant topics.
3. To encourage faculty members to publish research papers and undertake various research projects of social and academic importance and incentivize publication of research in reputed journals.
4. To publish a research journal that provides a platform to the faculty members, as well as researchers and academicians in the college as well as to those from academia across the country.
5. To create awareness in the society through various research initiatives and by giving due publicity to the socially useful research projects that will be undertaken by the college.
6. To encourage original quality in basic and applied research in the fields of Humanities, Commerce and all related and other relevant fields.
7. To establish linkage with industries and business organizations to identify potential areas of research, surveys and other basic research enquiry.




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8. To encourage faculty members to get research projects from National Funding agencies like - ICSSR, UGC and other such organizations.
9. To encourage research amongst faculty members through internal college funding.

Custodian of the Policy

Under the Research Policy, a Research Monitoring Cell is constituted to function under the Principal, Sonapur College to assist and advise in matters related to research within the college. It also aims at ensuring that the research activities of the college conform to all applicable rules and regulations of the affiliating University, U.G.C. as well as to the established standards and norms. The Research Monitoring Cell of Sonapur College has been constituted to perform certain functions.

Functions of the Research Monitoring Cell of Sonapur College:

The Research Monitoring Cell of Sonapur College has been constituted under the Research Policy with the following mandate:

- i) To encourage and motivate faculty members of the College for Professional Development and to take up research activities on the topics relevant to their expertise.
- ii) To assist and guide the faculty members to take up research project and preparation of the project proposals for procurement of fund.
- iii) To organize seminars/workshops/conference on topics of multidisciplinary nature of common interest and to participate in the events at national and international level.
- iv) To monitor the progress of research activities amongst the faculty members of the College and also to advise the Principal Investigator to submit the progress report as well as the final report to the sponsoring agency in time.
- v) To publish annually a bulletin containing the different Research and academic activities of the faculty members of the College.
- vi) To encourage the students to take part in research activities, project works, seminars, presentations, etc.
- vii) To create conducive research environment leading to overall growth of the institute.




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