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PUBLIC NOTICE

SELF-PLAGIARISM

In the interests of Indian academia, to promote Indian research among the nations, and to ensure credibility and quality, from time to time the UGC has instituted various measures. In its efforts to curb plagiarism the UGC issued the University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, so that plagiarised work does not acquire any credibility or value in evaluation. In continuation of its initiative, and in line with global standards of ethical publishing established by leading institutions and Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), the UGC draws the attention of the academic community to the following:

- (i) Reproduction, in part or whole, of *one's own previously published work without adequate citation* and proper acknowledgment and claiming the most recent work as new and original for any academic advantage amounts to 'text-recycling' (also known as 'self-plagiarism') and is **not** acceptable.
- (ii) Text-recycling/self-plagiarism includes:
 - republishing the same paper already published elsewhere *without due and full citation*;
 - publishing smaller/excerpted work from a longer and previous *without due and full citations* in order to show a larger number of publications;
 - reusing data already used in a published work, or communicated for publication, in another work *without due and full citation*;
 - breaking up a longer/larger study into smaller sections and publishing them as altogether new work *without due and full citation*;
 - paraphrasing one's own previously published work *without due and full citation* of the original.
- (iii) Self-citations do not add any number/s to the individual's citation index or h-index in global academia.
- (iv) Vice Chancellors, Selection Committees, Screening Committees, IQACs and all/any experts involved in academic performance/evaluation and assessment are hereby strongly advised that their decisions in the case of promotions, selections, credit allotment, award of research degrees must be based on an evaluation of the applicant's published work to ensure that the work being submitted for promotion/selection is not self-plagiarized.

The UGC will be issuing a set of parameters to evaluate instances of text recycling/self-plagiarism soon.

(Prof. Rajnish Jain)
Secretary

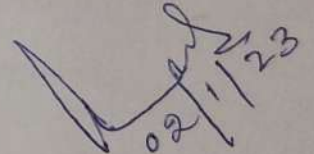
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The Research Council at its 31st meeting held on 15th November, 2022 approved the amendments in the guidelines on Plagiarism in compliance with the UGC Public Notice on *Self Plagiarism* dated April 2020. As per this Notification *“Reproduction, in part or whole, of one’s own previously published work without adequate citation and proper acknowledgment and claiming the most recent work as new and original for any academic advantage amounts to ‘text-recycling’ (also known as ‘self-plagiarism’) and is not acceptable.” (copy enclosed).*

Accordingly, the IGNOU guidelines on Plagiarism along with the format (Certificate to ensure citation for self-published work) stand amended for reconciliation of plagiarism check. The amended Guidelines and the format are enclosed.

All the Research scholars and supervisors are requested to comply with the amended guidelines for submission of Ph.D. Thesis.

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