



journal with Pubmed/PMC/Medline with year of indexing. Mere reflection of a journal in NLM Catalogue does not confirm that it is indexed with Pubmed/PMC/Medline.

Q.7 Is Index Medicus same as Index Medicus for South East Asia Region (IMSEAR)?

Ans: **Index Medicus (IM)** is a curated subset of MEDLINE, which is a bibliographic database scientific journal articles. From 1879 to 2004, Index Medicus was a comprehensive bibliographic index of such articles. Thereafter, PubMed supplanted it, which continues to include the Index as a subset of the journals it covers. Index Medicus **for South-East Asia Region (IMSEAR)**, on the other hand is an archive of selected publications in health sciences in the WHO South-East Asia Region.

Q.8 Where can I access the NMC Regulations pertaining to Faculty Promotion?

Ans: All NMC Gazette Notifications are available online and should be read carefully for better understanding of the existing regulations on the subject. The gazette notifications dated 24/21 Jul 2009, 15 Dec 2009, 05 Jun 2017, 07 Jun 2019, 16 Aug 2019, 12 Feb 2020 and MCI letter dated 03 Sep 2015 are some of the important regulations on the subject.

Q.9 What is a predatory journal?

Ans: "Predatory journals and publishers are entities that prioritize self-interest at the expense of scholarship and are characterized by false or misleading information, deviation from best editorial and publication practices, a lack of transparency, and/or the use of aggressive and indiscriminate solicitation practices."-(Ref: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-03759-y>)

Q.10 How do I know whether a journal is predatory?

Ans: (a) Always check the website thoroughly.
(b) Check if the journal is a member of DOAJ, COPE, OASPA or STM.
(c) Check the journal's contact information.
(d) Research the editorial board.
(e) Take a look at their peer review process and publication timelines. ...
(f) Read through past issues of the journal.

Q.11 What do I do, if I still have some queries on the subject?

Ans: You may email your query regarding the app to info@pubcheck.org