



EDITORIAL

Journal of Applied and Fundamental Sciences has reached its fourth year. Another name is being added in the list of indexing services in which JAFS is included; Indian Citation Index (ICI) has recently selected JAFS for indexing.

Indexing of a journal with reputed indexing agencies ensures quality of the journal. A well-recognised indexing agency selects a journal to be indexed based on a number of selection criteria assessing the quality of that journal. To maintain the trustworthiness of the service, a quality indexing service of a publishing company may not even include a journal published by itself if that journal does not meet the selection criteria. This should not be seen as the inability of publishing company to make some of its journal comply with the standard to get qualified for being indexed by its own indexing service, but should be viewed as the firmness to maintenance the quality of its indexing service.

This is the reason for which indexed journals are of higher quality than the ones which are not indexed. This is all the more important with the emergence of numerous “predatory” journals. Thus, individuals and institutions with publications in indexed journals get more weightage in their assessment and accreditation for their research work. Further, almost all of the indexing agencies provide a number of other services apart from simple indexing.

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