



## **Reconstitution of the Research and Development (R&D) Cell of GSFC University**

### **GSFC University Academic Department**

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### **Preamble**

In alignment with the transformative vision of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, which emphasizes the integration of **research, innovation, and multidisciplinary learning** as core pillars of higher education, GSFC University is committed to fostering a robust and outcome-driven research ecosystem.

Further, in accordance with the guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC) for the establishment of **Research and Development Cells (RDCs)**, the University seeks to strengthen its research governance, enhance quality benchmarks, and promote translational and industry-relevant research.

This initiative is also aligned with **NAAC accreditation requirements**, focusing on measurable research outputs, quality publications, and innovation-driven practices. Additionally, it contributes to the broader national vision of **Viksit Bharat 2047** and the aspiration of building an **Atmanirbhar (self-reliant) India**, by nurturing knowledge creation, technological advancement, and societal impact.

In this context, GSFC University hereby reconstitutes its **Research and Development (R&D) Cell** to further strengthen institutional research capabilities, promote interdisciplinary collaboration, and enhance global competitiveness.

### **Committee Members of the R&D Cell**

With the University's enhanced focus on research and innovation, the role of the Associate Dean (R&D) is envisaged as central to coordinating and driving research initiatives. The Associate Dean (R&D) shall oversee the functioning of the R&D Cell in close coordination with the Provost to ensure effective implementation, monitoring, and continuous improvement.



### The R&D Cell is hereby reconstituted as follows:

- Chairperson: Provost
- Coordinator: Dr. Akhilesh Prajapati, Associate Professor & Associate Dean R&D Cell

### Committee Members:

1. Dr. Devjani Banerjee , Professor, Department of Life sciences, SoS
2. Dr. Sanjukta Bose Goswami, Dean, SoT
3. Dr Prabal Sengupta, Professor of Practice, SoS
4. Ms Shewta Rajput, Sr. Assistant Professor & HoD CSE, SoT
5. Dr. Chetna Parmar, Associate Professor, SoM&E
6. Dr Chandra Has, Assistant Professor, SoT
7. Ms Swati Saxena, Sr. Assistant Professor, SoT
8. Dr Swati Mohapatra, Assistant Professor, SoS
9. Dr. Sindhura Gudipati , Assistant Professor, SoS

### Roles and Responsibilities of the R&D Cell

The R&D Cell at GSFC University shall function as the **nodal cell to strengthen research, innovation, and industry-linked outcomes**, with the following key responsibilities:

- **Policy & Guidelines:** Develop clear guidelines for research proposals, project execution, publications, and intellectual property.
- **Seed Fund Management:** Design, administer, and monitor **Seed Fund/Seed Grant schemes** to support early-stage, high-impact, and interdisciplinary research.
- **Research Grant Awareness & Dissemination:** Proactively identify and circulate **national/international funding opportunities**, and create awareness through workshops, alerts, and mentoring support.
- **Proposal Development Support:** Facilitate **quality proposal writing**, internal review, and submission support to enhance grant success rates.
- **Consultancy & Industry Grants:** Promote and streamline **consultancy projects, industry-sponsored research, and revenue-generating research activities**.
- **Research Resource Mapping:** Identify, catalogue, and optimize **research infrastructure, labs, databases, and external facilities** for effective utilization.
- **Research Governance & Compliance:** Ensure adherence to **research ethics, quality standards, and accreditation requirements (e.g., NAAC)**.
- **Monitoring & Performance Tracking:** Establish systems for **tracking research outputs** (publications, patents, projects, funding) and periodic review.



- **Collaboration & Partnerships:** Foster **interdisciplinary, institutional, and industry collaborations** aligned with university thrust areas.
- **Capacity Building:** Organize **training, FDPs, and mentoring initiatives** to build a strong research culture among faculty and students.
- **Recommending Role:** Provide actionable **recommendations to strengthen research & development**, aligned with GSFC University's vision of innovation, sustainability, and industry relevance.

The R&D Cell, through its Coordinator and members, shall undertake continuous internal assessment of research quality, outputs, and activities, ensuring alignment with institutional goals and facilitating ongoing improvement. The **Associate Dean (R&D)** shall coordinate all meetings, reviews, and related activities of the Cell to ensure effective implementation and monitoring.

  
**Provost**  
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