

## **CSIR-NISCAIR Policy on Plagiarism**

The system of formal communication in science through publication in primary journals is based on originality and quality of information, being the only criteria for publication. However, there have been tendencies to misuse the system and vitiate the process of science communication for personal benefits. One of the ills, afflicting science communication, is plagiarism. Attempts at plagiarism may range from verbatim copying of extensive material of other authors, misappropriating results/data of others with minor changes in language/presentation without giving credit to original source, and to publishing essentially the same information more than once.

As the premier institution of publishing primary scientific journals in various disciplines of science and technology in India, CSIR-NISCAIR strongly reiterates its policy of discouraging plagiarism of all kinds. All efforts are made to detect and frustrate attempts at plagiarism through editorial screening and rigorous peer review in respect of communications received for publication in the CSIR-NISCAIR publications. Cooperation of the scientific community is sought in our efforts to frustrate all attempts at plagiarism.

In case, any attempt of plagiarism is brought to our attention accompanied with convincing evidence, following steps would be taken:

- (a) After consulting the respective Editorial Board Members, authors guilty of plagiarism will be debarred from publishing their papers in CSIR-NISCAIR journals.
- (b) Heads of the Departments/Institutes of the offending authors will be intimated of such incidences of plagiarism.
- (c) Such incidents of plagiarism will be publicized through the concerned CSIR-NISCAIR journals in consultation with the respective Editorial Board Members.