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PLAGIARISM CHECK AS A MEASURE TO SUSTAIN THE QUALITY OF PUBLICATIONS BY ACADEMICIANS

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Abstract:- This article talks about what is plagiarism?, and indicates how one is able to find out that an individual's publication is plagiarised, and creates awareness as to why one should not indulge in dishonest practices. Thus we need to understand the rise in the need for a check on plagiarism to sustain the quality of publications in education, as plagiarism is an evil ethics that brings discord in a society if this dishonesty is not eradicated.

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INTRODUCTION-

Plagiarism is derived from the Latin word "plagiarius" which means stealing someone else's work. Plagiarism is stealing ones ideas, thoughts and expressions and representing as one's own original work. It is a serious ethical offense in academics and industry.

In journalism it is an offense, if journalists are caught plagiarising, the publishing press loses its credibility and journalists may lose their jobs.

In the field of academia, students caught plagiarising especially in higher education where a student may be expected to rework. Therefore, each individual at any level, be it at higher education, work or industry must try their best not to steal another author's thoughts, ideas or expressions, but should try their best to bring in their own originality and creativity of thought and expression.

Thus during the process of publishing articles or manuscripts, the committee in charge and editors are responsible to check for any plagiarized material, if the author has violated the academic code of conduct that would hold him responsible. Originality of one's work must be given importance, and simply stealing others ideas, thoughts, expressions and citing them as one's own is an offense and must be taken in to consideration of the consequences if it continues to prevail.

NEED:

In today's world which is becoming stressful and competitive ambitious students and academicians at all levels want to improve in their academics, research, publications to attain better results and higher grades, thus the need for a check in plagiarism is vital. Internet has many websites which check for plagiarism such as Viper, Turnitin, CrossCheck etc

The reason and need for a check is to make sure that our work is plagiarism free, despite we might have edited our work and have not plagiarised deliberately, but a check will place us in the position to correct our errors. It also enables authors and editors to maintain high academic scholarly standards. This also helps editors, professors at colleges to check manuscripts and publications for passages plagiarized from the internet, primary and secondary sources. Thus a need for a plagiarism check is vital in today's society to maintain high academic scholarly standards in education.

CONCEPT OF PLAGIARISM:

 "Plagiarism is a species of intellectual fraud. It consists of unauthorized copying that the copier claims (whether explicitly or implicitly, and whether deliberately or carelessly) is original with him and the claim causes the copier's audience

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to behave otherwise than it would if it knew the truth."
(Richard A. Posner, *The Little Book of Plagiarism. Pantheon*, 2007)

"No plagiarist can excuse the wrong by showing how much of his work he did not pirate."
(Judge Learned Hand, "Sheldon vs. Metro-Goldwyn Pictures Corp," 1936)

"Student norms contrast with official norms not just because of this proliferation of quoting without attribution, but because students question the very possibility of originality. They often reveal profound insights into the nature of creation and demonstrate a considered acceptance of sharing and collaboration."
(Susan D. Blum, *My Word! Plagiarism and College Cultur*e. Cornell Univ. Press, 2009)

REVIEWS:

Scanlan (J Allied Health 2006;35(3):179-85) observed that student academic misconduct has become a growing problem for colleges and universities, including those responsible for preparing health professionals. Although the implementation of honour codes has had a positive impact on this problem, further reduction in student cheating and plagiarism can be achieved only via a comprehensive strategy that promotes an institutional culture of academic integrity. Such a strategy must combine efforts both to deter and detect academic misconduct, along with fair but rigorous application of sanctions against such behaviours. Methods useful in preventing or deterring dishonest behaviours among students include early integrity training complemented with course-level reinforcement, faculty role-modelling, and the application of selected testing/assignment preventive strategies, including honour pledges and honesty declarations. Giving students more responsibility for oversight of academic integrity also may help address this problem and better promote the culture needed to uphold its principles.

WHEN DO WE CALL A PUBLICATION PLAGIARISED?

In any institution or committee they are specialists who check manuscripts or articles for plagiarism. The material then is only said to be plagiarised when the author has not cited his primary or secondary sources, nor has he acknowledged the references or the works of other eminent authors during his writing. Thus one must bear in mind not to involve in plagiarising any material which is not of one's own original work and must be careful not to publish the same article in different journals.

WHY ONE SHOULD NOT INDULGE IN PLAGIARISM?

Plagiarism is a threat to the academia and research fraternity. Thus such practices should not be indulged as this result towards violation of ethical code of conduct. As an educationist, we must endeavour to bring awareness about the consequences to those who indulge shamelessly in such acts, as this brings a bad reputation of the individual, organization and committee.
Authors who want to publish their manuscripts must make sure they are aware of the guidelines in order to comply to protocols before they can send their articles for submission, failure to do so can lead to rejection and hence they can be snatched the legal authority and opportunity to further submit their articles to any publication.
We are all educated enough to realize that by indulging in such practices of academic misconduct we are snatching someone else's rights, it goes against professional code of conduct for any eminent scholar to behave in such a manner as one can be charged with an offence if it persists.

CONCLUSION:

Plagiarism is an academic dishonesty, we have to be able to distinguish between our own work and others work, this it is very important to cite the sources used. In case we are stuck we have to contact our instructor or professor.
We need to be original and creative in our work, otherwise it is an offense to copy or rephrase every word or sentence without the actual quotations from the actual person.
My sincere request to all readers is that please be original in your work, and it is our utmost duty to report any mishandling of information to the official concerned so that we are able to protect the rights of others and purity of one's work.

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