Seminar on
Ranking of International and Domestic Journals in Economics: A Study

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Abstract

The research community has long and often been fervently keen on debating the topic of journal impact and its ranking. This paper is an attempt to assess the ranking of journal in discipline of economics, econometrics and finance in India and worldwide. Two types of ranking assessment, one based on publications in international online journals, and the other based on publications in domestic online journals are derived. SCImago rank portal is used for the purpose of journal ranking, which includes the journals and country scientific indicators developed from the information contained in the Scopus database (Elsevier B.V.). The country rankings are also constructed using different approaches namely, documents, citable documents, citations, self-citations; citations per document, H index etc. From these rankings the trend of research work and the growth of the publication in the subject of economics, econometrics and finance are studied. The study showed that there is positive growth among the international journals in economics discipline worldwide compare to Indian economic journals. It is found that, ranking of domestic economic journal is a big challenge because of the availability of data and irregularity in the publications. Many Indian journals are not having their websites and archives. Study shows that in the economics discipline, Quarterly Journal of Economics ranks highest, followed by, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, and Journal of Economic Literature. Economic and Political Weekly in India have received higher ranks, followed by Journal of Emerging Market Finance which reflect some tendency of concentration of research works in these areas in the Indian context. Finally it is suggested that, there should be online availability of the domestic Journal for the better access and to improve the impact factor of any journal.