

## **NISCAIR Policy on Plagiarism**

The system of formal communication in science through publication in primary journals is based on originality, with quality of information being the only criteria for publication. However, there is a tendency 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 publishing essentially the same information more than once.

As the premier publisher in India of primary scientific journals in various disciplines of science and technology, 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 publishing in the NISCAIR publications. Cooperation of the scientific community is sought in our efforts to frustrate all attempts at plagiarism.

In case any attempt to plagiarize 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 NISCAIR journals.
- (b) Heads of the Department/Institutes of the offending authors will be intimated of such incidences of plagiarism.
- (c) Such incidents of plagiarisms will be publicized through the concerned NISCAIR journals in consultation with the respective Editorial Board Members.