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SELF-PLAGIARISM

In the interests of Indian academia, to promote Indian research among the nations, and to ensure credibility and quality, from time to time the UGC has instituted various measures. In its efforts to curb plagiarism the UGC issued the University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, so that plagiarised work does not acquire any credibility or value in evaluation. In continuation of its initiative, and in line with global standards of ethical publishing established by leading institutions and Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), the UGC draws the attention of the academic community to the following:

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The UGC will be issuing a set of parameters to evaluate instances of text recycling/self-plagiarism soon.

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