

ESTABLISHMENT OF JOURNAL CLUBS IN THE DEPARTMENTS **(An IQAC initiative)**

Introduction

Globally, the number of research papers being published is increasing very quickly. This has resulted in rapid transformation of concepts, ideas and beliefs. Therefore, it is imperative on the part of academicians, researchers and the students to keep abreast with the vast amount of information available.

The JOURNAL CLUB provides a forum to remain up to date with the literature and also offers an opportunity to learn methods of critically evaluating journal articles. Journal clubs are usually organized around a defined subject in basic or applied research.

What is a JOURNAL CLUB?

A journal club is a group of individuals who meet regularly to critically read, understand and evaluate recent papers/ articles published in research periodicals.

Aim of Journal Club

To provide its member with up-to date research literature; and act as a forum for teaching and learning the newer concepts, techniques and promote the importance of valid research findings into practice.

Benefits

- Expands the knowledge
- Improves reading habits by enabling critical thinking
- Learning presentation skill
- Facilitates acquisition of new techniques
- Induces scientific temperament by promoting questioning attitude

Constitution of Journal Club

1. Head of Department to select a Director of Journal Club (HoD himself/herself or a Senior faculty member)
2. All Ph.D. supervisors in the department will be members of the Journal Club Board (JCB).
3. The Director of the Journal Club shall submit the constitution of JCB to the Academic Council through the Board of Studies (BoS) and to IQAC for information.

Methodology of Journal Club

1. JCB shall define the goals and lay out 'General Rules' (Time allotment, what types of questions to ask etc.)
2. JCB shall identify the thrust areas for Journal Club of the Department.
3. JCB shall prepare a schedule and assign slot for the identified thrust areas. The JCB shall also select Research Papers/ Articles or else the Supervisors shall assign the same to the Research Scholars.
4. Research Scholars working in the identified thrust areas to be listed and asked to present the paper/ article.

5. Research Scholars and PG students (if possible) of the Department shall participate in the presentations. On the basis of the performance of the presenter in the Journal Club, some marks under Internal Assessment may also be allotted in Pre-Ph.D. Course. At least one member of the Journal Club Board has to be present in presentation.
6. In a Semester the Journal Club shall organize at least 5 Presentations by the Research Scholars.
7. Proper record of activities of the Journal Club shall be maintained and a Report of the activities conducted during the semester shall be submitted to the IQAC.

Session of Journal Club

1. The participants shall be notified well in time about the date and time of Journal Club presentation.
2. The Session of the Journal Club shall be conducted in Class room or Seminar/ Conference Room.
3. The Presenter will present the research article as per the guidelines mentioned.
4. Any one member of JCB present in the session shall be the Moderator of the Session and will solicit comments from participants.

Guidelines for Presenter

1. The topic of Presentation shall be the Title of Research article selected by the JCB (include Name of Author(s) & address)
2. A short review (about 500 words) of paper to be presented is to be circulated in advance.
3. The presenter shall cover all the aspects of the Research article (with emphasis on Methodology and analysis of Results)
4. The presenter shall try to draw a conclusion in his/her own words leading to discussion by the participants.
5. Mode of presentation can be through Black board, OHP or Power Point.

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