

## **POST GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY**

## CERTIFICATE COURSE SYLLABUS M.Sc. Zoology Part-I, SEMESTER-I

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2022-2023

## SYLLABUS (CBCS) FOR M.Sc. ZOOLOGY (w. e. f. June, 2022)

**Class:** M.Sc. I Semester: Т **Certificate Course: Research and Publication Ethics** No. of Hours: 30 **Credit:** 2 **THEORY- TOPICS / CONTENTS:** 12L Name of Topic Unit no. Lectures **Scientific Conduct** 1.1 Ethics with respect to science and research 1.2 Scientific misconducts: falsification and plagiarism. 1 3 1.3 Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications. salami slicing. 1.4 Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data. **Ethical Approval and Guidelines** 2.1 Types of studies. 2.2 Clinical Trials. 2.3 Ethical Committee and need of its approval for research involving: a) Human participants, their data or biological material. 2 5 b) Human embryos, gametes, and stem cells. c) Animals and their data or biological material. d) Utilization of plants, algae, fungi. 2.4 Consent: Types and need. 2.5 Guidelines: Need and Examples of different guidelines. **Publication Ethics** 3.1 Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance 3.2 Conflicts of interest. 3.3 Publication misconduct: Definition, concept, problems that lead to 3 4 unethical behaviour. 3.4 Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship. 3.5 Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals. 3.6 Predatory publishers and journals.

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Practicals based on "Research and Publication Ethics" (Any	6) <b>18</b> L
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Sr. No.	Name of the practical
1.	Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad
2.	Use of reference management software "Mendeley" and anti-plagiarism software "Urkund".
3.	Subject specific ethical issues, plagiarism, authorship and conflicts of interest
4.	Journal finder/journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.
5.	To study the different databases: Web of Science, Scopus and COPE, etc.
6.	Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU and UGC-CARE list of journals.
7.	To study the research metrics: Impact factor, h-index.
8.	Student activity on "Group discussions on publication misconduct"

## **REFERENCES:**

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2. Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). How to handle authorship disputes: a guide for new researchers. 2003.