Are you submitting your research to a trusted journal?

Be aware of **Predatory Practices** in academics

**Activities done by certain entities that prioritize self-interest at the expense of scholarship.** Include predatory journals and conferences.

- **Predatory journals:** Publications that claim to be legitimate scholarly journals, but misrepresent their standard publishing practices
- **Predatory conferences:** meetings set up to appear as legitimate scientific conferences but are organized solely for profit

**How to identify?**

- Quickest publication guarantees
- Accepts papers without peer review
- Spread false or misleading information
- Unknown publisher
- Fake editorial boards & impact factors
- Notifying about article fees only after papers are accepted
- Lack of transparency

**Consequences**

- Mislead scientists & affect the academic reputation of the researcher
- Damage the scholarly journal publishing value chain
- Waste of money & effort as work is disregarded by the academic community
- Spread misinformation
- Undermine the research enterprise
- Widen the research gap between high-income and low-income countries

**How can we beat predatory practices?**

- Educating researchers on how to identify predatory journals and conferences
- Motivate researchers to publish their work in well-reputed journals
- Avoid submitting manuscripts to predatory journals for short term benefits
- Check on reputed databases to confirm selected journals are not identified as potential predatory journals and are well-reputed indexed journals

**THINK before you SUBMIT**

Give your time, effort and the great work you did, the place they deserve!