

Guidelines for Research Article

Ratna Rajyalaxmi Campus Research/Educational Development Project Management Committee (RMC) has adopted and made the following format and guidelines mandatory for the writing of research articles:

- Articles should be 3,000-4,500 words in maximum.
 - Articles should be typed in double-spaced lines, Times New Roman 12 point characters and Unicode or Preeti font for Devanagari with 1-inch margin in all sides of the A4 paper.
 - Articles should include author's declaration that the article has not been submitted or published in any journals or papers before.
 - Articles should be sent both in soft copy and in print version for acceptance within stipulated time. (Articles exceeding deadline will not be accepted at any cost).
 - Articles should follow the **American Psychological Association (APA) 7th edition** citation style for in-text citations and references.
 - Articles should be original and based on current issues. The author must take full responsibility for the originality of the article. The Editors and the publisher have no responsibility regarding the statements and opinions expressed by the contributors.
 - Similarity check software should be used to screen paper for unoriginal materials.
 - Articles should contain abstract, introduction, theoretical framework/methods and materials, results/findings, discussions, conclusions, acknowledgements (if necessary) and references.
 - Articles should include cover page with the title of the article, author's name, designation, affiliation and corresponding email address. Author's name should not mentioned within the article.
1. **Title**
 - Should be brief-clear, concise and informative.
 - Should have Maximum length of 120 characters or twelve words
 - The first letter of the word should be **capitalized** and all other words, except for proper nouns, should be in **lower case**.
 - Should be written in the center alignment.
 2. **Abstract**
 - Should not exceed the maximum length of 150 words.
 - Should be clear and concise with a brief summary of the research article, including the objective, methods, results and major conclusions.
 - Should consist of maximum six **key words** at the bottom of the abstract, which should be the part of the article.

- Should be in English language although the article is in Devanagari font.
- Should not consist of any citation.

3. Main Text

Main texts should be organized under the following headings:

- **Introduction**

Introduction should describe the significance of the paper, beginning with a paragraph of explanation that describes the problem under investigation (e.g., existing knowledge and gap) leading to the main research objective and questions.

- **Research methodology**

Research methodology section includes methodological tool, study area (and time), unit, plots/transects, experimental design, model, algorithm, simulation with treatments, replications and methods of randomization followed by data analysis.

- **Analysis/Discussion and Findings/Results**

Analysis/Discussion and Findings/Results generally should be stated concisely in descriptive, tabular, and graphical forms with interpretation. This section should address the objectives/ specific objectives systematically. It is the process of breaking down contents into its parts to learn what they do and how they relate to one-another.

- **Conclusion**

Conclusion should clearly point out the main findings, which must be justified by the analysis of the data. Preconceived ideas should not override the results and conclusions. Do not include any citation in conclusion.

- **Recommendations** (if necessary):

Recommendations should be included only if necessary. If it is necessary, it should indicate the possibilities for further research and policy implications.

4. Acknowledgements

- Acknowledgements should be short and specific providing information about various supports (e.g., funding, supervision, field assistance) received for the research.

5. References

- Reference should be presented as cited in the in-text citations according to APA style. All works cited should be arranged in alphabetical order of the author's names and listed at the end of the paper. It is suggested that available references with DOI should be presented (in case of availability). In addition, references are taken from recently published Journals. DOI or URL source address should be added in the references if it is available.