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Conference Paper Submission Guidelines

Conference Theme

ஒன்றிணைந்த சமூகப் பொறுப்பு: ஒரு சிறந்த தேசத்தை உருவாக்குதல்
Integrated Social Responsibility: Creating a Better Nation

Sub-Tracks

- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Agriculture, Applied Sciences and Natural Sciences
- Entrepreneurship
- Gender Equity and Equality
- Health and Wellbeing
- Heritage, Cultures and Indigenous Knowledge
- Language, Linguistics and Literature
- Media and Communication
- Peace, Law and Governance
- Technology, Innovation and Education

Format of the Research Paper

- Font Type: Tamil – Baamini / English – Times New Roman
- Font Size; Title 14 Bold / Sub Title 12 Bold / Body Text 12 Normal, abstract, title of figures and tables 10 normal
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- margins: 2.5 cm
- line spacing: 1.5
- block alignment
- Paragraph Indentation: Indent the first line of each paragraph by 0.5 inches.
- Abstract: 200- 250 words including 5 Key words (maximum)
- Full Paper: 2500 – 3000 words (including references)
- Paper Size: A4
- Referencing Style: APA 7th Edition

Structure of the Research Paper

- Title
- Author's Name, Affiliation and Email
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Methodology
- Results and Discussion
- Conclusion
- References

Title: Clear and concise; centered in uppercase.

Author(s): Full name(s), centered, with affiliations and emails below.

Affiliations: Include department, institution, city, state, country.

TITLE (uppercase letters, center aligned, Tamil-Baamini/English-Times New Roman, 14pt, bold)

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Abstract:

- ✓ Length: 200-250 words.
- ✓ Summarize key points of the paper (Baamini/Times New Roman 10pt, bloc-aligned).
- ✓ Include 3-5 keywords, in alphabetical order, separated by commas (italicized) below the abstract (Baamini /Times New Roman 10pt, Italic, Block-aligned).

Introduction:

- ✓ Clearly state the research problem and purpose.
- ✓ Provide context and rationale for the study.
- ✓ Introduce research questions/hypotheses.
- ✓ Do not use subheadings.

Literature Review:

- ✓ Review relevant literature to establish the background.
- ✓ Highlight gaps or controversies.
- ✓ Explain how your study contributes.

Methodology:

- ✓ Provide enough details about the type of study, sampling, data collection methods, variables, conceptual framework, and hypotheses.
- ✓ For qualitative studies, the methods section may be modified to fit the specific needs of the study.
- ✓ The methods section may not be applicable to conceptual and literature review papers.

Results and Discussion:

- ✓ The results and discussion section is a critical part of a research paper.
- ✓ It should be divided into subsections or combined, depending on the specific needs of the study.
- ✓ Tables and figures can be used to present the results in a clear and concise way where appropriate.
- ✓ The findings of the study should be interpreted in relation to the research questions.
- ✓ The implications and contributions of the findings should be discussed.
- ✓ The limitations of the study should be addressed and future research should be suggested.

Conclusion:

- ✓ Summarize the key points of the study without introducing new information.
- ✓ Restate the importance of the study
- ✓ Discuss the contributions of the study to the field of research.

References:

- ✓ List all sources cited in the paper.
- ✓ Arrange references alphabetically by the author's last name.
- ✓ Use hanging indent for each reference.
- ✓ Follow APA 7th edition guidelines for formatting references.

Example of In-Text Citation and Reference Lists

In-Text Citations: (Author(s) Last Name, Year)

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- ❖ Two authors: (Johnson & Williams, 2021)
- ❖ Three or more authors: (Brown et al., 2019)

Reference List

Book

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Kruger, F., & Mitchell, B. (2019). *Research methodology*. Oxford University Press.

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