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To,

The Vice Chancellors
State Funded and Private Universities
in Haryana

Subject: Suggestive parameters for choosing peer-reviewed journals by faculty members and students

Respected Vice Chancellors,

Namaste

Greetings from Haryana State Higher Education Council!

Kindly refer to UGC F.No. 1-1/2018 (CARE/JOURNAL)- Part file dated 11th February, 2025 (copy enclosed) regarding the subject cited above. As per UGC communication, in supersession of the Public Notice dated 28th November 2018 for establishing UGC Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (UGC- CARE), the Commission, in its 584th meeting held on 3rd October 2024, based on the recommendations of the expert committee, has decided to discontinue UGC-CARE listing of Journals and developed suggestive parameters for choosing peer-reviewed journals by faculty members and students. The suggestive parameters developed by a group of experts and academicians, are now placed in the public domain for feedback till 25th February, 2025 at email id: journal@ugc.gov.in.

Hence, a request to all the Universities to share the inputs/feedback on said notification with the UGC and also share with the Council at email id hshecadvisor@gmail.com

Regards

K.K. Agnihotri
Advisor, HSHEC
Dated 18.02.2025

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A copy for information and a request for sharing this with the colleges for necessary action is forwarded to the Director Higher Education, Haryana, Panchkula.

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The stakeholders, including HEIs, faculty members, researchers, and students, may take note of it.


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SUGGESTIVE PARAMETERS FOR PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Higher Educational Institutions are committed to promoting high-quality research and disseminating it through publications in peer-reviewed journals. To achieve this goal, HEIs are encouraged to use the following suggestive parameters for peer-reviewed journals suitable to their specific needs, depending on the disciplines in which their faculty members work. The following parameters are provided as general guidelines to ensure the peer-reviewed journals' quality, transparency, and relevance.

1. Journal Preliminary Criteria

S.No.	Suggestive Parameters
1.1	Journal Title
1.2	ISSN Number (Print and/or Online)
1.3	Periodicity and Continuity (Regular publication schedule)
1.4	Contact and Publication Details (Publisher information, address, and contact details)
1.5	Transparent Review Policy (Clear guidelines for peer review process)
1.6	Website on a Certified Domain (Secure and professionally managed website)
1.7	Open Access or Subscription-Based Policy (Clear policy on access and fees)
1.8	Integration with National/International Repositories (Inclusion under ONOS or similar umbrellas)
1.9	Archival Policy (How the previous issues are maintained/made available)

2. Editorial Board Criteria

S.No.	Suggestive Parameters
2.1	Editorial Board Details (Names, affiliations, and expertise of editorial board members)
2.2	Editorial Board Composition (Subject expertise, with eminent academicians/scientists/researchers)
2.3	Efficient Editorial/Review Process (Rigorous peer review, compliance with reviewers' recommendations, and clear timelines)

3. Journal Editorial Policy

S.No.	Suggestive Parameters
3.1	Aims, Objectives, and Scope (Clearly defined focus areas and goals of the journal)
3.2	Subject Areas (Specific fields covered by the journal)
3.3	Article Processing Charges (APC) (Transparent fee structure, if any)
3.4	Publishing Timeline (Average time from submission to publication)
3.5	Acceptance Rate (Percentage of submissions accepted for publication)

4. Journal Quality Criteria – Content

S.No.	Suggestive Parameters
4.1	Academic Contribution (Articles should demonstrate motivation, advancement of existing knowledge, and applicability for policymaking)
4.2	Conformity to Journal Scope (Articles must align with the journal's stated aims and objectives)

5. Journal Standards

S.No.	Suggestive Parameters
5.1	Bibliographic Data & Literature Citation (Accurate and standardized referencing)
5.2	Font & Design (Professional layout and readability)
5.3	Infographics & Exhibits (High-quality visuals and supplementary materials)
5.4	Citation Record (Journal articles cited in reputable databases)
5.5	Print Continuum (Consistency in print publication, if applicable)
5.6	Online Availability (Full-text articles available online)
5.7	Quality of Website (Well-maintained, regularly updated, and user-friendly)
5.8	Multilingual Availability (Relevance for Indian context, with content in Indian languages)

6. Research Ethics

S.No.	Suggestive Parameters
6.1	Ethical Guidelines for Authors (Clear guidelines for ethical publishing practices)
6.2	Plagiarism Prevention (Similarity score not exceeding standard limits)
6.3	Conflict of Interest Disclosure (No conflicts between governance, editorial board members, reviewers, and authors; any potential conflicts must be disclosed)
6.4	AI Generated Content Policy (Journal has specific policy with respect to use of AI)

7. Journal Visibility

S.No.	Suggestive Parameters
7.1	Impact Factor (Journal's impact factor, if applicable)
7.2	Indexation in Reputed Databases (Inclusion in renowned databases)

8. Journal Impact Criteria

S.No.	Suggestive Parameters
8.1	Self-Citation Score (Should be within a prescribed range compared to peer journals)
8.2	Total Citation Rate (As compared with similar peer-reviewed journals)
8.3	Cite Score (Journal's citation impact over a specific period)

Suggestions for HEIs

1. **Choice of Peer-Reviewed Journals:** Using the above parameters, faculty members and students may choose peer-reviewed journals tailored to their specific disciplines and research focus areas for publishing their research work.
2. **Internal Review Committees:** HEIs may establish internal committee(s) to fine-tune the above-suggested parameters from time to time as needed in their specific cases to ensure they continue to meet the quality standards and to align with the institute's academic and research goals.