

## About the journal

The Center for Women's Studies of Kakojan College publishes a journal *Emerging Echoes* with ISSN-2230-7443, which is a peer reviewed bilingual (English and Assamese) annual journal. The first Volume of the Journal was published under the editorship of Dr Ruprekha Bordoloi and Dr Archana Bhattacharyee in 2012. So far seven volumes have been published consecutively, but the pandemic situation has disturbed in the process of publishing the 2019-20 issue of the journal. Therefore the next volume is proposed to be published in 2021 covering the period July 2020-June 2021.

## Theme

Women around the globe should be celebrated for their extraordinary contributions in all areas of society- as professionals as breadwinners, as caregivers and caretakers. But we must also focus on the stark reality that women suffer, disproportionately and also suffer from superstitions, beliefs and practices.

Women and girls throughout the world still continue to experience violence, discrimination, inequality and poverty. Despite the existence of international covenants, regional treaties and domestic laws intended to codify and realize women's human rights; the reality is that women and girls are routinely unable to claim their basic rights.

Keeping the above scenario in view, the journal *Emerging Echoes* published by the Centre for Women's Studies, Kakojan college aims to provide a platform to researchers to focus on the problems of women in their studies so as to raise their voice to end existing patterns of violence, discrimination and subjugation that disrupts women's live in the family, society and crisis situation.

The journal also wants to focus on the success stories of women. Despite the social hurdles, women are exhibiting their excellence almost in every sphere from space science to home making. Any women related issue that satisfies the aims of the journal are accepted and published.

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Ethical Policy for *Emerging Echoes*'

Journal *Emerging Echoes*' aims at publishing research that is original and in accordance with the scholarly integrity of the journal. So, the authors are requested to abide by the ethical duties and responsibilities and help to maintain the scholarly integrity.

The authors submitting their manuscripts for publication in the Journal are required to read and understand our ethics policy before submitting the manuscripts. Authors must be honest in presenting their results and conclusions of their research. Research misconduct is harmful for knowledge. It could mislead other researchers. The submitted papers/articles/case studies, etc. may be subjected to anti-plagiarism check so as to detect any possible overlapping and similarity in content. This is in accordance with our commitment to prevent ethical misconduct, which is a growing problem in academic and professional publications. In case any such content is found to be similar, the same shall be liable to be rejected.

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### **They shall:**

**a.** Maintain the integrity and fairness as required by the Journal.

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c. Give due consideration to all those who have made a significant contribution and shall be cited as authors. Other individuals who have contributed to the work should also be acknowledged. Articles should include a full list of the current institutional affiliations of all authors, both academic and corporate.

d. Ensure that a thorough, objective and confidential peer review is conducted for all submissions and that they pass the required quality check and editorial assessment at the initial stages.

e. Also aim to provide fair and impartial review and publication process as far as it is possible, with due respect and acknowledgement accorded to the author(s).

f. Ensure that they shall give prompt responses to all communications initiated by the authors and to give necessary recommendations to the authors. The editors shall also communicate the acceptance or rejection of all submissions to the authors in a timely manner and also give reasonable explanation and updates to authors during the submissions process as well as after a decision has been made.

g. Accept papers based only on original merit, quality and relevance of their content. They shall, as far as practicable, abstain from making decisions based upon personal preferences.

h. Ensure that all third party sanctions have been taken by the authors. In case such sanctions have not been obtained, the Editor shall remind the author to do the needful. In case of absence of sanctions, the discrepancy shall be informed to the publisher.

i. Remain in good communication with both the publisher and the author(s).

### **3. The Review Committee and Ethics:**

a. The Review Committee shall follow the policy of confidential peer review for the selection of work for the journals. It shall be inclusive of the obligations to keep their identity hidden from authors and not to misappropriate work that is submitted to them for review.

b. Every member of the committee shall accept to review work which relates to their own field of specialization and area of expertise. They shall also bear a moral obligation to review the submitted work in an impartial and timely manner. They shall also accept the duty to review future versions of the work and provide 'follow up' advice to the editor(s), if requested.

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It shall be ensured that the integrity and reputation of the journal is not jeopardized and that work of highest quality shall be published.

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- a.** Make use of plagiarism detection software when necessary for any submission made to the journal at any stage of the submission and publication process.
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- e.** Remain in good communication with editors, authors, reviewers and society partners

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#### **4. Peer Review and Publication Policy**

##### **General**

The Peer Review and Publication policy given below applies to the Journal published by the Centre for Women's Studies, Kakojan College.

## **Peer Review Policy**

Peer Review Policy outlined below describes the system for evaluating and assuring the high quality of research papers/articles before they are found useful for publication in journal. It involves subjecting research articles, to critical evaluation by independent subject expert(s), who are usually selected by the Editorial Board of the above Journal to ensure that only high quality research articles/papers are published.

Peer Review is to encourage and motivate the contributors as it plays an important role in enhancing the quality of research and majority of the contributors believe that their work is improved as a result of the peer-review process. Peer Review policy has been framed, with the aim that reviewers will ensure that Ethical Policy of the Journal and the research practice has been followed by the contributors of research papers/articles and there is no fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, failure to disclose conflict of interests and other forms of scholarly misconduct. It is true that reviewers may not be always perfect in their judgments; nevertheless, it is desired to filter out the bad research.

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