



Shree Chandulal Nanavati Women's Institute & Girls' High School's
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BEST PRACTICES I :- STRENGTHENING STUDENT RESEARCH

1. Objectives:

1. To develop critical thinking abilities of students.
2. To initiate and engage students in research activities and projects.

2. Context:

Maniben Nanavati Women's College is committed to provide quality education. One of the most important aspects of higher education is research. We have always had a sound research culture. With the financial support of philanthropists, we launched Smt. Kantaben Shah Research Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies (KSRC). KSRC continues to encourage, promote and fund research activities.

3. Practice:

To create a robust research culture, MNWC facilitates:

- **Training students for :**
 - ✓ ANVESHAN-National & Zonal Student Research Convention
 - ✓ AVISHKAR- Maharashtra State Inter-University Convention
 - ✓ AVISHKAR - SNDTWU
 - ✓ URJITA- SPN Doshi College
 - ✓ **Other Inter-College Competitions**
- **Student Aid for Research (STAR) Project:** Under the aegis of KSRC, this project, launched since 2021-2022, trains a group of interested students from Undergraduate section to conduct qualitative and/or quantitative research in academics and beyond. Five to six students are selected across two Departments every year. The training takes place in hybrid mode and includes sessions on how to: select a research-topic and methodology; data-collection; analysis and compiling findings etc.
- **ANVESHAN (since 2012):** MNWC's Inter-college competition is an annual event aimed to develop scientific culture and research abilities of students. It has been funded by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (India), United Nations Population (UNFPA-India) and others.
- **Workshops and Add-on Courses:** The academic programs having research in their curriculum regularly conduct Workshops and Add-on courses on Research Methodology and Statistical Analysis for Undergraduate and Postgraduate students.
- **Student-Led Seminar:** The Department of English has been conducting it every year under the MOU with SNDT Arts College.



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- **RAAH**-This Student- Research Project of Department of Child Development started in 2019 for supporting trans genders is now an established body with active alumna-participation. An Action-Based Research Project for skilling 20 trans genders was funded by Rotary Club of Bombay Airport.
 - **Library Support:** The College Library has subscribed N-LIST & J-GATE databases for researchers. Drillbit, an Anti-Plagiarism Software has been installed to help students to check the plagiarism status. Books, periodicals and journals are available for researchers in sufficient numbers. The Print & E-Resources are upgraded from time to time.
 - **Ethics Committee:** The Research Ethics Committee has been established for more than a decade to review research proposals. The Committee is constituted of experts, lawyer, academicians and researchers.
 - **Ph.D. Study Centre:** Application for the same in the subjects of Psychology and Commerce has been submitted to SNDTWU. The Scrutiny Committee has submitted report. A positive response is awaited.
4. **Success:** The College has received laurels for:
- **Representation at ANVESHAN National Research Convention**
 - **Second Prize at ANVESHAN Western Zone**
 - **AVISHKAR Research Convention: First Prize at SNDTWU**
 - **Paper presentations by students in 60 + Intercollege Research events**
 - **Prizes-30 + in Intercollege research competitions**
 - **Publications in Journals:** 30 PG students have published.
 - **Student-Led Seminar:** Total beneficiaries 190.
5. **Problems:**
- Research Funding was a major challenge.
 - Establishing linkages with research organizations and other institutions is not an easy process.

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