

Notification

Subject: Adoption of UGC Suggestive Parameters for Selection of Peer-Reviewed Journals.

In continuation of the directions issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC), it is hereby notified for the information of all faculty members, research scholars, and students that the UGC-CARE List of Journals has been discontinued with effect from February 11, 2025 (Annexure-I).

Subsequently, the UGC, vide its Public Notice dated July 16, 2025 (Annexure-II), has issued "Suggestive Parameters for Selection of Peer-Reviewed Journals", thereby advising Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to adopt institutional mechanisms for ensuring the quality, credibility, and ethical standards of research publications.

1. Adoption at Institutional Level

The University hereby adopts the UGC Suggestive Parameters for Selection of Peer-Reviewed Journals for all future research publications authored by faculty members, research scholars, and students.

2. Applicability

This notification shall be applicable to:

- All faculty members.
- Research scholars (Ph.D./PG).
- Students involved in research publication.

3. Compliance Requirement

All authors shall ensure due diligence while selecting journals and shall adhere to the parameters prescribed by UGC. Head of Departments are advised to sensitize faculty members and research scholars regarding ethical and responsible research publishing practices.

4. Institutional Oversight and Periodic Review

To ensure effective implementation of the UGC suggestive parameters and to uphold the quality, integrity, and credibility of research publications, the University has constituted an Internal Review Committee on Journal Quality and Research Standards (Annexure-III).

The Committee shall be responsible for the following:

- To periodically review the journal selection practices adopted by faculty members and research scholars.
- To assess compliance with the UGC suggestive parameters for identifying quality peer-reviewed journals.
- To recommend appropriate updates, corrective actions, or improvements, wherever required, in order to strengthen ethical, transparent, and quality-driven research publishing practices within the University.
- The Dean / Dean In-charge of the respective Faculty, in coordination with the Research Coordinator of the concerned Department, shall verify that the published research work complies with the prescribed UGC suggestive parameters and institutional guidelines.

The Committee shall also review the process from time to time to ensure that institutional practices remain aligned with evolving UGC guidelines and best academic standards.

5. Non-Consideration of Non-Compliant Journals

Any journal that does not satisfy the UGC suggestive parameters for selection of peer-reviewed journals (as detailed in Annexure-IV) and/or is identified by the University or any statutory or regulatory authority as non-transparent, unethical, or non-compliant, shall not be considered for any academic purpose within The ICFAI University, Himachal Pradesh.

Such academic purposes shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- Ph.D. work and thesis submission requirements.
- Faculty appraisal, Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) and promotions.
- Research incentives, grants or institutional awards.

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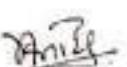
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In supersession of the Public Notice dated 28th November 2018 for establishing UGC Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (UGC-CARE), the Commission, in its 584th meeting held on 3rd October 2024, based on the recommendations of the expert committee, has decided to discontinue UGC-CARE listing of Journals and develop 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 their feedback till 25th February, 2025 at email id: journal@ugc.gov.in.

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


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Annexure-II



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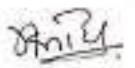
सार्वजनिक सूचना

This is in continuation of the Public Notice dated 11 February, 2025 to discontinue UGC-CARE listing of Journals, and develop suggestive parameters for choosing peer-reviewed journals by faculty members, students and the Higher Educational Institutions. It is informed that the Commission, in its 591st meeting held on 24 June, 2025, based on the feedback received from the various stakeholders, has considered and approved the following:

1. Suggestive Parameters for choosing Peer-Reviewed Journals (Annexure-I)
2. Uploading on the UGC website a list of 1474 UGC CARE listed journals as on 10 February, 2025, for referencing purposes to the stakeholders for all academic activities. This list of UGC-CARE Journals (now discontinued) is intended to serve as a reference resource only; the inclusion or exclusion of a journal in this list does not imply validation or endorsement by the Commission. Following is the link for the same:

https://www.ugc.gov.in/e-book/Final list of UGC-CARE_journals.pdf

All HEIs, faculty members, researchers, and students are requested to take due note of the above and adhere to these guidelines for all academic and research-related publication activities.


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Annexure-III

ICFAI University, Himachal Pradesh

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OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Subject: Constitution of Internal Review Committee on Journal Quality Standards

In order to maintain and enhance the quality standards of research publications at the ICFAI University, Himachal Pradesh, the Internal Review Committee on Journal Quality Standards is hereby constituted and the composition of the Committee shall be as follows:

- i) Vice-Chancellor, IUHP - Chairperson
- ii) Dean / Dean-In-Charge of the respective Departments - Member
- iii) Prof. Pankaj Thakur, FST, IUHP - Member
- iv) Academic Coordinator, IUHP - Member
- v) Research Head, IUHP - Member
- vi) Registrar, IUHP - Member

Shri Anil Kumar (Administrative Wing, IUHP), shall provide the secretarial assistance to the Committee.

Functions of the Committee

The Committee shall:

- Review the UGC suggestive parameters for selection of peer-reviewed journals.
- Examine the list of discontinued / non-recommended journals, as applicable.
- Ensure ethical, credible, and high-quality research publications by faculty members and research scholars.

The Committee shall meet from time to time or as and when required and shall submit its recommendations to the Competent Authority.

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Annexure-IV**Suggestive Parameters for Peer-Reviewed Journals**

The ICFAI University, Himachal Pradesh strives to uphold excellence in research by encouraging publication in reputable peer-reviewed journals. Faculty members and research scholars are advised to consider the prescribed parameters while selecting journals for publication. These parameters are intended to ensure ethical practices, transparency, and overall quality of research outputs.

1. Journal Preliminary Criteria

| S. No. | Suggestive Parameters |
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| 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 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 |
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| 4.1 | Academic Contribution (Articles should demonstrate motivation, advancement of existing knowledge, and applicability for policymaking) |

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| S. No. | Suggestive Parameters |
|--------|---|
| 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 reputed databases) |
| 5.5 | Print Continuum (Consistency in print publication, if applicable) |
| 5.6 | Quality of Website (Well-maintained, regularly updated, and user-friendly) |
| 5.7 | Multilingual Availability (Relevance for Indian context, including 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 prescribed 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 a specific policy regarding the use of AI) |

7. Journal Visibility

| S. No. | Suggestive Parameters |
|--------|---|
| 7.1 | Impact Factor or Similar Factor (If applicable) |
| 7.2 | Indexation in Reputed Databases (Inclusion in renowned databases) |

8. Journal Impact Criteria

| S. No. | Suggestive Parameters |
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| 8.1 | Self-Citation Score (Within prescribed limits 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) |

