



Department of Library and Information Science
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Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune - 07
Organizes



A two-day online workshop on **UNDERSTANDING JOURNALS** ***Credibility, Selection & Avoiding Predatory Traps***

29-30 Sept. 2025

About the workshop

In the evolving landscape of academia, the credibility and quality of journals are vital to maintaining the integrity of scholarly communication. However, the increasing pressure to publish has led many students and early-career researchers to unknowingly fall into the trap of predatory journals—publications that prioritize profit over peer review, thereby compromising academic standards and reputations. A common concern among new researchers is how to identify and select a trustworthy, credible journal for their work.

This two-day online workshop aims to equip students, early-career researchers, and faculty members with essential knowledge and practical tools to identify credible journals, understand indexing and impact factors, navigate the journal selection process, and recognize the deceptive practices of predatory publishers. Through expert talks and interactive sessions, participants will develop a critical lens to make informed publishing decisions and uphold research integrity.

Resource Persons

1) Prof. B. M. Panage

Emeritus Professor, Jaykar Knowledge Resource Center, SPPU

2) Prof. Pramod Nayar

Senior Professor & UNESCO Chair in Vulnerability studies,
Department of English, University of Hyderabad

3) Prof. Shashikala Rai

Department of Hindi, SPPU

4) Prof. Shubhada Nagarkar

Head, Dept. of Library and Information Science and Coordinator,
Centre for Publication Ethics, SPPU

5) Dr. Girish Tillu

Assistant Professor, School of Health Sciences, SPPU

6) Dr. Dnyaneshwar Warude

Co-founder & Executive Director, SFG Sciences Inc., Japan

7) Mr. Anant Sabane

Technical Communicator, Prompt Engineering Enthusiast,
NLP trainer, Transformation Coach, Pune

Note

- Zoom link will be shared one day before the workshop
- E-Certificate will be provided to all participants

Workshop Objectives

- To understand the role and structure of academic journals
- To identify credible journals using standard indices and tools
- To guide selection of suitable journals for publishing research
- To recognize and avoid predatory and fake journals
- To introduce useful national and international databases

Key Topics Covered

- Anatomy of a Journal: ISSN, Peer Review, Editorial Board
- Indexing Databases
- What Makes a Journal Credible?
- Red Flags of Predatory Journals
- Tools and Checklists to Verify Journals
- Ethical Publishing Practices
- Q&A and Discussion

Workshop Details

Entry Fee: **500/- /PERSON**

Time: 11.00 AM – 5.00 PM

Mode: Online via Zoom

Open for: UG/PG Students, Research
Scholars, Faculty Members

Registration: 4-28 September 2025

Course Coordinator

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Registration Link:

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