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Research and Development Cell

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About HSNC University, Mumbai

HSNC University, Mumbai, has been constituted under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (Mah. VI of 2017), the Government of Maharashtra vide notification no. Rusayo-2019/CR-186/UE-3 dated 30th October 2019 in the official gazette as a Cluster University comprising a cluster of the existing - HR College of Commerce and Economics, Churchgate, Mumbai, as the Lead college and Kishinchand Chellaram College, Churchgate, Mumbai and Bombay Teachers' Training College, Colaba, Mumbai as the Constituent Colleges with H(S)NC Board as its parent body.

H. R. College, K. C. College and Bombay Teachers' Training College, A Grade Colleges as per NAAC accreditation, located strategically in South Mumbai, are eminent institutions of the Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board, with national and global recognition. They are today acknowledged as role models to other institutions of the Board and the University of Mumbai, by virtue of their innovative academic, cultural, research, and outreach programmes. The three Colleges have stood up to the challenges of keeping their curriculum dynamic by consistently introducing comprehensive approaches to teaching, learning and research. Their industry-academia interface and liaising with international Universities has enabled their students to benefit from the experiential learning experience which is the USP of HR, KC and BTTC. The abiding reputation of the Colleges has ensured that immense employment/placement and higher education opportunities, in India and abroad, have opened up for the students who graduate from here. Several prominent Industries / NGOs offer Campus recruitment and the Alumni of these colleges constitute the 'Who's Who' in national and international professional sectors.

The idea of the Cluster University was a radical initiative by RUSA, Rashtriya Uchater Shikshan Abhyan, (an apex body under the Ministry of Human Resources, Government of India, and the Government of Maharashtra), in the pursuit to overcome the lacunae in the existing University system. The Cluster University also aims at opening up curriculum reforms and bringing in greater autonomy in the designing of syllabi to make them contemporary, multi-disciplinary and in tune with the highest global standards.

This multi-faculty University aims to set new paradigms of education. It wishes to harness the energy and enthusiasm of the young, dynamic population of India and guide it towards the path of learning, knowledge, research, innovation, service to society and entrepreneurship. The headquarters of the HSNC University is located at its multi-storey building at Worli and has a state-of-the-art library housed at the 5th floor.

All the colleges of the University offer choice based credit system (CBCS) to the students so as to ensure learning across disciplines and enhance liberal education. A number of new post-graduate courses that are in tune with the coming ages are being initiated at this University.

The University is building collaborations and linkages with noted international academic organisations and with reputed National bodies and Institutions. HSNC University is forming partnerships with industry and has made new syllabi for all its programmes that is alligned with industry 4.0. The aim is to not only learn from the requirements of the market and have industry collaborators willing to orient students towards the same, but also to ensure internships and the best placements for its graduating students.

Research is a prime area of focus for this University. The target at present is to establish 9 research centres and have 40 potential research guides take their rightful place at the helm of research.

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This University promises to be a vibrant centre which looks after the interests of its students and staff and promotes an all-encapsulating growth of its constituents.

The energy of its clubs and associations will drive students to learn at the grassroots level and serve to make the lives of the lesser privileged, better, while at the same time engendering compassion, sensitivity and spirit of service in its students.

The visionary and pro-active leadership of this University is working hand-in-hand with the government authorities, ensuring that all cogs in the University machinery run smoothly and in tandem with government policies.

The HSNC University has pledged to uplift the higher education scenario of India and add one more established temple of learning that will beckon all who thirst for knowledge. It aims to become one of the top Institutions of Higher Education not only in India but also in the world rankings of educational institutions.

Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra (Fmr) : Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari :

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VISION :

Create World Class Centres of Excellence that influence the future by:

- Providing Quality Education
- Research
- Exploring new ideas
- Keeping up with Technological and Socio-economic Change

MISSION :

- Excellence in Academics
- Innovation in Education
- International Engagements
- Technological Advancements
- Socially Responsible Citizens
- Leadership Development

AIMS :

- To prepare skilled professionals
- To instil community consciousness in students
- To produce leaders who can activate change
- To introduce state-of-the-art facilities
- To provide excellent, well trained staff to educate students

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Research & Developments Cell @ HSNC University, Mumbai

HSNC University was formed on June 11, 2020 as a state cluster university comprising three of its prestigious institutions, viz., HR College of Commerce & Economics, KC College of Arts & Science and Bombay Teachers' Training (BTT) College. The newly created HSNC University, Mumbai, a State Cluster University and the second of its kind in Maharashtra, has been fortunate enough to operationalize the action points of the National Education Policy-2020, since its launch in June 2020. One of the major steps in implementation of National Education Policy is the inculcation of research in the academic curricula. To meet this objective, the Research & Developments Cell has been created as per guidelines of UGC.

The Best Practices of this R&D cell are illustrated below:

1.	Establishment and Structure
2.	Clear Goals and Vision
3.	Strong Leadership
4.	Interdisciplinary Collaboration
5.	Research Funding and Grants
6.	Infrastructure and Resources
7.	Training and Development
8.	Intellectual Property (IP) Management
9	Research Ethics and Integrity
10.	Collaboration with Industry and External Partners
11.	Communication and Dissemination

1. **Establishment and Structure:**

The UGC guidelines have been implemented for the establishment and structure of R&D cell within HSNC university. This includes recommendations on the composition of the R&D cell, appointment of coordinators or directors, and the formation of committees or advisory boards to oversee its functioning.

2. **Clear Goals and Vision**:

It is crucial to define clear and achievable goals for the R&D cell. This involves identifying the specific research areas or domains the cell will focus on, the expected outcomes, and the impact it aims to achieve. A well-defined vision provides a sense of purpose and right direction to the researchers and channelize their efforts towards meaningful research.

3. **Strong Leadership**:

Effective leadership plays a pivotal role in the success of an R&D cell. Leaders should have a deep understanding of the research landscape, possess strong management skills, and be capable of nurturing a culture of innovation and collaboration. They should create an inclusive and supportive environment that motivates researchers, encourages their professional growth, and fosters a sense of ownership and pride in their work.

4. **Interdisciplinary Collaboration**:

Encourage interdisciplinary collaboration within the R&D cell by actively promoting interactions among researchers from different disciplines. This can be achieved through regular meetings, seminars, workshops, or research symposiums where researchers can share their work and exchange ideas. Cross-disciplinary collaborations often lead to novel research insights, innovative solutions, and the potential for breakthrough discoveries.

5. **Research Funding and Grants**:

Provide comprehensive support to researchers in identifying and securing research funding and grants. This includes establishing a dedicated team or resource that assists researchers in identifying funding opportunities, preparing grant proposals, and navigating the application process. Developing strong relationships with funding agencies and organizations can also open doors to additional funding sources and collaborations.

6. **Infrastructure and Resources**:

Ensure that the R&D cell is equipped with modern infrastructure and resources that align with the research objectives. This includes providing access to well-equipped laboratories, research facilities, computing resources, and specialized software or equipment. Regular maintenance and upgrades of infrastructure are essential to facilitate high-quality research and experimentation.

7. **Training and Development**:

Organize regular training programs and workshops to enhance the research skills and capabilities of the R&D cell members. These training initiatives can cover various aspects, such as research methodologies, data analysis techniques, project management, scientific writing, and communication skills. Additionally, encourage participation in external conferences, seminars, and workshops to facilitate networking and exposure to the latest advancements in the field.

8. **Intellectual Property (IP) Management**:

Establish a robust framework for IP management within the R&D cell. This involves educating researchers about IP rights, patent filing processes, copyright issues, and commercialization opportunities. Support researchers in identifying inventions or discoveries that have potential for commercialization and guide them through the IP protection process. Establish partnerships with technology transfer offices or industry liaison offices to facilitate the transfer of technology and explore licensing or spin-off opportunities.

9. **Research Ethics and Integrity**:

Place a strong emphasis on research ethics and integrity. Promote responsible conduct of research by adhering to ethical guidelines, ensuring data privacy and protection, and maintaining transparency and rigor in research processes. Establish mechanisms for reviewing and monitoring research projects to ensure compliance with ethical standards. Regularly communicate and educate researchers about research ethics and the consequences of misconduct.

10. **Collaboration with Industry and External Partners**:

Foster collaborations and partnerships with industry, government agencies, and other external stakeholders. Such collaborations can provide valuable resources, industry expertise, and real-world applications for research outcomes. Encourage joint research projects, technology transfer initiatives, and internships or placements in industry to strengthen the connection between academia and industry. Engaging with external partners can also lead to additional funding opportunities and increased visibility for the R&D cell.

11. **Communication and Dissemination**:

Promote effective communication and dissemination of research findings. Encourage researchers to publish their work in reputable journals, present at conferences, and participate in academic and industry/ industrial forums. Establish platforms within the university to ~~showcase~~/ discuss or present research outcomes, such as research symposiums or innovation expos. Encourage researchers to engage in science communication activities to bridge the gap between academia and the general/common public. This can enhance the social awareness towards the R&D cell's work, boosting the positive societal impact.

By implementing these best practices, this R&D cell would create an environment that nurtures innovation, facilitates collaboration, and enhances the productivity and impact of research activities.

Some of the activities of R&D cell with specific guidelines are described below:

International Collaborations

International collaborations are valuable for R&D cell as they provide opportunities to leverage diverse expertise, share resources, and foster global research networks. Here are some key aspects of international collaborations under an R&D cell:

1.	**Identifying Collaboration Opportunities**	**6.**	**Data and Resource Sharing**
2.	**Establishing Collaborative Partnerships**	**7.**	**Intellectual Property Management**
3.	**Joint Research Projects**	**8.**	**Cultural Sensitivity and Communication**
4.	**Funding and Grants**	**9.**	**Dissemination and Publication**
5.	**Exchange Programs and Visiting Researchers**	**10.**	**Evaluation and Impact Assessment**

1. **Identifying Collaboration Opportunities:** The R&D cell actively seeks out potential international collaboration opportunities by exploring partnerships with universities, research institutions, industry organizations, and funding agencies in other countries. This can be done through networking events, research conferences, online platforms, or existing international research networks.
2. **Establishing Collaborative Partnerships:** Once potential partners are identified, the R&D cell initiates discussions and negotiations to establish collaborative partnerships. This involves identifying mutual research interests, aligning goals and objectives, and exploring areas of complementarity and shared expertise. The cell facilitates the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) or partnership agreements to formalize the collaborations.
3. **Joint Research Projects:** International collaborations often involve joint research projects where researchers from different countries work together on specific research topics. The R&D cell facilitates the coordination of these projects, including project planning, resource allocation, data sharing, and communication among collaborators.

Regular meetings, virtual collaborations, and shared project management tools are utilized to ensure effective collaboration across borders.

4. **Funding and Grants:** International collaborations may require funding and grants to support joint research activities. The R&D cell assists researchers in identifying and applying for international funding opportunities, such as bilateral research grants, international research consortia, or specific funding schemes dedicated to promoting international collaboration. The cell provides guidance and support in preparing grant proposals, managing budgets, and complying with funding agency requirements.
5. **Exchange Programs and Visiting Researchers:** International collaborations often involve exchange programs where researchers, postdoctoral fellows, or graduate students have the opportunity to visit partner institutions or host researchers from other countries. The R&D cell facilitates the coordination of these exchange programs, including arranging logistics, visa support, accommodation, and cultural integration. These programs enable knowledge exchange, collaboration, and the establishment of long-term relationships.
6. **Data and Resource Sharing:** International collaborations may involve the sharing of data, resources, and infrastructure across borders. The R&D cell facilitates the establishment of mechanisms for data sharing, including data protection protocols, ethical considerations, and compliance with legal requirements. It also assists in identifying and accessing shared resources or specialized equipment available at partner institutions.
7. **Intellectual Property Management:** Intellectual property (IP) management is a crucial aspect of international collaborations. The R&D cell ensures that IP considerations and agreements are addressed within the collaboration framework. This includes discussing ownership, protection, and commercialization rights of jointly developed IP, as well as adhering to international IP regulations and best practices.
8. **Cultural Sensitivity and Communication:** International collaborations require effective communication and cultural sensitivity. The R&D cell promotes cross-cultural understanding among collaborators and provides support in navigating cultural differences and language barriers. The cell may facilitate workshops or training sessions on intercultural communication to enhance effective collaboration and teamwork.

9. **Dissemination and Publication:** International collaborations often lead to joint research publications, conference presentations, and knowledge dissemination. The R&D cell supports researchers in co-authoring papers, presenting findings at international conferences, and maximizing the visibility and impact of collaborative research outcomes. This may involve facilitating access to international publishing platforms, promoting joint publications, and organizing joint symposiums or workshops.
10. **Evaluation and Impact Assessment:** The R&D cell monitors and evaluates the progress and impact of international collaborations. This includes assessing the outcomes of joint research projects, tracking joint publications, measuring the impact on research productivity and quality, and assessing the benefits to researchers, institutions, and stakeholders involved. The evaluation process helps identify successful strategies, challenges, and areas for improvement in international collaborations.

By actively pursuing international collaborations, R&D cells can enhance the quality and impact of research activities, foster cross-cultural understanding, and contribute to the global knowledge exchange in their respective fields.

Industry Collaborations

Industrial collaboration is a crucial aspect of R&D cell as it facilitates the translation of research outcomes into practical applications, promotes technology transfer, and fosters innovation. Here are key aspects of industrial collaboration within an R&D cell:

1.	**Identifying Industry Partners**	**6.**	**Industry-Embedded Research Positions**
2.	**Establishing Collaborative Partnerships**	**7.**	**Intellectual Property and Confidentiality**
3.	**Joint Research Projects**	**8.**	**Training and Skill Development**
4.	**Technology Transfer and Commercialization**	**9.**	**Joint Workshops and Conferences**
5.	**Industry-Driven Research**	**10.**	**Evaluation and Impact Assessment**

1. **Identifying Industry Partners:** The R&D cell actively identifies and engages with potential industrial partners that align with the research interests and expertise of the university. This involves networking events, industry conferences, industry-academia collaboration platforms, and leveraging existing relationships with industry stakeholders.
2. **Establishing Collaborative Partnerships:** The R&D cell initiates discussions and negotiations with industry partners to establish collaborative partnerships. This includes identifying common research interests, aligning goals and objectives, and exploring areas of mutual benefit. The cell facilitates the signing of agreements, such as research collaboration agreements or joint development agreements, to formalize the collaborations.
3. **Joint Research Projects:** Industrial collaborations often involve joint research projects where university researchers work closely with industry partners on specific research areas or industry challenges. The R&D cell facilitates the coordination of these projects, including project planning, resource allocation, research design, and project management. Regular communication and collaboration platforms are established to ensure effective interaction between university researchers and industry stakeholders.
4. **Technology Transfer and Commercialization:** Industrial collaborations provide opportunities for technology transfer and commercialization of research outcomes. The R&D cell supports researchers in identifying potential technologies or inventions with commercial potential, guiding the patenting process, and exploring avenues for licensing or spin-off ventures. The cell liaises/consults with technology transfer offices or industry liaison offices to facilitate the transfer of technology and establish industry partnerships for commercialization.
5. **Industry-Driven Research:** Collaborating with industry allows R&D cells to undertake industry-driven research projects that address real-world challenges and industry needs. Industry partners provide insights, expertise, and resources to guide the research and ensure its practical relevance. This collaborative approach enables researchers to gain first hand industry experience, generate impactful solutions, and enhance their research capabilities.
6. **Industry-Embedded Research Positions:** R&D cells facilitate industry-embedded research positions where university researchers or students are placed within industry organizations to work on specific research projects. These placements provide

researchers with valuable industry exposure, hands-on experience, and industry insights. Industry-embedded research positions foster a stronger industry-academia relationship and facilitate knowledge exchange between academia and industry.

7. **Intellectual Property and Confidentiality:** Industrial collaborations involve considerations of intellectual property (IP) and confidentiality. The R&D cell assists in negotiating agreements that address IP ownership, protection, and utilization rights. Confidentiality agreements and non-disclosure agreements may also be established to protect proprietary information and ensure confidentiality between the university and industry partners.
8. **Training and Skill Development:** Industrial collaborations provide opportunities for researchers to develop industry-relevant skills and gain practical experience. The R&D cell facilitates training programs, workshops, or internships that enhance researcher's understanding of industry/industrial practices, project management in an industrial context, and collaboration with industry stakeholders. This enables researchers to bridge the gap between academia and industry and enhances their employability.
9. **Joint Workshops and Conferences:** The R&D cell organizes joint workshops, conferences, or collaborative ~~industry showeases~~/ programs that bring together researchers, industry partners, and stakeholders. These events provide a platform for knowledge exchange, networking, and exploring potential collaborative opportunities. Joint workshops and conferences facilitate the dissemination of research outcomes, promote industry-academia interactions, and foster innovation through collaborative discussions.
10. **Evaluation and Impact Assessment:** The R&D cell evaluates the impact and success of industrial collaborations. This includes assessing the outcomes of joint research projects, measuring the impact on industry practices or products, and evaluating the benefits to both the university and industry partners. The evaluation process helps identify successful strategies, lessons learned, and areas for improvement in industrial collaborations.

Industrial collaborations within an R&D cell enhance the practical relevance of research, support technology transfer, and foster a strong innovation ecosystem where academia and industry collaborate to drive economic growth and societal impact.

Organizing Events for Promotion of R&D

Organizing science and technology events is an important activity for an R&D cell in a university as it provides a platform for knowledge dissemination, fosters collaboration, and promotes the exchange of ideas among researchers, industry professionals, and the wider community. Here are key steps involved in organizing science and technology events:

1.	**Define the Objective**	**6.**	**Marketing and Promotion**
2.	**Event Planning**	**7.**	**Sponsorship and Fundraising**
3.	**Program Development**	**8.**	**Abstract Submission and Review**
4.	**Venue Selection**	**9.**	**Event Execution**
5.	**Logistics and Operations**	**10.**	**Evaluation and Follow-up**

1. **Define the Objective:** Clarify the purpose and objective of the event. Determine if it will be a conference, symposium, workshop, seminar, or any other format. Identify the target audience and the specific theme or focus of the event.
2. **Event Planning:** Establish a planning committee or team within the R&D cell responsible for organizing the event. Define roles and responsibilities, including event coordination, logistics, marketing, and program development. Develop a timeline, budget, and action plan for the event.
3. **Program Development:** Design a comprehensive program that includes keynote speeches, presentations, panel discussions, workshops, poster sessions, or any other relevant activities. Identify and invite speakers who are experts in the field or have significant contributions to share. Consider including industry representatives and stakeholders to enhance industry-academia collaboration.
4. **Venue Selection:** Identify and secure a suitable venue for the event. Consider factors such as capacity, facilities, accessibility, and technical requirements (e.g., audio-visual equipment, internet connectivity). Ensure that the venue aligns with the nature and scale of the event.
5. **Logistics and Operations:** Arrange for necessary logistics, such as registration, accommodation, transportation, catering, and audio-visual equipment. Establish a

registration process for participants, including online registration platforms if applicable. Coordinate with vendors, suppliers, and service providers to ensure smooth operations during the event.

6. **Marketing and Promotion:** Develop a marketing strategy to promote the event and attract participants. Utilize various channels, such as websites, social media, newsletters, and targeted email campaigns, to disseminate event information and updates. Collaborate with university communication or public relations departments to maximize outreach and media coverage.
7. **Sponsorship and Fundraising:** Seek sponsorship opportunities from industry partners, government agencies, or other organizations to support the event. Develop sponsorship packages that offer benefits and exposure to sponsors. Explore grant opportunities or budget allocations from the university or funding agencies to secure financial resources for the event.
8. **Abstract Submission and Review:** If applicable, establish an abstract submission and review process for oral presentations or poster sessions. Define submission guidelines, deadlines, and evaluation criteria. Set up a review committee composed of experts in the field to evaluate and select abstracts for inclusion in the event program.
9. **Event Execution:** Coordinate all logistical aspects during the event, including registration, venue setup, audio-visual support, and session management. Ensure smooth transitions between sessions and activities. Provide necessary support to speakers, exhibitors, and participants. Maintain open communication channels to address any issues or concerns that may arise.
10. **Evaluation and Follow-up:** Conduct an evaluation of the event to assess its success and gather feedback from participants. Analyse the feedback to identify strengths, areas for improvement, and lessons learned. Use this information to enhance future events. Follow up with participants, speakers, and sponsors to express gratitude, share event outcomes, and explore potential collaboration opportunities.

Taking care to document the event through photography, videography, or event reports to create a record of the event and its impact. Also, try to get Feed- Back forms from all the participants, if possible.

Support to Business Incubation

Business incubation is an essential component of R&D cell. It involves providing support and resources to early-stage startups and entrepreneurs to help them develop and grow their businesses. Here's an overview of the key aspects of business incubation within an R&D cell:

1.	Infrastructure and Facilities	6.	Entrepreneurial Education
2.	Business Development Support	7.	Access to Research Expertise
3.	Networking and Collaboration	8.	Incubation Mentors/ Mentorship Program
4.	Access to Funding	9.	Demo Days and Showcasing Events
5.	Business Incubation Programs	10.	Graduation and Alumni Support

1. **Infrastructure and Facilities:** R&D cells offer physical infrastructure and facilities to incubated startups, such as office space, laboratories, shared workspaces, and access to specialized equipment. These resources provide a conducive environment for startups to conduct their research, development, and testing activities.
2. **Business Development Support:** R&D cells provide guidance and support to startups in various aspects of business development. This includes assistance with business planning, market research, intellectual property protection, product development, and commercialization strategies. The cell may also help connect startups with industry mentors, consultants, and experts who can provide guidance in specific areas.
3. **Networking and Collaboration:** R&D cells facilitate networking and collaboration opportunities for startups. This involves connecting entrepreneurs with industry professionals, potential investors, mentors, and other startups within the incubation ecosystem. The cell may organize networking events, workshops, and seminars where startups can meet and learn from experienced professionals and gain exposure to potential customers and partners.
4. **Access to Funding:** R&D cells assist startups in accessing funding opportunities to support their growth. This includes helping them identify and apply for grants, venture capital, angel investors, or other sources of funding. The cell may also provide guidance on preparing investment pitches and connecting startups with potential funding sources.

5. **Business Incubation Programs:** R&D cells often run structured incubation programs that provide a framework for supporting startups. These programs typically include mentoring, training workshops, expert consultations, and access to various resources and support services. The programs may be tailored to specific industries or technologies, and they often have a defined duration during which startups receive intensive support.
6. **Entrepreneurial Education:** R&D cells offer entrepreneurial education and training programs to help entrepreneurs develop essential business skills. These programs may cover topics such as business management, finance, marketing, sales, pitching, and legal aspects of starting and running a business. Workshops, seminars, and guest lectures are often organized to provide startups with valuable insights and knowledge.
7. **Access to Research Expertise:** R&D cells give incubated startups access to the research expertise available within the university. This can involve collaboration with university researchers on specific projects, access to research facilities and equipment, and opportunities to leverage/ exchange the knowledge and expertise of faculty members and researchers. Such collaboration can significantly enhance the technical capabilities and innovation potential of startups.
8. **Incubation Mentors/ Mentorship Program:** R&D cells typically have a network of experienced mentors who provide guidance and support to startups. These mentors may be successful entrepreneurs, industry experts, or professionals with relevant domain expertise. They work closely with startups, offering advice, sharing their experiences, and providing insights on various aspects of business development.
9. **Demo Days and Showcasing Events:** R&D cells organize demo days, pitching events, or highlighting events where startups can present their products or services to potential investors, industry partners, and the wider community. These events provide startups with a platform to gain visibility, receive feedback, and attract investment or partnership opportunities.
10. **Graduation and Alumni Support:** R&D cells continue to support startups even after they graduate from the incubation program. This includes providing ongoing mentoring, networking opportunities, and access to resources to help the startups sustain their growth and navigate the challenges of scaling up their businesses. The cell may also connect graduated startups with alumni networks or industry associations for further support and collaboration.

Overall, business incubation under an R&D cell offers a nurturing environment for startups to accelerate their growth, leverage university resources, and increase their chances of success in the market.

Knowledge Management

Knowledge management is a critical function within an R&D cell as it involves the systematic creation, acquisition, organization, and dissemination of knowledge generated through research and development activities. The important points of knowledge management within an R&D cell are given below:

1.	**Knowledge Capture/ Documentation**	**6.**	**Knowledge Transfer and Commercialization**
2.	**Knowledge Organization and Classification**	**7.**	**Training and Capacity Building**
3.	**Knowledge Sharing and Collaboration**	**8.**	**Knowledge Monitoring and Evaluation**
4.	**Intellectual Property Management**	**9.**	**Knowledge Preservation**
5.	**Knowledge Dissemination**	**10.**	**Continuous Improvement**

1. **Knowledge Capture/ Documentation:** R&D cells establish mechanisms to capture and document knowledge generated by researchers, faculty, and collaborators within the university. This can include capturing research findings, experimental data, methodologies, literature reviews, and intellectual property-related information. The cell ensures that knowledge material is systematically recorded, indexed, and stored in a centralized repository or knowledge management system.
2. **Knowledge Organization and Classification:** The R&D cell develops strategies and processes to organize and classify knowledge assets effectively. This involves creating taxonomies, metadata structures, or ontologies that enable the categorization and tagging of knowledge assets based on their subject area, research discipline, project, or any other relevant criteria. Well-structured classification systems facilitate easy retrieval and accessibility of knowledge.

3. **Knowledge Sharing and Collaboration:** R&D cells promote a culture of knowledge sharing and collaboration among researchers and stakeholders. They facilitate platforms and tools for sharing knowledge, such as intranets, online forums, collaborative workspaces, and project management systems. The cell encourages researchers to share their expertise, research findings, best practices, and lessons learned, fostering a collaborative environment that supports innovation and learning.
4. **Intellectual Property Management:** Knowledge management within an R&D cell includes managing intellectual property (IP) assets. The cell ensures proper documentation, protection, and utilization of IP generated by researchers and inventors within the university. It establishes processes for identifying patentable inventions, filing patent applications, managing licensing agreements, and handling commercialization activities related to intellectual property.
5. **Knowledge Dissemination:** R&D cells play a crucial role in disseminating knowledge generated through research activities. They facilitate the publication of research outcomes in academic journals, conference proceedings, and other relevant outlets. The cell may also organize seminars, workshops, conferences, or webinars to disseminate research findings to the scientific community, industry stakeholders, policymakers, and the general public.
6. **Knowledge Transfer and Commercialization:** R&D cells facilitate the transfer of knowledge and research outcomes from the university to industry and society. They actively explore opportunities for technology transfer, commercialization, and industry collaboration. The cell collaborates with industry liaison offices, technology transfer offices, and commercialization entities to identify market potential, negotiate licensing agreements, and support spin-off ventures based on university research.
7. **Training and Capacity Building:** R&D cells provide training and capacity-building programs to enhance the knowledge management skills of researchers and staff. This may include workshops or seminars on information management, data management, research ethics, intellectual property rights, and best practices in knowledge sharing and collaboration. The cell promotes a culture of continuous learning and skill development in knowledge management practices.
8. **Knowledge Monitoring and Evaluation:** R&D cells monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of knowledge management initiatives and processes. This involves assessing the impact of knowledge sharing activities, tracking the utilization of

knowledge assets, and gathering feedback from researchers and stakeholders. The cell analyzes metrics, such as publication outputs, intellectual property filings, industry collaborations, and technology transfer success, to measure the effectiveness of knowledge management efforts.

9. **Knowledge Preservation:** R&D cells ensure the long-term preservation and accessibility of valuable knowledge assets. They establish strategies and systems for archiving and preserving research data, publications, reports, and other relevant documents. The cell may collaborate with library services or digital repositories to ensure the longevity and accessibility of knowledge assets for future researchers and stakeholders.
10. **Continuous Improvement:** R&D cells continuously strive for improvement in knowledge management practices. They stay updated on emerging technologies, methodologies, and best practices in the field. The cell actively seeks feedback from researchers, staff, and stakeholders to identify areas for improvement and implement necessary changes to enhance knowledge management processes.

Effective knowledge management within an R&D cell facilitates innovation, supports evidence-based decision-making, fosters collaboration, and maximizes the impact of research activities within the university and beyond.

R&D Management

R&D management within an R&D cell involves overseeing and coordinating the research and development activities conducted within the university. It encompasses various processes and strategies aimed at effectively managing and optimizing the R&D efforts. Some of the key aspects of R&D management within an R&D cell are described below:

1.	**Strategic Planning**	**6.**	**Intellectual Property Management**
2.	**Resource Management**	**7.**	**Compliance and Ethics**
3.	**Project Management**	**8.**	**Funding and Grant Management**
4.	**Collaboration and Networking**	**9.**	**Knowledge Management**
5.	**Performance Monitoring and Evaluation**	**10.**	**Continuous Improvement and Innovation**

1. **Strategic Planning:** R&D management begins with strategic planning, which involves setting the overall direction, goals, and objectives of the R&D activities. This includes aligning the R&D efforts with the university's mission, vision, and strategic priorities. R&D management develops a strategic roadmap that outlines the focus areas, research priorities, resource allocation, and timelines for achieving the R&D goals.
2. **Resource Management:** R&D management ensures the efficient allocation and utilization of resources for research and development. This includes managing the human resources, infrastructure, funding, and equipment required for R&D activities. The management identifies resource gaps and works towards securing necessary resources through collaborations, grants, sponsorships, or partnerships with industry and other stakeholders.
3. **Project Management:** R&D management involves project management, where projects are planned, executed, and monitored to achieve desired outcomes. This includes defining project objectives, establishing project teams, allocating resources, developing project timelines, and monitoring project progress. The management ensures that projects are delivered on time, within budget, and meet the defined quality standards.
4. **Collaboration and Networking:** R&D management promotes collaboration and networking within the R&D cell and with external stakeholders. It establishes mechanisms for fostering interdisciplinary collaborations among researchers, facilitating knowledge exchange, and leveraging expertise from different disciplines. The management also encourages collaborations with industry partners, other universities, research institutions, and government agencies to enhance the impact and relevance of the R&D activities.
5. **Performance Monitoring and Evaluation:** R&D management monitors and evaluates the performance of the R&D activities to ensure progress towards the defined goals. This involves establishing performance indicators, collecting data, analyzing results, and identifying areas for improvement. Regular evaluations help in identifying successful practices, addressing challenges, and making informed decisions to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the R&D efforts.
6. **Intellectual Property Management:** R&D management is responsible for managing intellectual property (IP) generated through research activities. This includes identifying patentable inventions, filing patent applications, protecting IP rights, and

exploring opportunities for commercialization or technology transfer. The management establishes policies and processes for IP management, collaborates with technology transfer offices, and supports researchers in navigating the IP landscape.

7. **Compliance and Ethics:** R&D management ensures compliance with ethical guidelines, research regulations, and legal requirements in the conduct of R&D activities. This includes adherence to research ethics, human subject protection, animal welfare, biosafety, and intellectual property rights. The management establishes processes and provides guidance to researchers to ensure ethical and responsible conduct in research.
8. **Funding and Grant Management:** R&D management plays a key role in securing funding for R&D activities. It identifies funding opportunities, prepares grant proposals, and manages grant applications and reporting. The management assists researchers in navigating the funding landscape, providing guidance on funding sources, eligibility criteria, and budget development. It also establishes processes for effective grant management, financial accountability, and compliance with funding agency requirements.
9. **Knowledge Management:** R&D management ensures effective knowledge management within the R&D cell. This includes capturing, organizing, and disseminating research findings, data, and intellectual assets. The management establishes mechanisms for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and technology transfer to maximize the impact of research outcomes. It may also provide training and support to researchers in knowledge management practices.
10. **Continuous Improvement and Innovation:** R&D management fosters a culture of continuous improvement and innovation within the R&D cell. It encourages researchers to explore novel research directions, adopt innovative methodologies, and embrace emerging technologies. The management supports initiatives for process improvement, encourages interdisciplinary collaboration, and facilitates the translation of research findings into practical applications.

Effective R&D management within an R&D cell facilitates the successful execution of research and development activities, supports innovation, enhances research impact, and contributes to the overall mission of the university.

Intellectual Property Management

Intellectual property (IP) management is a crucial aspect of R&D activities within an R&D cell. It involves identifying, protecting, and maximizing the value of intellectual property assets generated through research and development efforts. Here are key components of intellectual property management within an R&D cell:

1.	**IP Identification and Assessment**	**6.**	**IP Policies and Guidelines**
2.	**IP Protection Strategies**	**7.**	**IP Education and Training**
3.	**Patent and Trademark Management**	**8.**	**IP Valuation and Commercialization Support**
4.	**IP Commercialization and Technology Transfer**	**9.**	**IP Monitoring and Enforcement**
5.	**Industry Engagement and Collaboration**	**10.**	**Collaboration with Legal Experts**

1. **IP Identification and Assessment:** R&D cells actively identify and assess intellectual property assets resulting from research activities. This involves systematically reviewing research outputs, inventions, software codes, designs, publications, and other forms of creative work to identify potentially patentable or protectable IP. The assessment includes evaluating the novelty, commercial potential, and uniqueness of the IP assets.
2. **IP Protection Strategies:** R&D cells develop strategies for protecting intellectual property assets. This may involve filing patent applications, copyright registrations, trademark registrations, or seeking other appropriate forms of IP protection. The management collaborates with researchers, legal experts, and patent attorneys to draft and file applications, ensuring compliance with relevant IP laws and regulations.
3. **Patent and Trademark Management:** R&D cells oversee the management of patents and trademarks associated with the intellectual property assets. This includes monitoring patent prosecution, responding to patent office actions, and maintaining the validity of patents. The management also manages trademark registrations, ensuring proper usage and protection of trademarks associated with the university or its research outputs.

4. **IP Commercialization and Technology Transfer:** R&D cells play a vital role in commercializing intellectual property assets. They explore opportunities for licensing or transferring technology to industry partners, startups, or other entities for further development and commercialization. The management actively seeks potential licensees, negotiates licensing agreements, and supports the technology transfer process, including assessing market potential, conducting due diligence, and overseeing negotiations.
5. **Industry Engagement and Collaboration:** R&D cells foster collaborations and partnerships with industry stakeholders to enhance IP management. They work closely with industry liaison offices, innovation hubs, and technology transfer offices to identify industry needs, understand market trends, and align IP assets with industry requirements. The management facilitates interactions and negotiations with industry partners to commercialize IP assets or establish collaborative research projects.
6. **IP Policies and Guidelines:** R&D cells develop and implement IP policies and guidelines that provide researchers with clear guidance on IP management and ownership. These policies define the rights and obligations of researchers, the university, and other stakeholders regarding IP assets. The management ensures compliance with relevant laws and regulations and promotes a culture of responsible and ethical IP management among researchers.
7. **IP Education and Training:** R&D cells provide education and training programs to researchers and staff on IP management. These programs aim to raise awareness about IP rights, patents, copyrights, trademarks, and the importance of IP protection. The management organizes workshops, seminars, and guest lectures featuring experts in IP law, licensing, and commercialization to enhance the knowledge and skills of researchers in IP management.
8. **IP Valuation and Commercialization Support:** R&D cells assess the commercial value of intellectual property assets and provide support for their commercialization. This may involve conducting IP valuations, market assessments, and feasibility studies to determine the potential market value and attractiveness of the IP assets. The management assists researchers in developing commercialization strategies, connecting with potential investors or licensees, and supporting the negotiation and execution of licensing or transfer agreements.

9. **IP Monitoring and Enforcement:** R&D cells monitor the market and conduct periodic checks to identify and address any instances of IP infringement or misuse. They establish mechanisms for monitoring and enforcing IP rights, including issuing cease and desist notices, pursuing legal action when necessary, and protecting the university's IP assets from unauthorized use or infringement.
10. **Collaboration with Legal Experts:** R&D cells collaborate with legal experts, patent attorneys, and IP professionals to navigate the complexities of IP management. They seek advice and guidance on IP-related matters, including patent drafting and prosecution, trademark registration, IP litigation, and contractual agreements. The management ensures that legal considerations and best practices in IP management are integrated into the R&D processes.

Effective IP management within an R&D cell helps protect and leverage/ anchorage the value of intellectual property assets, fosters innovation, supports technology transfer, and contributes to the commercialization and societal impact of research outputs.

Academic Activities

Academic activities within an R&D cell encompass a range of initiatives aimed at fostering research and innovation within the academic community. These activities provide support, resources, and opportunities for researchers, faculty, and/ as well as students to engage in impactful research and scholarly endeavours. Here are some common academic activities undertaken by an R&D cell:

1.	**Research Grants and Funding**	**6.**	**Research Training and Capacity Building**
2.	**Research Proposal Development**	**7.**	**Research Dissemination and Knowledge Exchange**
3.	**Research Ethics and Compliance**	**8.**	**Research Impact and Evaluation**
4.	**Research Collaboration and Networking**	**9.**	**Student Research Programs**
5.	**Research Publication Support**	**10.**	**Intellectual Property Management**

1. **Research Grants and Funding:** The R&D cell plays a crucial role in identifying, securing, and managing research grants and funding opportunities. It provides information and guidance to researchers regarding funding sources, assists in proposal development, and supports the submission and administration of grant applications. The cell also facilitates collaborations between researchers and funding agencies to maximize the availability of research funding.
2. **Research Proposal Development:** The R&D cell supports researchers in developing high-quality research proposals. This includes providing workshops, training sessions, and resources on research design, methodology, and grant writing. The cell may offer guidance on formulating research questions, conducting literature reviews, and creating a strong theoretical and conceptual framework for research proposals.
3. **Research Ethics and Compliance:** The R&D cell ensures that research activities conducted within the university adhere to ethical standards and comply with regulatory requirements. It provides guidance on research ethics, human subjects protection, animal welfare, biosafety, and other relevant areas. The cell may establish research ethics committees or review boards to evaluate and approve research protocols involving human subjects or animals.
4. **Research Collaboration and Networking**: The R&D cell promotes collaboration and networking among researchers within the university and with external partners. It organizes research seminars, conferences, workshops, and networking events to facilitate knowledge exchange, interdisciplinary collaborations, and the sharing of research findings. The cell may also establish research clusters or centers to foster collaboration in specific research areas.
5. **Research Publication Support:** The R&D cell provides support and resources to researchers for publishing their research findings in reputable academic journals and other scholarly outlets. This includes assistance with manuscript preparation, editing, and formatting, as well as guidance on journal selection and publication strategies. The cell may also organize workshops or seminars on academic writing and publishing.
6. **Research Training and Capacity Building:** The R&D cell offers training programs and workshops to enhance the research skills and competencies of researchers and students. These programs cover various aspects of the research process, including research methodology, data analysis, literature review, and research ethics. The cell

may collaborate with academic departments or research centers to provide specialized training in specific research areas.

7. **Research Dissemination and Knowledge Exchange:** The R&D cell facilitates the dissemination of research findings and promotes knowledge exchange among researchers, academia, industry, and the broader community. It organizes research symposiums, conferences, or webinars to showcase research outcomes and facilitate discussions on emerging research trends and challenges. The cell may also establish platforms for researchers to share their research through seminars, colloquia, or online repositories.
8. **Research Impact and Evaluation:** The R&D cell tracks and evaluates the impact of research activities conducted within the university. This includes monitoring research outputs, such as publications, patents, citations, and collaborations, as well as assessing the societal, economic, or policy impact of research findings. The cell may conduct research impact assessments to inform strategic decision-making and resource allocation.
9. **Student Research Programs:** The R&D cell supports and encourages student involvement in research activities. It may establish research programs, scholarships, or internships that provide students with opportunities to engage in research projects, work with faculty mentors, and contribute to ongoing research efforts. The cell may also organize student research conferences or competitions to showcase/display student research accomplishments.
10. **Intellectual Property Management:** The R&D cell assists researchers in managing intellectual property assets resulting from their research activities. It provides guidance on IP protection, patent filing, commercialization strategies, and technology transfer. The cell may collaborate with technology transfer offices or industry liaison offices to facilitate the commercialization of research outcomes.

These academic activities under the R&D cell create a vibrant research environment, foster innovation, and contribute to the advancement of knowledge within the academic community. They support researchers, faculty, and students in their pursuit of impactful research and scholarly excellence.

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