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• **Publication Frequency:**

It is to appraise you that in the initial two years of publications, GESR* had released its issues on Annual basis w.e.f 2016 to 2019, against Fall for the mentioned years. However, in order to achieve the higher targeted goals including the obtaining of recognition of W-category and to cope up with the need of the academia, the frequency of the journal was set as reflected below:

S.No	Number	Issue	Month
1	I	Winter	March
2	II	Spring	June
3	III	Summer	September
4	IV	Fall	December

• **Submission Guidelines:**

- All manuscripts must be submitted electronically through the form available at official website of the journal.
- Articles shall be in MS-Word (2013 or higher) duly formatted according to the prescribed guidelines and publication policy.
- Only Electronic submission (Soft Form) of manuscripts is accepted, and the corresponding text, tables, and figures shall be drafted in a single Microsoft Word file
- The Contributor have to register him/herself before submitting the Manuscript.

• **Formatting Guidelines:**

- **Title:** The title of the article should be bold, centered and typed in capital letters (*in 13 point*) Times New Roman Font.
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- **Abstract:** All manuscripts must be accompanied by a brief abstract. Abstract should not exceed 150 words. It should be properly formatted, justified in italicized text in Times New Roman Font (9 point). It should highlight Research Background, Methodology, Major Finding(s) and Conclusion in brief.
- **Key Words:** Authors must mention 3-10 key words. Key words should be listed alphabetically, separated by commas, and full stop at the end.
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- **Manuscript:** Manuscripts must in between 3000 – 10,000 words (all inclusive). It should be 1.0 line spaced, Times New Roman font, 10 point with. Utmost care should be taken to avoid any spelling or grammatical errors (it is advised to get your draft reviewed from an English language expert before submission)
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- **References:** All references should be listed alphabetically at end of the article using APA reference style only.
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References at the end of the manuscript should be arranged in an alphabetical sequence at the first place and then further sorted chronologically if necessary. If there are more than one reference from the same author(s) in the same year then it must be identified using the letters "a", "b", "c", etc., which is written right after the year of publication.

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The journal manages and evaluates all the research articles, papers, and cases by "Double-Blind Peer Review" exclusively. The journal uses double-blind review, which means that the reviewer, editor, and author identities are concealed from the reviewers, editor and vice versa throughout the review process.

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This journal has a comprehensive process of evaluation as it follows double-blind peer review wherein after preliminary assessment (*or Pre-Editorial Review*) of an article by the Managing and Assistant Managing Editor(s), the same is reviewed by another internal Committee (*known as an Editorial Review Committee*) comprising the Editor, Associate Editor(s) and Assistant Editor(s) if needed. However, selected members of the Advisory Board of our journal covering the subject area of the article are also consulted after the pre-editorial review. If there is no issue, the article goes through a cycle of final evaluation i.e., review by peer reviewers of the relevant subject.

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- **Duration of paper submission**
Deadline for the submission of papers in this journal is 20th of Jan for Winter Issue, 20th of April for Spring Issue, 20th of July for Sumer Issue and 20th of Oct for Fall issue.
- **Duration of Review of articles**
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- **Duration of Publication of articles**
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- **Timelines of publication of issues**
Following is the detailed timeline for publication of our issues

Process	Start Date	End Date
Call for Papers & Discrepancies Check	1 st date of first Month	20 th of first Month
Proofreading	21 st date of first Month	Last date of first Month
2 Simultaneous Reviews	1 st date of Second Month	Last date of second Month
Final Publication	1 st Date of Third Month	Last Date of Third Month

The publication schedule for Summer 2023 and Fall 2023 issues has been delayed due to the delayed recognition of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) for the 2023-24 academic year.

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