

## **UGC Approved Journals for CAS and Direct Recruitment: A Special Reference to Library and Information Science**

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**ABSTRACT:** *The University Grants Commission (UGC) has prepared an approved list of journals that needs to be considered for appointment and promotion of teaching faculty and academic community. UGC approved journals are identified from different committees and from different citations. This article highlights its importance, subject-wise journal status, and special parts of LIS journals approved by the UGC. The study also analyzed the UGC approved journals in the field of Library and Information Science Journals which is indexed by different sources. There are 56513 journals approved by UGC as on 5-2-2018, only 383 library and information science journals selected and get relevant results.*

**KEYWORDS:** *UGC approved Journals, CAS, Journals Ranking, Scopus, Web of Science, Indian Citation Index (ICI), UNIV, UGC.*

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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The University Grants Commission (UGC) implement an Academic Performance Indicator (API) score-based regulations for minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education. In this study, the present investigators focus on the list of journals available and its source and other details to maintain the standards. The Standing Committee constituted by the UGC for identifying journals in different disciplines has approved the list of Journals for the purpose of the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) and Direct Recruitment of teachers and other academic staff.

The UGC-approved list of journals consists of those indexed in WoS (Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index and Arts and Humanities Citation Index); journals indexed in Scopus; journals indexed in Indian Citation Index; journals recommended by the Members of the UGC Standing Committee and Language Committee, and journals recommended by the universities.

### **II. PREVIOUS STUDIES**

Gupta, Kumar & Kabra (2017) highlights the status of UGC approved library and information science journals on the UGC API list. The UGC had made four amendments in the Regulations as quality measures in the past. The UGC recently identified and issued a list of 38652 journals for counting of API in the category of Research Publication - Journals for selection/promotion of teachers and other academic staff in the universities and colleges. The author focus on the 2010 UGC regulation of API linked selection and appointment for teacher and other library staff assistant librarian and college librarians.

The past research in India and other country has often focused on:

- An Analysis of UGC Approved Library and Information Science Journals (Jeyapragash, Muthuraj, & Rajkumar, 2017).
- UGC approved List of Journals in All Subjects 2017 (Barman, 2017).
- UGC notification on journal lists to calculate API scores (Paramanik, Rai, & Sharma, 2017).
- Library and information science journals on the UGC API list: A Study (Gupta, Kumar, & Kabra, 2017).
- Inclusion of New Journals in the UGC Approved List of Journals: Help Manual (Onlinejournal.in, 2017).
- University Grants Commission: Notification (UGC. 2016).
- Comparison of PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science, and Google Scholar: strengths and weaknesses (Falagas, 2008).
- Use of e-journals and databases by the academic community of University of Mysore : A survey (Nikam & Pramodini, 2007).
- Open Access Initiatives in India - An Evaluation (Fernandez, 2006).

- Usage of E-journals by researchers in Aligarh Muslim University: A study (Raza, 2006).
- The role of academic journal publications in the UK Research Assessment Exercise (Bence, 2004).

### III. OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of this study are;

1. To identify the list of journals approved by the UGC
2. To find out the subject covered by the different discipline
3. To find out the ranking status of the journals
4. To identify the publisher status as well as the Source ranking of the journals
5. To describe what sources UGC recommend for selection of journals

### IV. METHODOLOGY

Based on the UGC notification, there are four disciplines listed on the website namely; science, social science, arts & humanities, and multidisciplinary. The UGC approved list of journals includes journals covered in the source of i) Web of Science (WoS); ii) Scopus; iii) Indian Citation Index (ICI); iv) Journals recommended by the Standing Committee on Notification on Journal and Language Committee; and v) Journal recommended by Universities. Given a special reference to library and information science journals under social science discipline for further study and collected data from this site. There are 56513 journals approved by UGC as on 5-2-2018, out of 56513 only 383 library and information science journals selected for this study (UGC, 2017). The main focus of this study is to find out the journal's status, subject covers, rank, sources, and whether the journals are available on the UGC websites.

### V. DISCUSSION

In Arts and Humanities discipline the history subject covered maximum of 899 journals. In social science discipline the Social Sciences subject covered maximum of 1450 journals. In science discipline, the Water Science and Technology subject covered maximum 2013 journals.

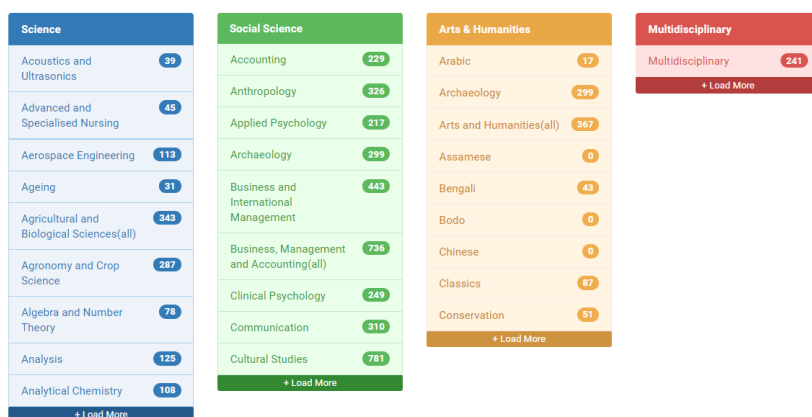


Figure -1: UGC Approved List of Journals Website

Figure 1 shows that there are four disciplines identified by UGC namely Science, Social Science, Arts & Humanities, and Multidisciplinary subjects.

Table -1: Discipline wise UGC Journal List

Discipline	Number of Subjects	Number of Journals	1 to 100 Rank
Science	248	39714	17
Social Science	46	17646	3
Arts & Humanities	46	5713	2
Multidisciplinary	-	254	1

Table 1 shows that these four disciplines the science discipline have 248 subjects with 39714 journals, social science covered 46 subjects with 17646 journals, arts & humanities also have 46 subjects with only 5713 journals. The multidisciplinary discipline has 254 journals but it does not have specific subjects.

In Arts and Humanities discipline the Archiv Fur Reformationsgeschichte (Religious Studies) is in the 7<sup>th</sup> place and Rossiiskaia Istorica (History) in the 65<sup>th</sup> position

In a multidisciplinary subject, the journal Sadhana - Academy Proceedings in Engineering Sciences is in the 68<sup>th</sup> position.

In Library and Information Science subject the Accountability in Research in 202<sup>nd</sup> and Accountability in Research - Policies and Quality Assurance in 203<sup>rd</sup> positions. There are no LIS journals within the 100<sup>th</sup> place.

**Table -2: Status of ISSN and e-ISSN**

ISSN		e-ISSN	
Number	%	Number	%
357	93.21	156	40.73

Table 2 brings out the ISSN and e-ISSN status of LIS journals. Out of 383 only 357 print journals and 156 electronic journals are available in LIS subjects.

**Table -3: Status of ISSN and e-ISSN**

Both ISSN and e-ISSN available		ISSN and e-ISSN not available	
Number	%	Number	%
135	35.24	05	1.30

Table 3 shows that out of 383 journals 135 published both prints as well as electronic versions simultaneously. The publishers are very important in the journal publication fields. Table 4 finds that only 371 journals have publisher name and 12 journals don't have publisher details.

**Table-4: Publisher were not available**

Publisher			
Yes	%	No	%
371	96.87	12	3.13

There are 7 sources are available in the journals lists in LIS viz. ICI, Scopus, UGC, UNIV, WOS, and combined sources like Scopus & ICI and WoS & Scopus. Indian Citation Index: 2004 onwards ICI covers more than 800+ journals which are published from India covering scientific, technical, medical, and social sciences that include arts and humanities. At present, there are more than 220+ OA journals. 350 thousand index articles and 6 million references were also available. Scopus is Elsevier's abstract and citation database launched in 2004. It covers nearly 36,377 titles (22,794 active titles and 13,583 Inactive titles) from approximately 11,678 publishers, of which 34,346 are peer-reviewed journals in top-level subject fields Life Sciences, Social Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Health Sciences. It covers three types of sources: Book Series, Journals, and Trade Journals. Web of Science / Web of Knowledge is an online subscription - based scientific citation indexing service produced by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) that gives access to multiple databases. It covers 90 million + records.

**Table – 5: Sources of Journals**

Source	Number
Indian Citation Index (ICI)	14
Scopus (Elsevier)	141
Scopus & ICI)	1
UGC (University Grants Commission)	65
UNIV	95
Web of Science (WoS)	20
WoS & Scopus	47

Table 5 shows that out of 383 library and information journals maximum of 141 journals covered under Scopus and least 1 under Scopus and ICI sources.

## VI. CONCLUSION

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) implements new rules to maintain the standards in teaching - learning. For this purpose, they launch a new proposal the faculties and researchers should publish the article in UGC recognized journals available on the <http://www.ugc.ac.in> website.

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