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- ***Indian J Occup Ther***
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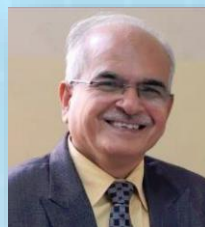


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S. No.	Name of the Editor-in-Chief	Region*	Tenure (Years)
1.	Dr. Anil Kumar Srivastava	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	2012-2016
2.	Dr. Anil Kumar Srivastava	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	2016-2020
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1.	Dr. Anil Kumar Srivastava*	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	2020-2024
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Editor-in-Chief Position was introduced from the year 2012 onward

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Former Editors of the IJOT

Former Editors of the IJOT and Tenure Years in Office

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1.	Ms. Kailash V. Merchant	Mumbai, Maharashtra	1955
2.	Mrs. Kamala Vishnu Nimbkar	Mumbai, Maharashtra	1956 to 1959
3.	-	-	1960 to 1961
4.	-	-	1962 to 1963
5.	-	-	1964 to 1965
6.	-	-	1966 to 1967
7.	-	-	1968 to 1969
8.	-	-	1970 to 1972
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Scope of the IJOT



Covers technical and clinical studies related to health, ethical and social issues in the field of OT.



Publishes study protocols, original scientific research papers, systematic, narrative and scoping review papers, case reports, preliminary articles, letters to the editor, editorials, guest editorials, conference abstracts of the AIOTA, perspectives and evidence summaries on all aspects of OT.




Articles with clinical interest and implications are given preference

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S. No.	Abstracting Database	URL	Year
1.	ICMR-NIC Centre's IndMED	http://indmed.nic.in	2001-2014
2.	OTDBase, Canada	www.otdbase.org	2002 onward
3.	German Portal of OT	http://www.ergothemen.de/	2006-2018
4.	J-Gate Informatics India	www.j-gate.informindia.co.in	* - 2018
5.	OTseeker, Australia	http://www.otseeker.com	* - 2018
6.	Baidu Scholar	https://scholar.baidu.com/tools/baidu-scholar	2018 onward
7.	EBSCO	https://www.ebsco.com/products/research-databases/e-journals-database	2013 onward
8.	CNKI	www.eng.scholar.cnki.net	2012 onward
9.	Ex Libris - Primo Central	https://exlibrisgroup.com/products/primo-discovery-service/content-index/	2018 onward
10.	Google Scholar	https://scholar.google.com/	2018 onward

IJOT: Indian Journal of Occupational Therapy; OT: Occupational Therapy; URL: Uniform Resource Locator; ICMR: Indian Council of Medical Research; NIC: National Informatics Centre; IndMED: Indian Medical; EBSCO: Elton B. Stephens Company; CNKI: China National Knowledge Infrastructure; *Initiation Year Not Yet Found in Respective Database



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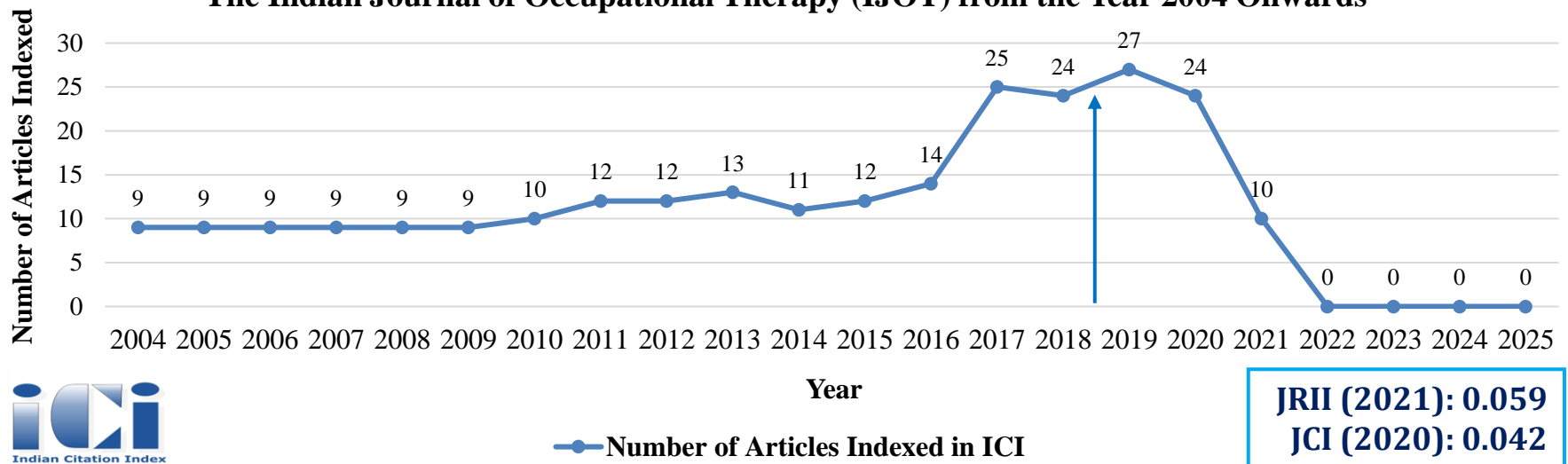
S. No.	Abstracting Database	URL	Year
11.	Hinari	https://www.who.int/hinari/en/	2018 onward
12.	Infotrieve	https://www.copyright.com/businesses/document-delivery-service/	2018 onward
13.	National Science Library	http://nsl.niscair.res.in	2018 onward
14.	ProQuest	https://www.proquest.com/	2018 onward
15.	TdNet	https://tdnet.io/	2018 onward
16.	Wanfang Data	http://www.wanfangdata.com/	2018 onward

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The IJOT Strengths: National Indexing Status

Figure 1: Number of Articles Indexed in Indian Citation Index (ICI) of The Indian Journal of Occupational Therapy (IJOT) from the Year 2004 Onwards



Year 2021 Onward: Is under process of indexing, hence all articles are not yet reflected till the year 2025.

Please Note: From the year 2017 onwards, the IJOT was published quarterly i.e. 4 Issues/Year (Hence, increase in number of articles).

Journal Research Impact Indicator (JRII) in 2021: 0.059; **Journal Current Index (JCI) in 2020:** 0.042

ICI Indexing Status Till Year 2021: Articles Indexed: 248; Citations: 97; Type: Open Access

IJOT: Indian Journal of Occupational Therapy; OT: Occupational Therapy; URL: Uniform Resource Locator; OAI: Open Archives Initiative. **Reference:** Solanki PV et al. Indian J Occup Ther [serial online] 2022 [cited 2023 Jan 21];54:1-3. Available from: <http://www.ijotonweb.org/text.asp?2022/54/1/1/340891> and Indian Citation Index [Website]. <http://www.indiancitationindex.com/janalyzer.aspx>. [Last accessed on 27 January 2020].




The IJOT Strengths: Listing Status



University Grants Commission
Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (UGC-CARE)



Listed In & Year	URL and Approval Number
UGC Journal List (* to 2019)	https://www.ugc.ac.in/ UGC Approved Journal SI No.: 20827
UGC - CARE List Group I (2019 onward)	https://ugccare.unipune.ac.in/apps1/home/index



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Publication Language	English
Publisher	All India Occupational Therapists' Association
ISSN	NA
E-ISSN	2773-1073
Discipline	Science
Subject	Health Professions (all)
Focus Subject	Occupational Therapy
UGC-CARE coverage years	from January-2021 to Present

Source: <https://ugccare.unipune.ac.in/Apps1/User/WebA/ViewDetails?JournalId=101012795&flag=Search>

IJOT: Indian Journal of Occupational Therapy; OT: Occupational Therapy; URL: Uniform Resource Locator; UGC-CARE: University Grants Commission - Consortium for Academic & Research Ethics.

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The IJOT Fulfills UGC Criteria: 4.5 Qualifications, Experience and Other Eligibility Requirements for Appointment of OT Teachers in India

S. No.	Designation	Publication Requirements
1.	Assistant Professor	-
2.	Associate Professor	Published work of high standard in peer-reviewed or UGC-listed journals.
3.	Professor	Published work of high standard in peer-reviewed or UGC-listed journals.
4.	Principal/Director/Dean	Published work of high standard in peer-reviewed or UGC-listed journals.

Source: University Grants Commission Notification. New Delhi, **The 18th July, 2018.** UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018. Page 66.



The IJOT Fulfills UGC Criteria: Checklist Criteria Used for Inclusion of Journals in the UGC-Approved List of Journals

Journal Recommendation Form		
Name of the Journal		
ISSN Number		
Nature of Publication	Only Hard Copy / Only Online / Hard Copy and Online	
Periodicity		
Publisher, City and Country		
Criteria	Answer	Score
The journal has a website which provides full postal and email addresses of Chief Editor and Editors, and at least some of these addresses are verifiable official addresses	Yes/No	If yes, then only proceed further
		Select score
1. The website provides complete instructions to authors/reviewers	Yes/No	+1 for 'Yes' /-1for 'No'
2. The journal has a well-defined peer-review and publication policy	Yes/No	+1 for 'Yes' /-1for 'No'
3. The journal has a well-defined Ethics policy	Yes/No	+1 for 'Yes' /-1for 'No'
4. The journal has a declared frequency of publication each year	Yes/No	+1 for 'Yes' /-1for 'No'
5. The journal is published regularly and in time following its declared frequency	Yes/No	+1 for 'Yes' /-1for 'No'
6. The journal claims that it is indexed in a given database and this claim is verified	Yes/No	+1 for 'Yes' /-1for 'No'
7. Journal levies submission/publication charges	Yes/No	0 for 'Yes' /+1 for 'No'
8. Since when is the journal being regularly published (select any one)	<4 years 4-6 year >6years	0 + 1 + 2
Final Score (taking into consideration scores of points 1-8)		



International Indexing Requirements: Scopus (The IJOT - Evaluation)

S. No.	Criteria	Yes/No
1.	The Journal has a minimum of 2 year publication history	Yes
2.	Journal has a unique title, not identical to one we already index in Scopus	Yes
3.	The journal is peer-reviewed	Yes
4.	Abstracts, titles and keywords are in English; Authors - in Roman script	Yes
5.	References are presented in Roman script	Yes
6.	Journal is published regularly & as per publishing schedule, which is available at journal's website	?Yes
7.	Ethics and malpractice statement is available in English at journal's website	Yes
7.1	Editor and Editorial Board	Yes
7.2	All following aspects of Authors and their responsibilities are covered at journal's website	Yes
7.3	All following aspects of peer-review process are covered clearly	Yes



International Indexing Requirements: Scopus (The IJOT - Evaluation)

S. No.	Criteria	Yes/No
7.4	Listed below Publication ethics aspects are presented at journal's website	Yes
7.5	Copyright and licensing information is clearly described on journal's website	Yes
7.6	Subscription fees or pay-per-view fees are clearly stated on journal's website	Yes
7.7	A journal's plan for electronic backup and preservation of access to the journal content in the event a journal is no longer published (access to archive) is clearly indicated at journal's website	?Yes
7.8	Information about the ownership and/or management of a journal is clearly indicated on the journal's website (organizational names that would mislead potential authors and editors about the nature of the journal's owner are not used in information about the ownership)	Yes
8.	Journal has ISSN and/or e-ISSN/ISSN-L, confirmed by international ISSN Center	Yes
9.	Journal has dedicated website in English (alone or in addition to website in local language)	Yes



International Indexing Requirements: Scopus (The IJOT - Evaluation)

S. No.	Criteria	Yes/No
10.	Author instructions (guide for authors) are available in English at journal's website	Yes
11.	Aims and Scope are available in English and presented at journal's website	Yes
12.1	Geographical diversity: of Editors - is according to claimed journal's aim and scope	Yes
12.2	Geographical diversity: of Authors - is according to claimed journal's aim and scope	Yes
13.	Journal's documents are cited by Scopus sources	?Yes
14.	Journal's Editors are experts in subject area, covered by the journal	Yes
15.	Journal has DOI	Yes



International Indexing Requirements: Scopus (The IJOT - Evaluation)

S. No.	Criteria	Yes/No
16.1	Content quality: The journal consistently publishes articles that are scientifically sound and relevant to an international academic or professional audience in this field	?Yes
16.2	Content quality: The content of the articles is consistent with the stated scope and aims of the journal and consistently of high academic quality	?Yes
16.3	Content quality: Tables and figures in articles are clear and well configured within article content (are not just copied-pasted from Excel)	?Yes
16.4	Content quality: The language and grammar of articles are good. Content of the articles is logically structured, easily readable and understandable	?Yes
16.5	Content quality: The abstracts are clear, easily readable and provide an excellent comprehensive summary of the article of sufficient length	?Yes



Opportunities of the IJOT

Indexing Requirements: PubMed/PMC - Process of Application (The IJOT - Evaluation)

- 1. Pre-Application Requirements for Journal and Publisher**
- 2. Information Requirements during Application Submission**
- 3. Initial Application Screening**
- 4. Scientific Quality Review: as per PMC's scientific quality standard**
- 5. Technical Evaluation: as per Technical Evaluation Checklist. Files to be deposited for each article include: XML, PDF, Hi-Resolution Images and Supplementary Data**
- 6. Pre-Production Evaluation**
- 7. Live Release**

If after three rounds of evaluation the publisher fails to address all reported errors, then the journal's application will be rejected. If a deposit fails to meet PMC's minimum data criteria at any stage of the application process, the journal's application may be rejected.



Indexing Requirements: PubMed/PMC - Seven Steps Process (The IJOT - Evaluation)

1. Pre-Application Requirements

- Properly **registered ISSN**
- **Immediate access to the content (data)** at a publisher or third-party site as per NLM's electronic resources policy (**XML-tagged data**).
- A minimum of **25 peer-reviewed original articles** per year
- Journal must meet **PMC's language guidelines**
- At least a **two-year history of quality scholarly publishing** in the life sciences
- Management/individuals responsible for editorial quality and operations have **adequate experience in comparable positions** at other organizations.



Indexing Requirements: PubMed/PMC - Seven Steps Process (The IJOT - Evaluation)





2. Information Requirements during Application Submission

- Journal title and ISSN
- Date of first publication and publication frequency
- Journal website URL
- Links to the editorial board; editorial policies; peer-review process; and policies on Conflict of Interest, Human and Animal Rights, and Informed Consent
- Publisher name and information about its management, qualifications, and publishing policies



Indexing Requirements: PubMed/PMC - Seven Steps Process (The IJOT - Evaluation)

3. Initial Application Screening: Factors that determine if a journal is in scope for PMC

-  Peer-reviewed with a clearly stated peer-review policy
-  Publish generally within the biomedical and life sciences
-  The affiliations of the editors and authors should reflect the journal's scope and demonstrate editorial independence and diversity
-  Journals should primarily consist of the following article types:
 1. Original research & review articles
 2. Clinical case reports
 3. Data descriptor articles that point to a dataset
 4. Descriptions of clinical or surgical procedures



Indexing Requirements: PubMed/PMC - Seven Steps Process (The IJOT - Evaluation)

6. Pre-Production: In the pre-production phase, the journal is set up in PMC's systems. Generally, at this time, PMC will request the following from the publisher:

- A formal PMC Participation Agreement
- A complete set of article files, in accordance with PMC's Back Content policy
- Journal banner images that meet PMC's banner specifications

During the pre-production phase, PMC will send a correction report if any data errors are found in the complete set of files. PMC will proceed once a complete set of error-free files is supplied. If PMC finds serious or repeated data errors during the Pre-Production phase, the journal's application may be rejected.



Indexing Requirements: PubMed/PMC - Seven Steps Process (The IJOT - Evaluation)

7. Live Release

🏠 NLM countersigns the publisher's PMC Participation Agreement and releases the journal to the PMC public site with the publisher's approval.

🏠 Ongoing participation in PMC requires a journal and the journal publisher to continue to meet NLM's quality standards for PMC and the NLM collection. The process for re-evaluating accepted journals is described in the re-evaluation section of the PMC Policies page.



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