

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CELL
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has released a detailed guideline for the establishment of a Research & Development Cell (RDC) in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) (Annexure-I). The guideline is intended to implement a robust mechanism for developing and strengthening the research ecosystem within HEIs, aligned with the provisions of NEP-2020. Furthermore, the guideline also outlines a template for RDC's organizational structure comprising various committees for specified functions.

In this regard, the organisational structure of RDC, University of Delhi has been formulated, outlining the functional roles and responsibilities of the following committees.

1. RDC Advisory Committee
2. Committee-I: Finance and Infrastructure
3. Committee-II: Research Program, Policy Development
4. Committee III: Collaboration and Community
5. Committee-IV: Product Development, Monitoring and Commercialization
6. Committee-V: IPR, Legal and Ethical Matters

The RDC structure and committee constitution have also been approved in the Academic Council meeting (AC resolution # 27 dated 11.8.2023) and Executive Council (dated 25.08.2023; EC resolution number 27(27-10).

Since the establishment of RDC, numerous initiatives have been implemented to cultivate and promote research, innovation, and technology development.

1. RDC has already initiated the technology transfer procedure for the products developed by teachers of the University. A draft MOU has been developed and will be finalized as per the terms and conditions required for the specific technology.
2. To sensitize students and teachers about the importance of Patents, an online certificate course on Patents has been started. In the first batch that started on July 16th, 2023, a total of 120 students were enrolled. The course consists of 48 hr online teaching by experts and 12hrs hands-on training (offline).
3. To foster University-Industry interactions at an early stage of technology development, start-up companies and companies in early development have joined the Incubators both at North Campus and South Campus (BioNest). Several more have expressed their

interest and submitted LOIs which are under consideration. The university has also registered under Section 8 to foster these activities.

4. To foster University-Industry interaction, the University of Delhi under RDC also hosted 2nd International conference on “Future of Energy with Science & Technology” on July 18th-19th 2023 (FEST 2023: Future of Energy) wherein a number of participants from Academia and Industry participated.

The RDC commitment to foster the research and technological innovation, ultimately contributing to the broader landscape of knowledge and the overall growth of the University.

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