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REPORT OF TRAINING SESSION ON

“HOW TO CATCH FAKE, CLONED AND PREDATORY JOURNALS IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH”

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The face of academic and scholarly publication has changed tremendously with the spread of open access journals and the shift to online publication. There is plethora of opportunities where a research scholar or an academician can publish their work than ever before.

Every scholar wants to publish work in internationally recognized journals but often fall in the trap of predatory journal or fake/cloned journals. Now a day's people have started fooling scholars and are accepting their work with fees and without performing promised quality check for issues such as plagiarism or ethical approval. Predatory journals take advantage of authors by asking them to publish their papers for a fee without providing peer- review or editing services and without adhering to the required academic standards for publishing.

In contract, high quality academic journals take longer to publish articles because of the rigorous peer review process. Although there is now greater awareness about such malpractices, it is still difficult for the authors to distinguish predatory journals from reputed and original ones.

This training session was organized specially for the faculty members and the Post Graduate learners with the following objectives: -

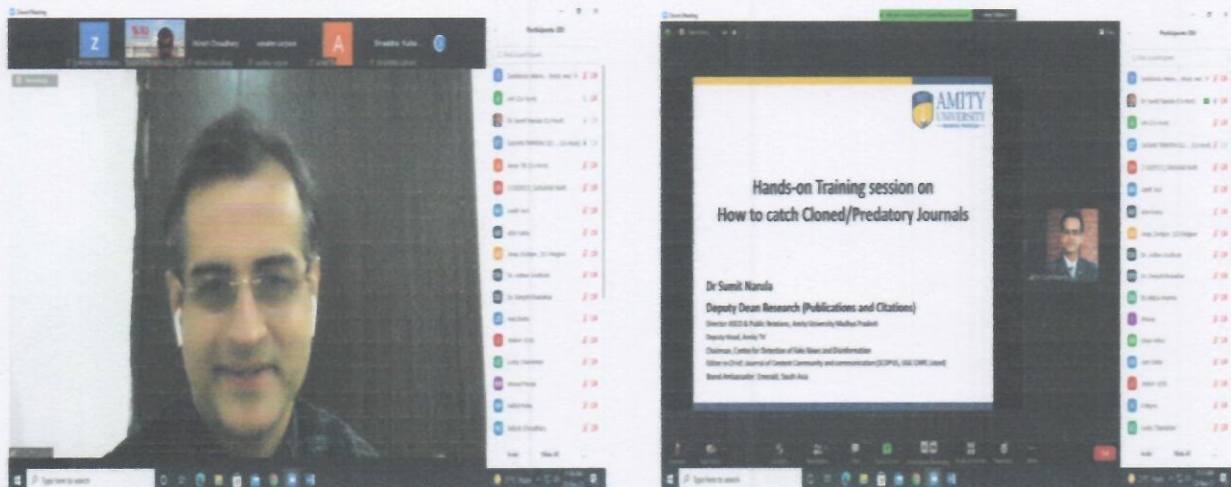
- a. To create awareness about ethical research publication.
- b. To identify fake, clones and predatory journals in academic research.
- c. To enable the learners to distinguish between predatory and reputed journals and to understand the academic loss caused by predatory journals.

The distinguished resource person for the workshop was Dr. Sumit Narula, *Deputy Dean Research (Publications and Citations), Amity University, Gwalior.*

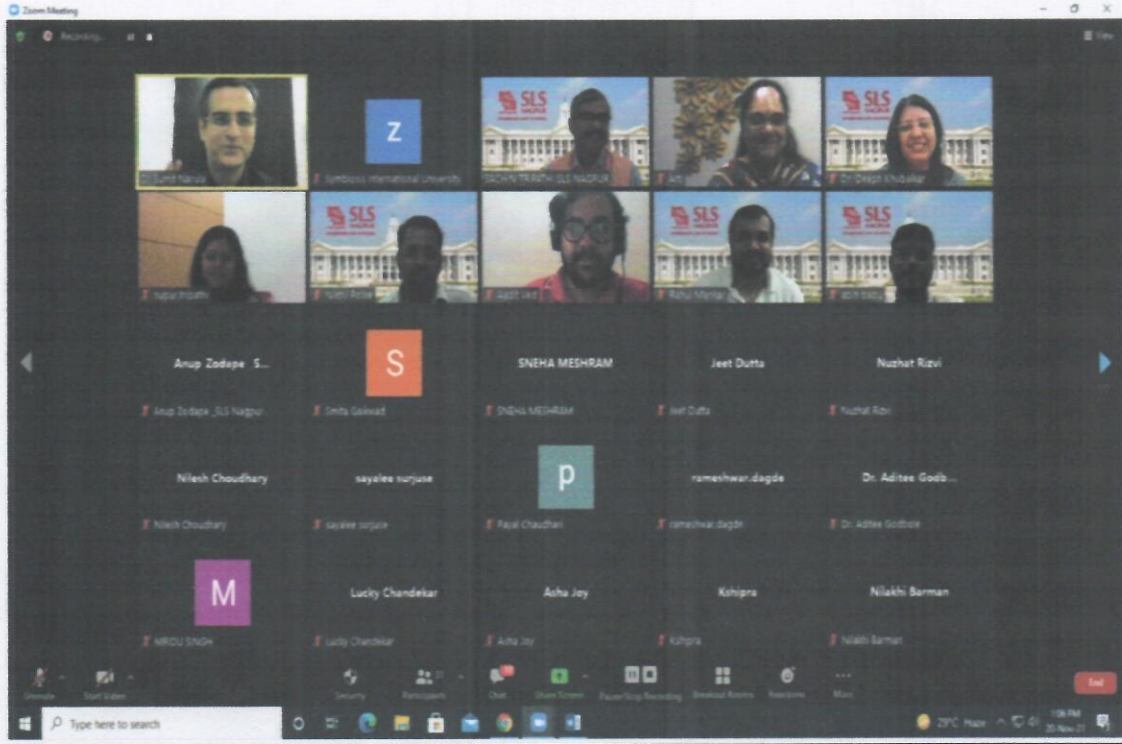
It was a clinical hand on training session by Dr. Narula which spread over more than two and a half hour making the participants abreast with the finer nuances of the ethical and genuine publication. The session commenced with discussion on guiding parameters for identifying the fake, cloned and predatory journals followed by demonstration to identify the same.

With live demonstration Dr. Narula guided the participants to distinguish between fake, cloned and predatory journals. He also explained the importance of creating research ID like Orchid, Vidwan etc. He also demonstrated how to identify the veracity of journal from the Scopus and Web of Science web pages.

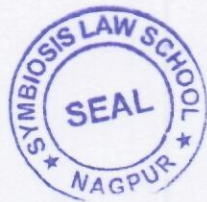
His engagement was very well received by the participants, which was reflected through the range of intriguing questions regarding cite score, Impact factor and paid publication.

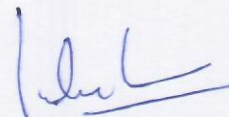


DR. Narula addressing the participants.



The workshop ended up with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Sachin Tripathi, Assistant Professor, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur.




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