

**COURSEWORK SYLLABUS**  
**RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ETHICS**

Total Credits: 02  
 Total Hours: 20

M. M.: 100

**Unit I: PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (04 Hours)**

Introduction to philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concept, branches - Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgments and reactions.

**Unit II: SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT (04 Hours)**

Ethics with respect to science and research - Intellectual honesty and research integrity - Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication and Plagiarism (FFP) - Redundant Publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing - Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data.

**Unit III: PUBLICATION ETHICS (04 Hours)**

Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance - Best practices / standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc. - Conflicts of interest - Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behaviour and vice versa, types - Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributor ship - Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals - Predatory publisher and journals.

**Unit IV: OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING (04 Hours)**

Open access publications and initiatives - SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies - Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU - Journal finger / journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer, Journal Suggester, etc.

**Unit V: PUBLICATION MISCONDUCT (02 Hours)**

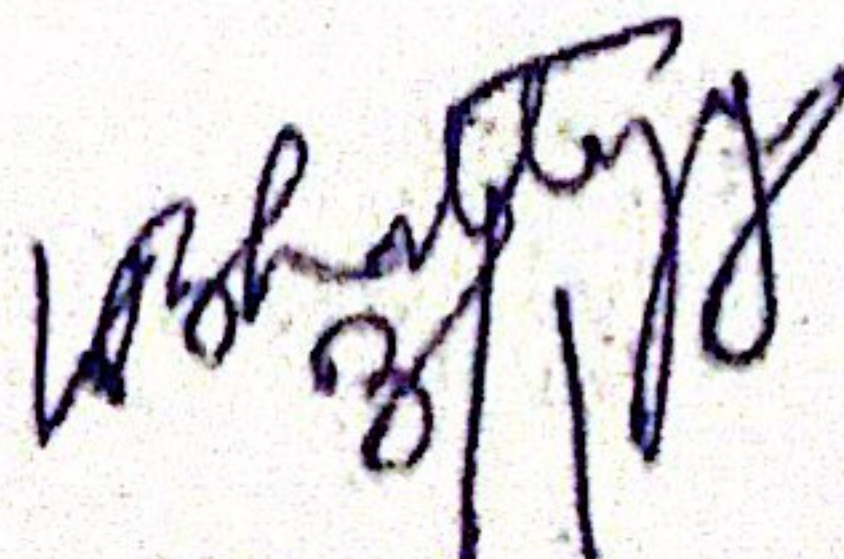
Group Discussion, Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship b) Conflicts of interest c) Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad Software tools: Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software tools.

**Unit VI: DATABASES AND RESEARCH METRICS (02 Hours)**

Indexing databases, Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc. Research Metrics, Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citations Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score - Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 Index, altmetrics.

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