

To,
The Vice Chancellor
Eternal University, Baru Sahib (H.P.)

Sub. : Regarding Research & Development Cell (RDC) of Eternal University.

Hon'ble Sir,

Under the kind guidance of Respected Dean-Research Dr. N. P. Singh Sir, Respected PVC Dr. Ahluwalia Sir and Respected Dean-Academics Dr. Banipal Sir, the structure of Research & Development Cell (RDC) of Eternal University was formulated and signed in the month of February 2024 (Enclosure No. 1). It was then approved by Hon'ble Chancellor Sir.

With regard to this, minor inputs were given by the Chancellor Sir and also minor changes were suggested by yourself. After incorporating the suggestions, the structure of RDC was modified and is attached also (Enclosure No. 2).

The modified structure of Research & Development Cell (RDC) is forwarded for your kind approval and circulation through VC office please.

Thanking you.

With regards,

Tusshar M.
02/5/2024
[Prof. (Dr.) Tusshar Mahajan]
Eternal University, Baru Sahib

The Registrar
VC Sir
02/5/2024

Date: 02 May 2024

- Encl.: (1) Previous structure of Research & Development Cell (RDC).
- (2) Modified structure of Research & Development Cell (RDC).

Sir, will be placed in next Acn.

Add Registrar
3/5/2024
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Research and Development Cell (RDC), Eternal University

Preambles

Research, innovation and technology development are necessary aspects to enhance quality education by the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). In order to address the societal requirements and challenges of our country, there is a requirement of a strong and vibrant higher education ecosystem with an emphasis on research, innovation and technology development. UGC launched guidelines for establishment of Research and Development Cell (RDC) in the HEIs on March 04, 2022 to attain targets of Atma- Nirbhar Bharat and to catalyze research culture as envisaged in NEP 2020. The purpose of these guidelines is to put in place a robust mechanism to develop and strengthen the research ecosystem within HEIs, associated with the requirements of NEP-2020.

In vision of the same, Eternal University is going to establish a RDC by reconstitution of the exiting similar kind of governance functioning in the university. The essential elements of RDC will consist of generation of knowledge and facilitation of research, innovation and technology development for industrial & societal benefits. These elements will be addressed by human resource, intellectual capital, governance and financial resources, information management system, research promotion & guidance, Integrity and ethics, capacity building and research monitoring. It is expected that RDC will create a conducive environment for enhanced research productivity; to encourage collaboration across industry, government, community based organizations, and agencies at the local, national, and international levels and to facilitate greater access to research through mobilization of resources and funding.

The establishment of RDC in Eternal University will help in creating new knowledge, creating a research ecosystem for reliable, impactful, and sustained research output and facilitating intellectual growth that would promote quality research and contribute meaningfully towards the goal of a self-reliant India.

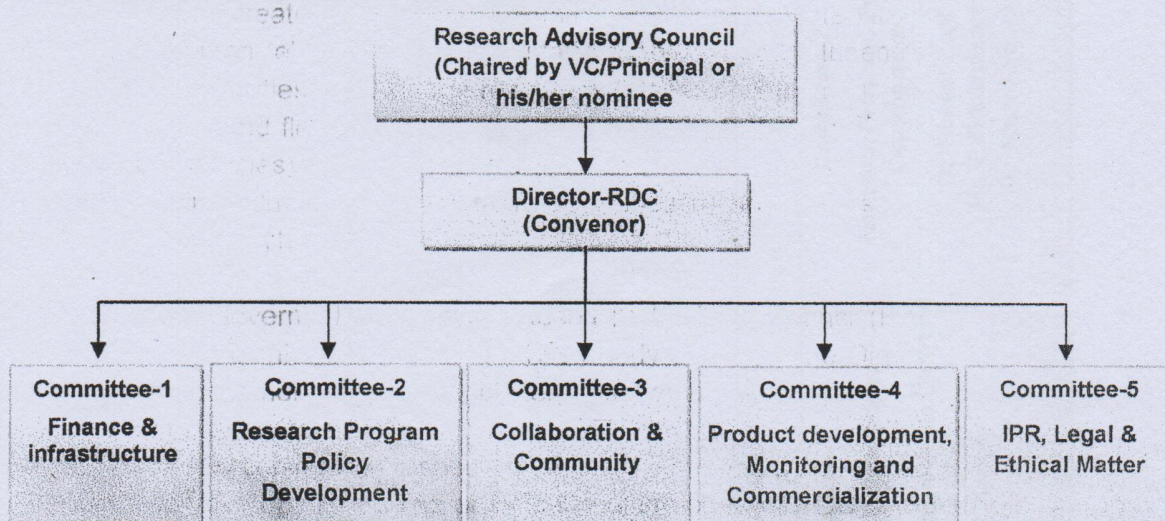
Objectives:

1. To develop a functional role-based structure of organization under Research and Development Cell (RDC), formulate Research Policy (RP) for the Eternal University, identify thrust areas of research and form related cluster groups/ frontline teams/consortia of researchers.
2. To develop enabling provisions in Research Policies for the recruitment of research personnel, procurement of equipments and financial management with adequate autonomy to the Principal Investigators (PIs) and disseminate research outcomes to the stakeholders and the public at large.
3. To establish a special purpose vehicle to promote innovators and researchers, identify probable collaborators from research organizations, industry, academic institutions and stakeholders for the cooperation and synergistic partnerships.
4. To create as a link between relevant research funding agencies and researchers to extend guidance in preparation and submission of research project proposals and post-sanctioning of different research grants to supervise adherence to timelines.

5. To have healthier coordination among other cells or centres dealing with the University-Industry Inter Linkage, Incubation and Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).
6. To create an Institutional Research Information System (IRIS) for sharing the status of completed/ongoing research projects/ programmes, expertise and resources to make effective use of the Information & Communication Technology (ICT) for preparing the database of in-house experts to offer industrial consultancy and services.
7. To engage and utilize the services of retired faculty/scientists in research capacity building of talented young minds to promote mobility of researchers across the institutions and Research & Development Labs.
8. To act as nodal centre for ideation and conceptualization of research topics/themes through organizing training programs and workshops and ensuring the integrity and ethical practices in the research activities including the clearance of bioethical committee wherever required.

Eternal University is planning for an efficient governance mechanism, which ensures functional autonomy, transparency, accountability, adaptability by strengthening interlinkages to create a conducive research environment. The Eternal University will foster the human elements (faculty, staff, scholars, and students), logistics (land, buildings, and facilities), knowledge resources (research equipment, project utilities, and consumables), fund flow, etc. through a steady, proficient, effective governance (Rules, Norms, and Policies) and financial (Grants and Funds) management. The dedicated leadership and administrative structure for research will be essentially led by our experienced researchers.

The Research Governance will have a Research Advisory Council (RAC) headed by the Vice-Chancellor or his nominee as the apex body of RDC. The Director, nominated by Vice-Chancellor among the distinguished researchers from the university, will head various committees to drive the governance. RDC will form multiple committees to smoothen its functioning with respective committee members nominated by the Director-RDC and approved by RAC. The organisational structure of RDC comprising of various committees for specified functions may be as under:



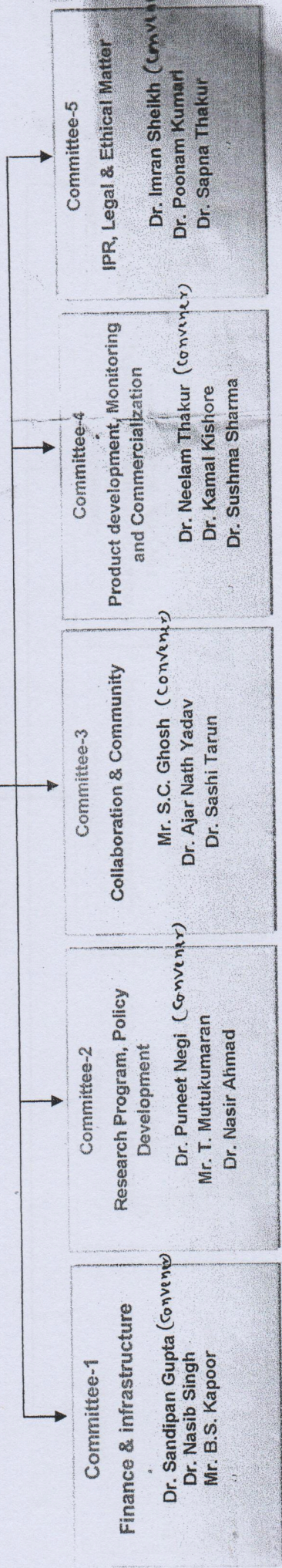
Research Advisory Council (RAC)
 Chairperson
 Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
 Co-Chairperson
 Hon'ble Pro-Vice Chancellor

Director-RDC
 Dean Research: Prof. (Dr.) N.P. Singh & Dean Academics: Prof. (Dr.) T.S. Banipal

Dr. Neelam Kaur.

*Approved,
17/11/24*

Deputy Director-RDC
 Prof. (Dr.) Tushar Mahajan



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