Revised UGC - approved List of Journals including Journals Recommended by Universities during 16th to 22nd June 2017 (II Phase)

The UGC has revised "**Approved List of Journals**" that would be considered for the purpose of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) and Direct Recruitment of Teachers and other academic staff as required under the UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges) Regulation, 2016. The UGC - approved List of Journals consists of i) Journals Indexed in WoS (Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index and Arts and Humanities Citation Index) ; ii) Journals Indexed in Scopus ; iii) Journals Indexed in Indian Citation Index ; iv) Journals Recommended by the Members of UGC Standing Committee and Language Committee(s) ; and v) Journals Recommended by the Universities during Phase I and Phase II (16th to 22nd June, 2017).

Recommendations for 7,255 additional journal titles were received from 141 universities during the second phase (16th to 22nd June, 2017) of opening the Recommendation Platform. All recommended journal titles were subjected to the checklist devised by the Standing Committee. After removing poor - quality journals, duplicate journals and journals that did not qualify the check - list criteria set up by the Standing Committee, 2,405unique journal titles were included in the UGC - approved List of Journals.

In addition, the UGC received several complains about inclusion of poor - quality journals so on after release of UGC - approved list of journals on 2nd June 2017 that included 6,507 journals recommended by the universities and by the Members of UGC Standing Committee and Language Committee(s) during the first phase of opening the Recommendation Platform. The Standing Committee also identified more than 800 poor-quality journal titles based on feed-back from individuals and institutions from amongst 6,507 journals recommended during the first phase of opening the Recommendation Platform. These 800+ journal titles were also removed from the current list of UGC - Approved List of Journals. The UGC also checked for duplicate titles that were inadvertently listed twice on UGC-approved list of journals and the duplicate entries were merged to a single title. Subsequently, the UGC received additional complaints from various sources including e-mails from faculty, researchers, other stakeholders and newspaper reports regarding inclusion of poor quality journals. Journal titles reported as predatory were further evaluated by the Standing Committee and 168 journal titles were removed.

The Revised UGC - Approved List of Journals now consists of 32,659 journal titles.