

# Why Indian Medical Post-graduate Students and Faculty Are Moving to Foreign Journals? Indian Medical Student and Foreign Journal

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In the last 2–3 decades, a notable trend has emerged: Indian authors, particularly medical students and faculty, increasingly prefer publishing their research in foreign journals over Indian ones. According to some reviewers, only a few Indian journals publish more than six issues per year. Furthermore, many Indian journals have lengthy processing times and high rejection rates, making it difficult for authors to get their work accepted promptly.

A significant factor for this preference among post-graduate students is their desire to work or settle abroad. Publishing in high-impact foreign journals strengthens their profiles and enhances job prospects. Moreover, with the number of medical colleges and enrolled students growing rapidly in India, the demand for indexed journals with good impact factors far outpaces the supply of such Indian journals.


Medical faculty members face an additional challenge. They are required to publish in indexed

journals for career advancement and promotion within Indian medical colleges, but changes in indexing criteria and journal accreditation frequently disrupt their publication plans, creating added pressure.

In conclusion, foreign journals currently offer Indian post-graduate students and faculty better opportunities to meet academic and professional requirements due to the scarcity of high-impact, indexed Indian journals. However, with time, possibly in the next 1–2 decades, India may have a sufficient number of indexed journals with strong impact factors to support local academic and professional advancement.

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