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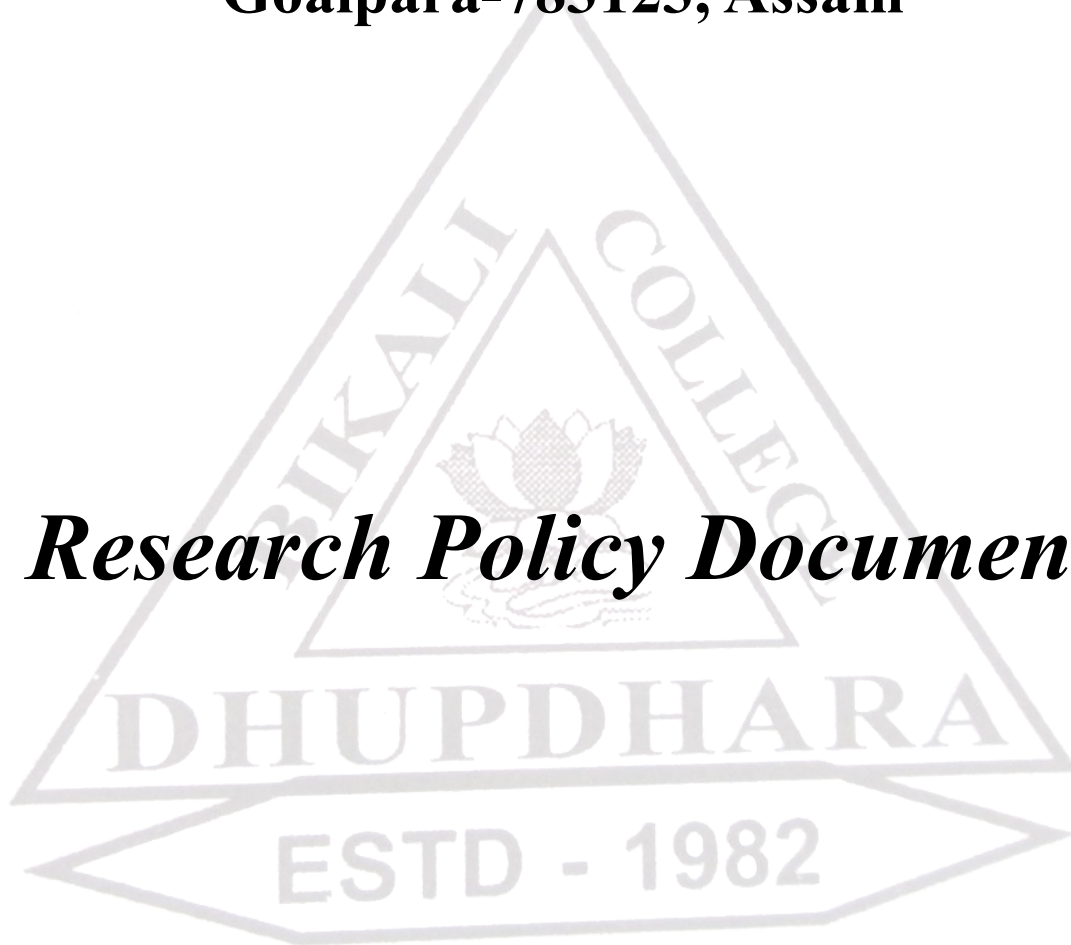## *(Affiliated to Gauhati University)*

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Research Policy Document

As institutions of Higher Education, colleges are expected to conduct a threefold activity which are teaching, research and extension. Research is a systematic process of inquiry and investigation that seeks to discover, interpret, or revise facts, theories, and applications. It is driven by curiosity and the desire to expand knowledge, solve problems, or understand phenomena. Research is conducted in various fields, including the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, engineering, etc and it helps to create new avenues in knowledge and promote innovation. Enhancing research skills is one of the primary outcomes of higher education today. Bikali College aspires to become a hub of research and envisages itself as a centre of knowledge production in the near future. Taking these into consideration, Bikali College has framed its Research Policy and is currently in the process of implementing it. The policy has been framed by the Bikali College Research and Development Cell and assented by the Governing Body.

Purpose

The purpose the policy is to establish a clear framework that guides the conduct, management, and support of research activities within the institution. It ensures that research is carried out ethically, safely, and in compliance with legal and institutional standards, while also promoting a productive and innovative research environment. It also aims to identify thrust areas of research having social relevance thereby supplementing the Vision and Mission of the college. The research policy emphasises contribution to the society in terms of cultural preservation, livelihood generation, etc.

Scope

This research policy serves as the basis of ethical research carried out by the institution and serves as guidelines for the functioning of the Research and Development Cell of Bikali College.

Custodian of the Policy

The implementation of the policy is carried out by the Research and Development Cell, Bikali College. The cell plays a pivotal role in catalysing research especially interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research in Bikali College as mandated in NEP, 2020.

Objectives of the Research Policy

- To promote awareness regarding research and innovation among the faculty members and students of Bikali College

- To establish a healthy research environment where researchers work with integrity, honesty, avoiding plagiarism, falsification and fabrication.

- To establish research centres in different disciplines in the college with emphasis on the social relevance and social utility of the project.

- To encourage the faculty members as well as students to write research papers in UGC Care Listed and SCOPUS listed journals.

- To encourage faculty members to undertake research projects

- To publish a research journal

- To create awareness in the society through various research initiatives

Research Policy

1. To encourage authentic and original research in different disciplines and fields of study.

2. To identify the emerging areas of research and encourage the faculty members to undertake research in these areas.

3. To establish linkage with industries and local institutions to identify potential areas of research, surveys and other basic research enquiry.

4. To encourage faculty members to get research projects from National Funding agencies like UGC, ICSSR, etc as well as state government fundings.

5. To identify faculty members with doctorates who can work as leaders in the field of research and encourage them to undertake research projects.

6. To provide financial assistance for the publication of books, research papers and research findings.

7. To offer a suitable platform to the faculty members and students to publish their research.

8. To encourage the faculty members and students to undertake research on the burning issues of the local society with an objective of making policy interventions.

9. To organize various workshops to develop appropriate research skills among the students and faculty members.

10. To encourage faculty members to various seminars, workshops and conferences and provide them with financial support if required.

11. To establish suitable infrastructure and environment in the college that will help to undertake different research projects.

12. To enhance data resource available in the college to make the institution space more suitable for undertaking quality research projects.

13. To undertake all other such activities which will inculcate research culture in the college.