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**Action plan for
Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics
(CARE)**

AS PER UGC QUALITY MANDATE 2020

Scheme: Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (CARE)

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Prelude

The "Quality Mandate" of the University Grants Commission (UGC) emphasizes importance of promoting high quality research and creation of new knowledge by faculty members. For this purpose, efforts to distinguish between standard and predatory/ dubious/deceptive journals and ensure that Indian academic work appears only in globally recognized and acceptable journals, the UGC has set up a Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (CARE) to continuously monitor and identify quality journals across disciplines. The main task of the CARE is to improve

the quality of research in Indian universities and to promote academic and research integrity as well as publication ethics.

The credibility of research publications represents the academic image of not just an individual, but of the institution and the nation as well. The number of research articles published in reputed journals, is one of the globally-accepted indicators considered for various academic purposes including institutional ranking, appointments and promotions of faculty members, and award of research degrees. Publications in dubious / sub-standard journals reflect adversely leading to long-term academic damage and a tarnished image.

Research journals from all disciplines, indexed in Scopus (Source list) or Web of Science (Arts and Humanities Citation Index Source Publication, Science Citation Index Expanded Source Publication, Social Science Citation Index Source Publication) are accepted globally as quality journals and are considered for all academic purposes.

The UGC-CARE List, therefore, includes journals indexed in Scopus and / or Web of Science.

OBJECTIVES (from UGC ebook)

- To promote the quality research by the faculty members and creating credible research
- To promote academic and research integrity as well as publication ethics
- To promote high quality publications in reputed journals that would help in achieving higher global ranks and overall improvement of the quality of research and education.
- To Develop an approach and methodology for identification of good quality journals.

- To prevent publications in dubious / sub-standard journals which reflect adversely and tarnish the image of research work and thus lead to a long term academic damage.

Proposed action plan for the academic year 2020-2021

Action plan	Proposed month
Orientation programme on CARE list of journals to all faculty members	August 2020
Consolidation of list of journals in CARE and uploading in university website to facilitate publications	September 2020
Selection and addition of journal titles to be sent to UGC for addition	October 2020
Orientation programme on CARE list of journals to all research scholars	November 2020
One-day workshop on How to do quality Publication with resource persons identified from within institution and experts from outside institution	January 2021
Monitoring the quality of research publications of faculty members	Throughout the year
Analysis of publication statistics	Quarterly
Orientation to faculty members submitting PBAS regarding their publications and assessment	Annually based on number of candidates submitting PBAS application
Validating the academic quality of publications of the academic year	March 2021