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General Information

1. What is AACST?

AACST (Association of All Computer Science Teachers) is a national-level academic body registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, and also registered under MSME. It supports activities related to education, research, training, and digital initiatives.

2. What is IJ-AACST?

IJ-AACST stands for International Journal of Advances and Applications in Convergent Studies & Transdisciplinary. It is an International refereed, peer-reviewed, open-access online monthly, multidisciplinary & transdisciplinary, multilanguage journal published by AACST, encouraging interdisciplinary and multilingual academic research.

Subscription and Library Collaboration

3. Is IJ-AACST an Open Access Journal?

Yes, IJ-AACST is a fully scholarly open-access online journal. All published articles are freely accessible online to anyone.

4. Do authors or readers need to pay for access?

No, readers do not pay to access the journal. Authors pay a nominal Article Processing Charge (APC) only after acceptance of paper.

5. If the journal is open access, why is there a subscription form?

The subscription form is primarily used to build a documented subscriber base (digital or institutional). It is also used for optional print subscriptions in future.

6. Who can subscribe to IJ-AACST?



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Any individual, faculty member, student, researcher, or institution can subscribe. Digital subscription is free.

7. Can contributors be considered subscribers?

Not automatically. Authors submitting papers are contributors. They must fill out the subscription form separately if they wish to be counted as subscribers.

8. Can institutions include IJ-AACST in their digital libraries?

Yes. Libraries and colleges are encouraged to link IJ-AACST archives or host them via cataloging tools. A basic subscription form is available for institutional engagement.

Manuscript Submission and Publication

9. Where can I submit my manuscript?

Authors can submit their papers via email at editor@aacst.org. Please follow the manuscript format and guidelines available on the journal website.

10. Can authors from multiple disciplines publish in IJ-AACST?

Yes. IJ-AACST encourages interdisciplinary submissions from fields such as science, education, technology, social sciences, humanities, management, law, and more.

11. What is the page limit for papers submitted to IJ-AACST?

Original Articles: 3,000–6,000 words; Review Articles: 2,000–6,000 words; Short Communications: 1,500–3,000 words.

12. Will authors receive a certificate for their publication?

Yes, each published author will receive a Certificate of Publication issued by IJ-AACST with paper title and journal details.



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13. How much does it cost to publish in IJ-AACST?

IJ-AACST follows a low-cost open-access model to ensure inclusivity. There is no submission fee. However, to maintain the website, the Article Processing Charges (APC) including GST are:

- ₹1,200 for the first author (India)
- ₹750 for each additional co-author (India)
- \$50 USD for the first author (International)
- \$20 USD for each additional co-author (International)

Waivers may be granted for authors from developing countries or for special issues like paper publishing of conferences.

14. Do AACST Life Members receive a discount on APC charges?

Yes, AACST Life Members are entitled to a discount of ₹200/- on the Article Processing Charge (APC).

15. Does IJ-AACST provide templates and style files for preparing a journal article?

Yes. IJ-AACST offers a ready-to-use Ms-Word template with standard formatting guidelines for all submissions. The template includes font styles, section formatting, reference style suggestions, and layout specifications.

Authors can download the template directly from the official journal website under the "Call for Paper" section.

16. How long does it take to publish a single research paper?

The review and publication process generally follows this timeline:

- **Peer Review Decision:** Within 1 day to 6 weeks of submission



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- **Final Publication:** In the upcoming monthly issue once accepted and processed.

Publication speed may vary depending on reviewer response, author revisions, and editorial scheduling.

Formatting, Figures, and Languages

17. Are there any guidelines for tables, figures, and images?

Yes. All tables and figures should be numbered sequentially, referred to in the text, accompanied by captions, and must be clear, high-resolution, and properly cited.

18. Can I publish in Hindi, Marathi, or other regional languages?

Yes, provided the manuscript uses Unicode-compliant fonts and includes an English abstract and keywords.

19. Which fonts should be used for regional language submissions?

Use Unicode fonts such as Mangal (Hindi/Marathi/Sanskrit), Noto Sans Bengali (Bengali), Latha (Tamil), Gautami (Telugu), Nafees Nastaleeq (Urdu), etc.

20. Is Sanskrit accepted for publication?

Yes. Sanskrit manuscripts must be typed in Unicode fonts like Mangal or Sanskrit 2003 using the Devanagari script.

Editorial Policies and Ethics

21. What is the peer review process of IJ-AACST?

Each manuscript is reviewed by subject experts for quality, originality, and relevance. Feedback is confidential and decisions are taken by the editorial board.



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22. What is the journal's policy on plagiarism?

Plagiarism is strictly prohibited. Only papers with less than 10% similarity (excluding references and quoted material) are considered for publication.

23. Is a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from co-authors mandatory?

Yes. A signed NOC must be provided by all co-authors stating they approve the submission and are aware of the publication.

24. What is the copyright policy of IJ-AACST?

Authors retain copyright but grant the journal a license to publish under Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 License (CC BY 4.0).

25. What is IJ-AACST's policy on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in manuscripts?

Authors must disclose use of AI tools. Fully AI-generated content is not allowed. Authors remain responsible for originality and quality.

26. Does IJ-AACST offer protection or anonymity to peer reviewers?

Yes. All reviews are anonymous unless the reviewer opts to disclose their identity.

Indexing, Archive and Outreach

27. How does IJ-AACST handle archived papers?

All papers are archived on the journal website and remain permanently accessible.

28. What indexing does IJ-AACST aim for?

IJ-AACST is working toward inclusion in DOAJ, UGC-CARE, and other global indexing platforms.



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Institutional Collaboration and MoUs

29. Does IJ-AACST sign MoUs with colleges or institutions for special issues or conferences?

Yes. IJ-AACST enters into formal MoUs for publishing conference papers or special issues. Interested institutions can write to editor@aacst.org.

Policy Alignment

30. Are the journal policies aligned with NEP 2020?

Yes. IJ-AACST supports multilingualism, open access, and interdisciplinary innovation as promoted under NEP 2020.

Reviewer Guidelines and Queries

31. Can anyone become a reviewer for IJ-AACST?

IJ-AACST welcomes qualified academics, researchers, and professionals with a strong background in relevant fields to apply as reviewers. Candidates must hold at least a postgraduate degree and demonstrate subject matter expertise through research publications or academic experience.

32. How can I apply to become a reviewer for IJ-AACST?

Interested individuals can apply by filling out the Reviewer Application Form available on the IJ-AACST website or by emailing their CV and area of expertise to editor@aacst.org.

33. What are the responsibilities of a reviewer?

Reviewers are expected to evaluate submissions for quality, originality, relevance, and academic integrity. They must provide constructive feedback



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within the specified time frame and maintain confidentiality throughout the review process.

34. Is the review process anonymous?

Yes. The journal follows an anonymous peer-review policy to ensure impartiality and fairness. Reviewers' identities are not disclosed to authors unless voluntarily permitted.

35. Do reviewers receive a certificate or acknowledgment?

Yes. IJ-AACST provides a formal Certificate of Review and may acknowledge active reviewers in the annual editorial report or journal website, with their consent.

36. Can a reviewer submit their own paper to IJ-AACST?

Yes. Reviewers can also submit their own manuscripts. However, their submissions will be handled by different editors and reviewers to avoid any conflict of interest.

37. My Question is not listed above!

You can write us about your query at: journaleditor@aacstij.org