Notification on the Website of UGC-approved List of Journals

The UGC has been receiving e-mail complaints about inclusion of predatory, fake or questionable journals from Research Scholars / Students who have not identified themselves in their mails. Although it is UGC's endeavor to eliminate all such journals from the approved list, the UGC would like to ensure that complaint about inclusion of predatory, fake or questionable journals is received from universities / academic fraternity. As such, all complaints regarding inclusion of predatory, fake or questionable journals in the UGC-approved list of journals should be routed through universities or through research guide or faculty in a university. It is important that students, researchers or faculty who write to UGC about such journals, identify themselves with their respective university or college.

Further, the UGC would also like to give an opportunity to all universities to to double check their respective recommendations and inform the UGC, in case an un-deserving journal has been inadvertantly included in the list submitted by them. List of such journals may be sent through e-mail to the UGC at: ugcjournal17@gmail.com. Any complaint about predatory journals should use the following format.

Format for submission of complaint about predatory, fake or questionable Journals

Sl. No.	Journal No. (No. Assigned in the Approved List of Journals)	Name of Journal	ISSN /EISSN Number	Publishers' Name	Remarks (Reason: Why do you believe it is predatory)

Note: A copy of screen-shot or copy of the page from the journal asking for fee for publishing article at the time of submission or any other proof related to journal's being predatory, fake or questionable Should be enclosed with the complaint

An update on UGC - List of Journals

The UGC List of Journals is a dynamic list which is revised periodically. Initially the list contained only journals included in Scopus, Web of Science, and Indian Citation Index. The list was expanded to include recommendations from the academic community. The UGC portal was opened twice in 2017 to universities to upload their recommendations based on filtering criteria available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/journallist/methodology.pdf.The UGC-approved List of Journals is considered for recruitment, promotion and career advancement not only in universities and colleges but also other institutions of higher education in India. As such, it is the responsibility of UGC to curate its list of approved journals and to ensure that it contains only high-quality journals.

To this end, the Standing Committee on Notification on Journals removed many poor-quality/predatory/questionable journals from the list between 25th May 2017 and 19th September 2017. This is an ongoing process and since then the Committee has screened all the journals recommended by universities and also those listed in the ICI, which were re-evaluated and re-scored on filtering criteria defined by the Standing Committee. Based on careful scrutiny and analysis, 4,305 journals were removed from the current UGC-Approved List of Journals on 2nd May, 2018 because of poor quality/incorrect or insufficient information/false claims.

The Standing Committee reiterates that removal/non-inclusion of a journal does not necessarily indicate that it is of poor quality, but it may also be due to non-availability of information such as details of editorial board, indexing information, year of its commencement, frequency and regularity of its publication schedule, etc. It may be noted that a dedicated web site for journals is one of the primary criteria for inclusion of journals. The websites should provide full postal addresses, e-mail addresses of chief editor and editors, and at least some of these addresses ought to be verifiable official addresses. Some of the established journals recommended by universities that did not have dedicated websites, or websites that have not been updated, might have been dropped from the approved list as of now. However, they may be considered for re-inclusion once they fulfil these basic criteria and are re-recommended by universities.

The UGC's Standing Committee on Notification on Journals has also decided that the recommendation portal will be opened once every year for universities to recommend journals. However, from this year onwards, every recommendation submitted by the universities will be reviewed under the supervision of Standing Committee on Notification of Journals to ascertain that only good-quality journals, with correct publication details, are included in the UGC-approved List.

The UGC would also like to clarify that 4,305 journals which have been removed on 2nd May, 2018 were UGC-approved journals till that date and, as such, articles published/accepted in them prior to 2nd May 2018 by applicants for recruitment/promotion may be considered and given points accordingly by universities.

The academic community will appreciate that in its endeavour to curate its list of approved journals, UGC will enrich it with high-quality, peer-reviewed journals. Such a dynamic list is to the benefit of all.

Journals Removed from UGC-Approved List of Journals

The UGC has received complaints about inclusion of poor-quality or questionable journals from faculty, researchers, other members of academic community as well as from press and media representatives. Considering these complaints, the Standing Committee on Notification of Journals re-evaluated every journal title recommended by universities as well as those indexed by Indian Citation Index on filtering criteria defined by the Standing Committee. Based on careful scrutiny and analysis, 4305 journals are removed from the current UGC-Approved List of Journals because of poor quality / incorrect / insufficient information/ false claims. The list of journals removed from approved list is available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/journallist/4305_Journals.pdf

In addition to these journals, 191 titles covered in Indian Citation Index are pending for evaluation by the Standing Committee on Notification of Journals. The list of 191 journals pending for evaluation is available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/journallist/191_Journals.pdf

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Public Notice

All the Stakeholders are hereby informed that release of the University Grants Commission's website for Consortium for Academic Research and Ethics (CARE) with "CARE reference list of quality journals (CARE List)" will be notified by 30th June, 2019.

This is to alert all the stakeholders that a fake website imposing as CARE website "http://carejournals.in" has come to our notice. All the stakeholders are advised to be careful and avoid falling prey to this potentially predatory website. Anybody still following the fake website may do so solely at his/her own risk and consequences and in no manner whatsoever, will the UGC be responsible for the same.

(Rajnish Jain)
Secretary

Revised UGC - approved List of Journals including Journals Recommended by Universities during 16th to 22nd June 2017 (II Phase)

The UGC has revised "**Approved List of Journals**" that would be considered for the purpose of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) and Direct Recruitment of Teachers and other academic staff as required under the UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges) Regulation, 2016. The UGC - approved List of Journals consists of i) Journals Indexed in WoS (Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index and Arts and Humanities Citation Index) ; ii) Journals Indexed in Scopus ; iii) Journals Indexed in Indian Citation Index ; iv) Journals Recommended by the Members of UGC Standing Committee and Language Committee(s) ; and v) Journals Recommended by the Universities during Phase I and Phase II (16th to 22nd June, 2017).

Recommendations for 7,255 additional journal titles were received from 141 universities during the second phase (16th to 22nd June, 2017) of opening the Recommendation Platform. All recommended journal titles were subjected to the checklist devised by the Standing Committee. After removing poor - quality journals, duplicate journals and journals that did not qualify the check - list criteria set up by the Standing Committee, 2,405 unique journal titles were included in the UGC - approved List of Journals.

In addition, the UGC received several complains about inclusion of poor - quality journals so on after release of UGC - approved list of journals on 2nd June 2017 that included 6,507 journals recommended by the universities and by the Members of UGC Standing Committee and Language Committee(s) during the first phase of opening the Recommendation Platform. The Standing Committee also identified more than 800 poor-quality journal titles based on feed-back from individuals and institutions from amongst 6,507 journals recommended during the first phase of opening the Recommendation Platform. These 800+ journal titles were also removed from the current list of UGC - Approved List of Journals. The UGC also checked for duplicate titles that were inadvertently listed twice on UGC-approved list of journals and the duplicate entries were merged to a single title. Subsequently, the UGC received additional complaints from various sources including e-mails from faculty, researchers, other stakeholders and newspaper reports regarding inclusion of poor quality journals. Journal titles reported as predatory were further evaluated by the Standing Committee and 168 journal titles were removed.

The Revised UGC - Approved List of Journals now consists of 32,659 journal titles.

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