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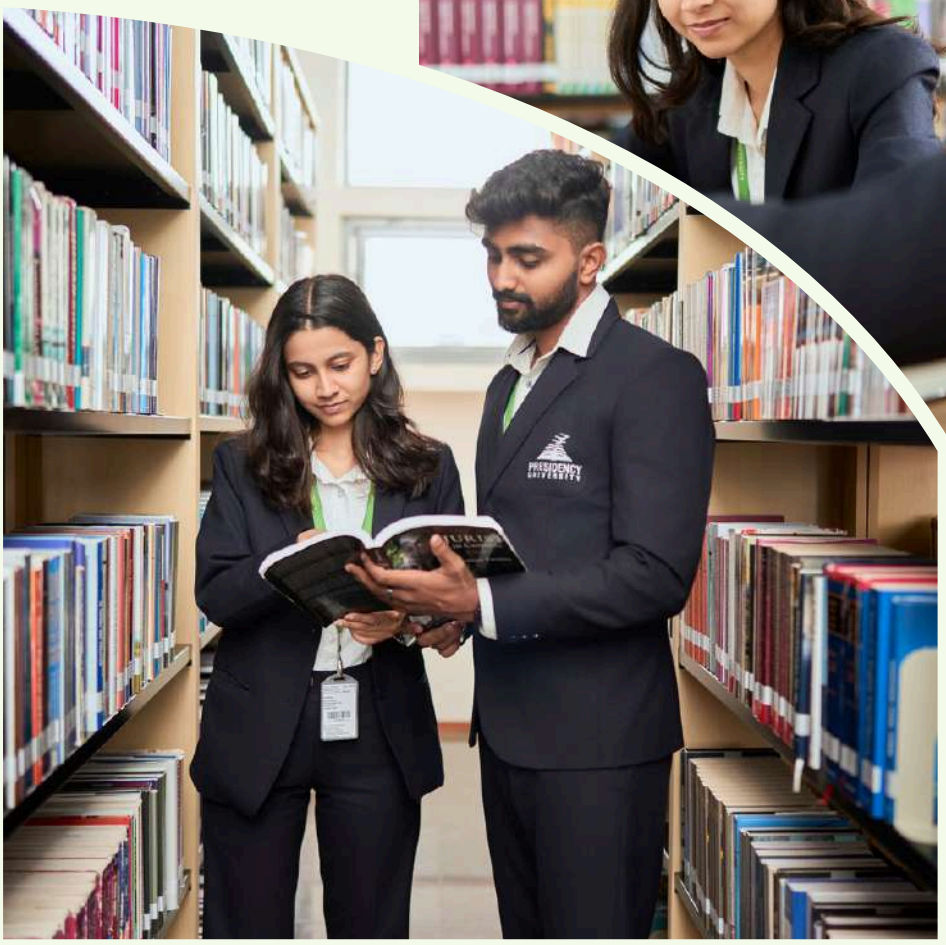



"Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one."

— NEIL GAIMAN

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Think. Check. Submit.

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A free checklist built by an international group that includes COPE, DOAJ, ISSN, OASPA, STM and UKSG. It works in three steps.

1 THINK | 2 CHECK | 3 SUBMIT

Don't Get Hooked

You have finished your paper, and an email arrives: "Publish in 7 days! Guaranteed acceptance!" Predatory journals charge authors fees but skip genuine peer review and editorial checks. A paper published in one can damage your CV and is rarely taken seriously afterwards.

Since the UGC discontinued the UGC-CARE list in February 2025, universities are expected to judge journals themselves, so the choice rests more with you.

THINK. Is this the right journal for my work, and is it a trusted one? Do you or your colleagues know it?

CHECK. Is the name unique, and does the ISSN portal confirm its details? Can you contact the publisher by phone, email and post? Does it avoid guaranteeing acceptance or a very short review time? Is the publisher a member of a recognised industry initiative?

SUBMIT. Only if you can answer "yes" to most or all of the questions.

DOAJ (doaj.org) lists open-access journals that have passed a review. Search a journal's name or ISSN there, but treat a listing as a good sign, not a guarantee.

▶ AT A GLANCE

Journal Check: The Facts That Matter.

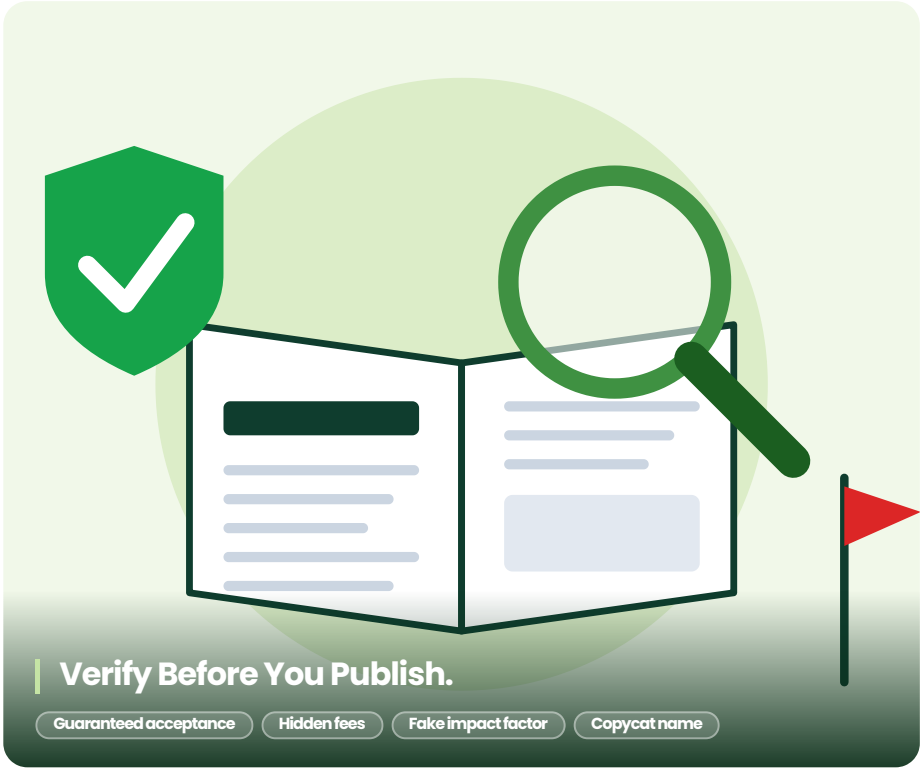
20,000+
Journals in DOAJ
A directory launched in 2003 with just 300 journals.

3 steps
Think. Check. Submit.
Answer "yes" to most or all checklist questions.

Feb 2025
UGC-CARE list ended
Universities now judge journals themselves.

1 email
Ask the library
We verify a journal before you submit.

Not sure about a journal? Check twice before you submit.



FEATURE STORY

Fake Twins: How to spot a hijacked journal.

A hijacked journal is a fake website that copies a real journal's title, ISSN and other details. Authors submit in good faith, pay a fee, and end up with a paper that is not in the genuine journal and may not be indexed anywhere. A cloned journal is a related problem: a publisher buys a legitimate journal but keeps running it under much weaker standards.

Researcher Anna Abalkina keeps a list of hijacked journals with Retraction Watch. It passed 400 entries in December 2025.

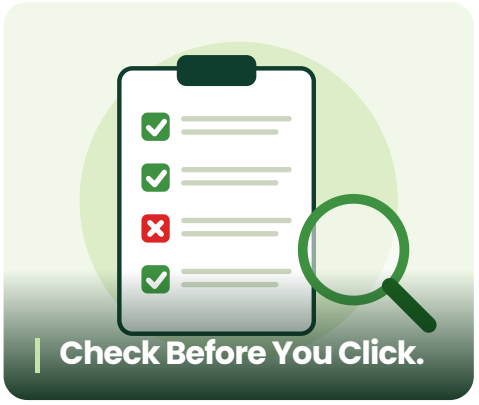
FOUR CHECKS. 1. Website age. Look up the web address on a WHOIS site such as who.is and read the creation date. **2. DOIs.** Real DOIs always start with 10; fake ones sometimes start with 16 or 20. **3. Topics.** Do the papers match the journal's title and subject? **4. The list.** Search the name and exact web address in the Retraction Watch Hijacked Journal Checker.

A new website is not always a fake, so use the checks together.

"Reach a journal through its publisher's official page, never through a link in an email."



Same Name. Different Journal.



Check Before You Click.

BY THE NUMBERS

Small Checks. Big Protection.

400+
Hijacked journals listed
In the Retraction Watch checker, December 2025.

70–80
New hijacked journals a year
As estimated by the list's maintainer.

10
Real DOIs start with 10
Fake ones sometimes start with 16 or 20.

57M+
Open-access full texts
Held by CORE, free to read.

764
Article requests fulfilled
By our library, July–August 2026.

OPEN ACCESS

Hit a Paywall? Find It Free.

Before paying for a paper, remember that many have a free, legal copy elsewhere. Install **CORE Discovery** and **Unpaywall**, free browser extensions that look for an open copy when you hit a paywall. CORE holds over 57 million open-access full texts.

Next, search the title in **Google Scholar** and click "All versions", or look for a preprint on arXiv, SSRN, bioRxiv or medRxiv. You can also email the corresponding author politely. If all else fails, send the library an **article request** with the title, journal and DOI.

Avoid pirate sites: they may break copyright law and carry malware.



Free. Legal. Instant.

▶ THREE STEPS

Think. Check. Submit. in practice.



STEP 1 · THINK

Is this the right journal for my work?

Do you or your colleagues know it? Does it match your subject and audience? Be wary of any journal that found you by email before you found it.

— Ask before you submit

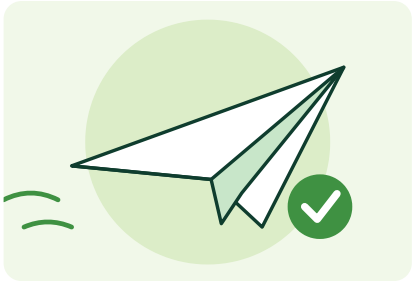


STEP 2 · CHECK

Cross-check in two places.

Try the ISSN Portal, DOAJ, Scopus or the Web of Science Master Journal List. Verify indexing claims on the index's own site, never on the journal's.

— Verify, don't assume



STEP 3 · SUBMIT

Only if the answers are yes.

Submit when you can answer "yes" to most or all checklist questions. Still unsure? Send the journal's name to the library before you pay anything.

— The library can check for you

▶ DEADLINES

Dates to Note This Season.

DEC 10

BOBCATSSS 2027 Early-Bird

Barcelona · 19–21 Jan 2027

Early-bird registration closes for the international library and information science conference. Abstract submission has closed.

JAN 30

InCIS 2027 Early-Bird

IIT Madras · 12–14 Mar 2027

India Conference on Information Systems. Paper submission has closed; early-bird registration is open.

DEC 28

Call for Papers: K-12 in the AI Age

AI, Brain and Child · Springer

Open-access special issue on reimagining K-12 education. Accepted articles are eligible for open-access sponsorship.

JAN 31

Call for Papers: AI Literacy

AI, Brain and Child · Springer

Special issue on developing and assessing AI literacy for children.

DEC 31

IISc Postdoctoral Fellowship

Quarterly review · Rolling

₹80,000 a month plus HRA and a ₹2,00,000 yearly grant. Needs a PhD and a faculty host's consent. Confirm on iisc.ac.in.

Looking for more calls?

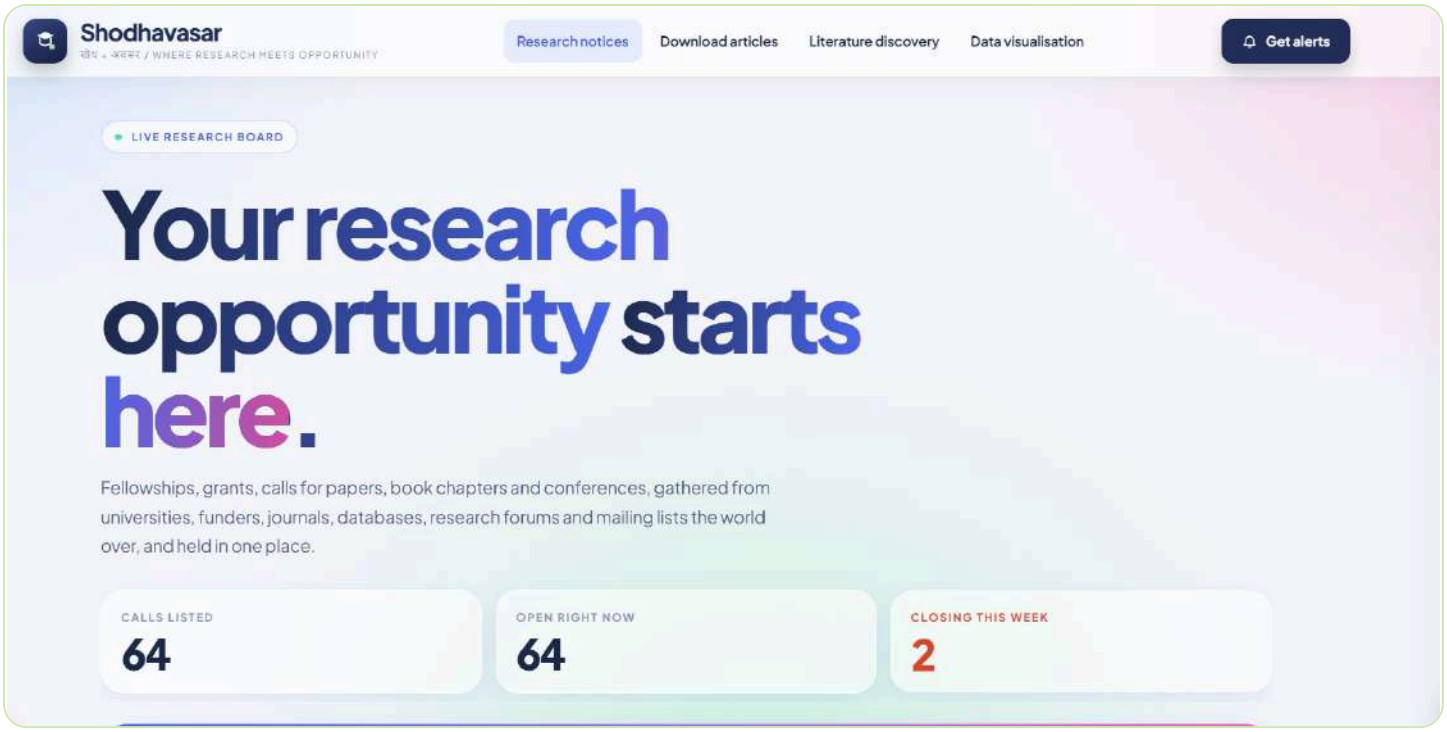
Turn the page for Shodhavasar, a free noticeboard of research calls.

▶ BEFORE YOU APPLY

- **Open the original announcement.** Deadlines can change, and the official page is always the final word.
- **Check eligibility and fees.** Confirm age limits, degree dates and any article charges before you start.
- **Never pay to apply** for a fellowship. Ask the library if something looks unusual.

▶ SPOTLIGHT

Shodhavasar: Where Research Meets Opportunity.



The Shodhavasar research board. The figures shown change as calls are added and close.

What it is. Shodhavasar joins two Hindi words: *shodh*, research, and *avasar*, opportunity. It calls itself an independent noticeboard of research calls, read and compiled by hand, free to use and free to share.

What it lists. Fellowships, grants, postdoc calls, calls for papers, book chapters and conferences, gathered from universities, funders, journals, databases, research forums and mailing lists. Each entry is a short factual summary of dates, eligibility and scope, linked to the original announcement.

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Also on the site. The menu lists sections for Download articles, Literature discovery and Data visualisation, alongside the Research notices board.

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▶ VISIT SHODHAVASAR

Scan here to visit.

Point your phone camera at the code to open the board, browse open calls and set up alerts.

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▶ BEFORE YOU SUBMIT

Three Minutes Can Protect Your Career.

Run every journal through this checklist before you send your paper.

- [ ] **The ISSN is real and the details match (portal.issn.org)**
- [ ] **It is listed in DOAJ, Scopus or Web of Science**
- [ ] **The web address is not in the Hijacked Journal Checker**
- [ ] **Fees and the review process are stated up front**
- [ ] **I can reach the publisher by phone, email and post**
- [ ] **I have worked through Think. Check. Submit.**

Predatory and hijacked journals depend on speed and flattery. A little checking protects your work, your name and your university's reputation.

▶ USE THE LIBRARY

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Ask Us

Not sure about a journal? Email its name and we will check it in DOAJ, Scopus, Web of Science and the ISSN portal before you submit.

Request an Article

Hit a paywall? Send us the title, journal and DOI. In July and August 2026 we fulfilled 764 article requests and 288 e-book requests.

Share Your Research

Deposit accepted papers in PULOAR where the publisher allows it, and upload your thesis to Shodhganga, so others can read your work free.

Ask About Fees First

Article fees should be stated up front. If a journal hides its fees until after acceptance, walk away and tell us.

▶ RESEARCH INTEGRITY

Retraction-Proof: Protect Your Paper.

WHY PAPERS ARE RETRACTED

- Unreliable findings, from misconduct such as fabricated data or from honest error
- Work published elsewhere without cross-referencing or permission
- Plagiarism
- Unethical research

HOW TO KEEP YOURS SAFE

- Keep raw data and analysis files organised and backed up
- Run a plagiarism check before submission
- Cite everything you reuse, including your own work
- Never submit one paper to two journals at once
- Agree author order in writing, and report errors early

Before you cite, search the Retraction Watch Database (retractiondatabase.org) by title, author or DOI so you don't build on retracted work.

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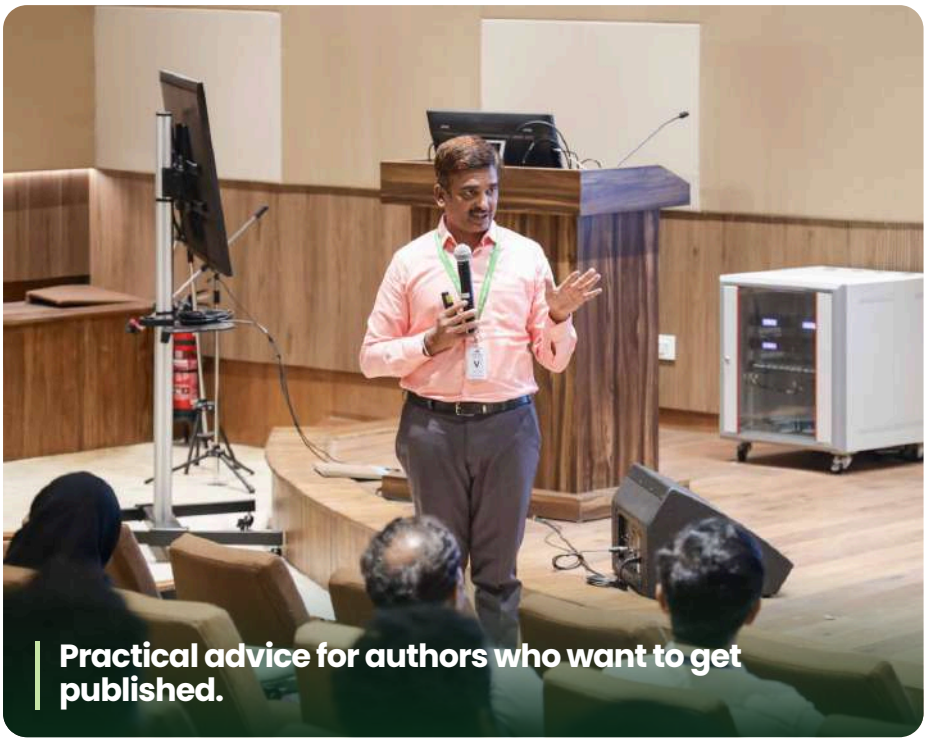
LIBRARY CONNECTED SESSION

Writing Quality Technical Papers for IEEE

An expert session on getting published, hosted at Presidency University, Bengaluru.

Wednesday, 14 October 2026 | **2:30 PM – 3:30 PM** | **Seminar Hall, L Block**



Practical advice for authors who want to get published.

▶ SESSION AT A GLANCE

Who, When and Where.

SPEAKER
Dr. Dhanu Pattanashetti

ROLE
Senior Client Services Manager, IEEE

DATE
Wednesday, 14 October 2026

TIME
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

VENUE
Seminar Hall, L Block, Presidency University

▶ SESSION REPORT

Practical advice for getting published.

Our library connected researchers with a practical session on Wednesday, 14 October 2026. Dr. Dhanu Pattanashetti, Senior Client Services Manager at IEEE, spoke on "Writing Quality Technical Papers for IEEE" in the Seminar Hall, L Block, from 2:30 to 3:30 PM.

The session was designed for researchers, faculty and students who want to improve their chances of being published. It looked at the publishing journey from the author's side: how to select the right publication for a submission, what reviewers and editors expect, and which common mistakes to avoid while writing a paper.

It also introduced the support IEEE provides to authors during the publication process, so participants know where to turn for help.

The topics sit closely with the pages of this issue: choosing a trusted journal, avoiding predatory and hijacked titles, and keeping a paper safe from retraction. Good publishing starts with the right venue.

In short: choose the right venue, write for your reviewers, and avoid the mistakes that cost papers their place.

▶ WHAT WAS COVERED

Five Topics Every Author Should Know.

1 Tips to improve your chances

The session shared tips and best practices to improve an author's chances of getting published. Acceptance depends on more than good results: clear writing, a sound structure and a paper that follows the journal's rules all count.

2 Selecting the right publication

Participants learned how to select the right publication for a research submission. A strong paper sent to the wrong journal is often rejected, so match scope and audience, and verify the journal first. IEEE also offers a Publication Recommender tool.

3 What reviewers and editors expect

The talk explained the expectations of reviewers and editors. Knowing these helps you write for your readers: a clear contribution, a method others can follow, and conclusions that your results support.

4 Avoiding common mistakes

It highlighted common mistakes to avoid while writing a paper. Many rejections are avoidable. Typical examples include unclear aims, ignored formatting guidelines, weak abstracts and poorly cited work.

5 Support during publication

The support IEEE provides during the publication process was also covered, so authors know where to find help. The IEEE Author Center offers tools and templates for authors.



Participants listen in at the Seminar Hall.

▶ TAKEAWAYS

What Our Researchers Can Do Next.

- **Pick the journal before you write.** Check scope, audience and author guidelines.
- **Verify it.** Use DOAJ, Scopus or Web of Science and the Think. Check. Submit. checklist.
- **Write for reviewers.** State your contribution clearly and support your conclusions.
- **Follow the rules.** Format as instructed and run a plagiarism check before you submit.
- **Use the tools.** Look at the Author Center and Publication Recommender offered by IEEE.
- **Ask the library** whenever you are unsure.

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▶ BY THE NUMBERS

Library Usage Statistics.

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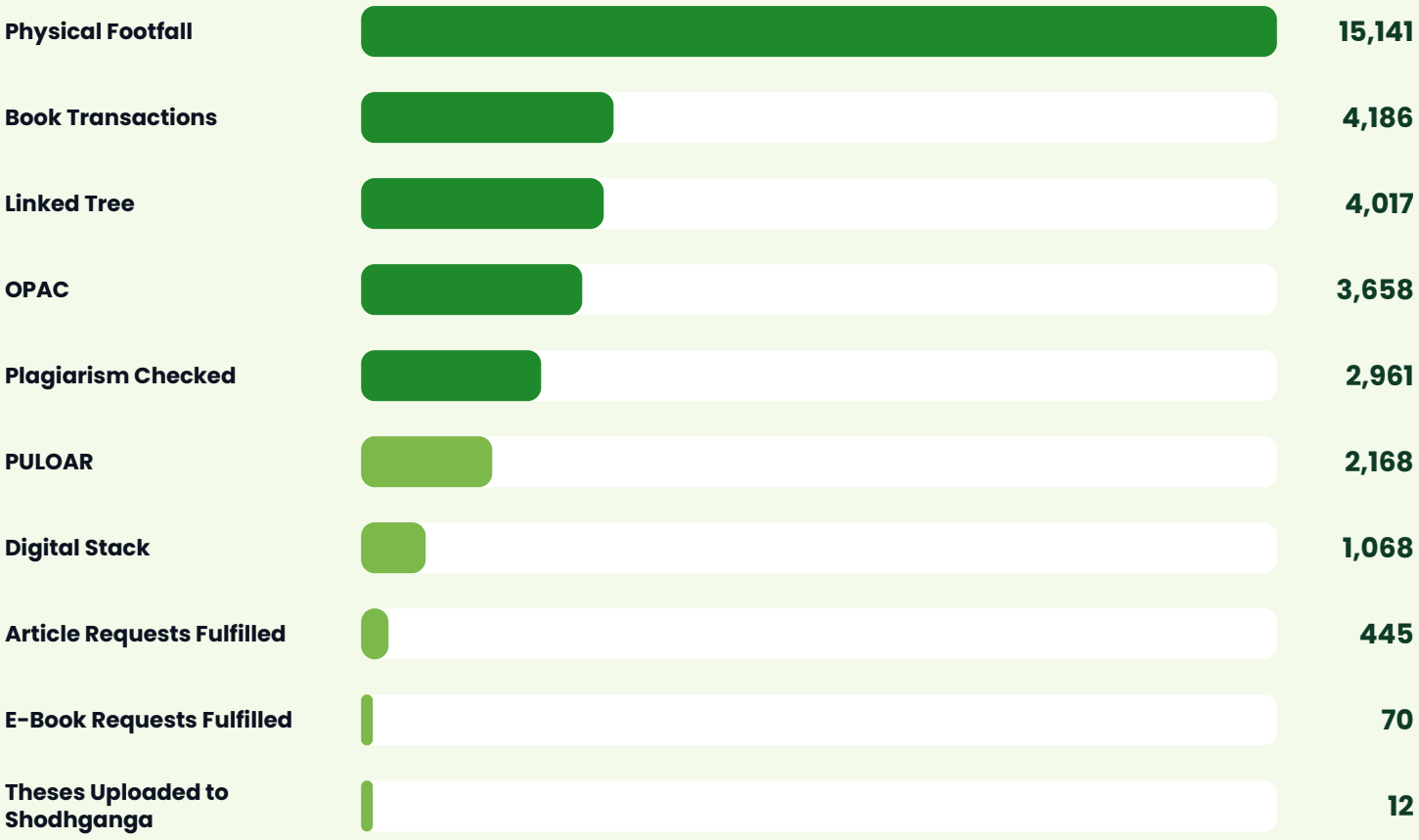
PHYSICAL FOOTFALL

15,141

Visits to the library over September and October, alongside **4,186** book transactions, **4,017** Linked Tree visits, **3,658** OPAC searches and **2,961** documents checked for plagiarism.



Did you know? The library can get you articles and e-books it does not hold: **445** article requests and **70** e-book requests were fulfilled this period, and **12** theses were uploaded to Shodhganga.

▶ E-RESOURCES

Top 10 Databases by Page Views.

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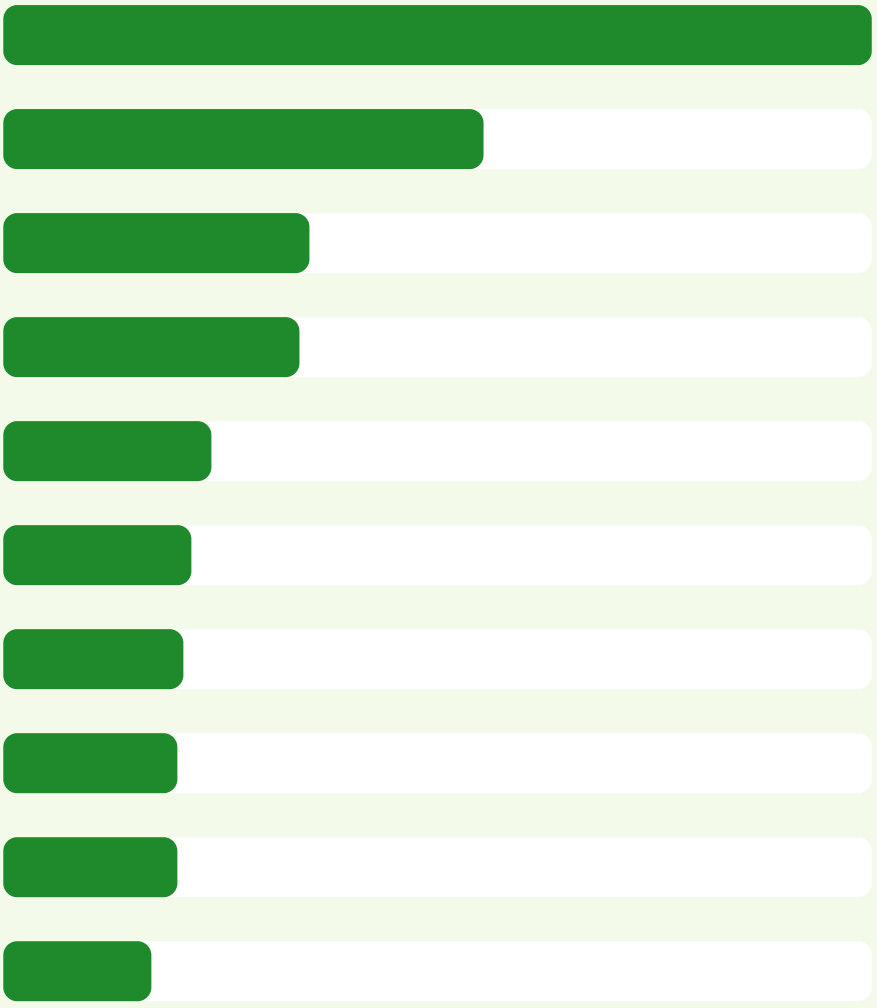
42,745	10,947	1,010	36
Page views	Searches	Downloads	Databases used

	DATABASE	PAGE VIEWS
1	Scopus	11,894
2	Springer	6,562
3	EBC Reader	4,184
4	JSTOR	4,071
5	SCC Online	2,854
6	Manupatra	2,565
7	IEEE	2,478
8	Capitaline	2,390
9	DELNET	2,387
10	EBSCO	2,032



What the numbers say

Scopus led with **11,894** page views and **7,075** searches, about 28% of all views. Springer came second with **6,562** views. JSTOR had the most downloads (**440**), followed by EBSCO (**225**). Law databases SCC Online and Manupatra, and IEEE, each passed 2,400 page views. Databases with many searches but few downloads, like Scopus, are mainly used to find and cite papers; ask the library for the full text when it is not open.

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