

Editorial



Dear JEET Reader,

It is a great pleasure to write my first editorial for this journal. I would like to start by providing two updates that reflect the effort that the JEET team and the authors have put into the journal. One, after a thorough review, SCOPUS has approved JEET for indexing. This will help the reach and impact of JEET tremendously, and will serve as further motivation for potential authors to submit high-quality manuscripts aimed for a global audience. Along these lines, the second update is that JEET has moved to #14 in Google Scholar Metrics for all publication outlets for engineering education. This is a significant improvement, from #19 less than a year ago. As our authors continue to submit interesting studies and articles that report on well-planned experiments with solid theoretical foundations, I expect the ranking of JEET to climb further.

As the only engineering education journal based in India to make the top 20 list in Google Scholar Metrics, JEET has the honor of representing India and has the responsibility to present papers that represent the best work in this field coming from India. Plagiarism checking is the first step that any submission goes through, and by providing the plagiarism report to the authors along with helpful feedback, the editorial team provides guidance to authors on how to adhere to the highest international standards for plagiarism and academic integrity. Only when a paper has passed our plagiarism checks and the initial editorial review, it is sent for peer review.

With the growing popularity and prestige of JEET, we are seeing a larger number of direct submissions to the journal. This has resulted in some slipping of our target timelines for the various steps in the peer review process. It has also resulted in higher pressure on peer reviewers in terms of the number of papers they review per year. We are in the process of recruiting new reviewers and offering them adequate training. Any prospective reviewers are encouraged to contact me at sohum.iucee@gmail.com so that I can add you to the reviewer database. Since the peer review is crucial to maintaining high standards and helping authors improve their manuscripts, we would like to recognize our reviewers by printing a list of reviewers in the January issue each year. This list will reflect reviews performed in the previous calendar year.

Various initiatives undertaken by IUCEE support the overall engineering education ecosystem in India, and many of these initiatives are creating transformations that will make their way into articles published in JEET. The rate of progress is rising quite rapidly, whether it is the number of faculty who are certified by the internationally-recognized IIEECP

(IUCEE International Engineering Education Certification Program) or the number of colleges partnering on EPICS (Engineering Projects in Community Service). Through the annual leadership summit, consortium member of IUCEE are forming cross-institution clusters to spread the adoption of innovative pedagogical practices as well best practices in governance, entrepreneurship and remote/online education just to name a few. IUCEE is also trying to set up large-scale studies to gauge the impact of these activities, and report the findings in JEET and other appropriate outlets. We are proud of this growth and are driven by the enthusiasm and energy of all those who are involved. JEET will continue to support these ventures by publishing articles that thoroughly investigate the impacts of these activities, so that they may spread beyond a select few institutions in India to a much broader global audience.

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