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All submissions will undergo a rigorous peer-review process, typically conducted in a double-blind manner. Papers will be evaluated based on originality, relevance, methodological rigor, analytical depth, and clarity of presentation. Authors may be required to revise their papers in response to reviewer comments within the specified timeline.

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Authors of accepted papers must submit a revised, camera-ready version in Word (.docx) format using the prescribed template. The final submission must incorporate all reviewer comments and strictly adhere to formatting guidelines. File naming conventions must be followed, typically using the first author's name.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Manuscript Structure

Each paper must be complete and structured in a clear academic format. The manuscript should include the following components:

- Title and subtitle
- Author names, affiliations, and corresponding author email
- Abstract (150–250 words)
- Keywords (4-6)
- Main body of the paper
- Acknowledgements (if applicable)
- References

The abstract must concisely present the research context, problem, methodology, key findings, and implications. It should be self-contained and suitable for indexing.

2. Paper Length and Organization

The total length of the paper should typically range between 4000–6000 words, excluding references. The main body of the paper should be organized into clearly defined sections, such as:

- **Introduction:** outlining context, research gap, and objectives
- **Literature Review:** establishing theoretical and empirical background
- **Methodology:** explaining data, tools, and analytical approach
- **Results/Analysis:** presenting findings supported by evidence
- **Discussion:** interpreting results in relation to existing knowledge
- **Conclusion:** summarizing contributions and implications

Authors are expected to maintain logical flow, coherence, and clarity across all sections. Headings must always keep to the hierarchical sequence. Run-in headings are set immediately at the beginning of a paragraph. They are formatted in bold or italics. Run-in headings can be used at any hierarchical level. Headings (including run-in headings) have no end punctuation or period after the heading number. All major words in a heading are capitalized. Articles, conjunctions, and prepositions that are four letters or less in length are not capitalized. Emphasized words or phrases in running text are set in italics.

3. Formatting and Layout Requirements

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- Affiliations: Helvetica Neue, 9 pt, italic
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The first paragraph under a heading should not be indented, while subsequent paragraphs should have a first-line indent. Authors must avoid hyphenation and ensure that widow and orphan lines are not present.

4. Writing Style and Language

Manuscripts must adhere to formal academic writing conventions using Indian English spelling (e.g., “colour”, “labour”). Abbreviations must be defined at first use, and SI units must be used consistently. Numbers should generally be written in words up to ninety-nine and in numerals thereafter. The writing should be clear, precise, and free from grammatical or typographical errors.

5. Tables and Figures

Tables and figures must be used effectively to support the analysis and should be properly integrated within the text. Authors must ensure that each table and figure is referred to in the text before its placement.

Tables should:

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a general nature, Explanations of abbreviations in a run-in list, and footnotes, arranged first by asterisk (*), then by lowercase letter.

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- Be of high resolution:
 - 1200 dpi for line drawings
 - 600 dpi for grayscale
 - 300 dpi for colour

Colour usage in tables and figures should be minimal and must remain legible in grayscale printing.

6. Citations and References

All sources must be cited using the APA 7th Edition Author-Date style. In-text citations should follow the format (Author Year) or (Author Year, Page Number). For works with multiple authors, “and” should be used for two authors and “et al.” for more than two authors.

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