

## **Journal of Sustainable Science and Transformative Research (JSST-RL) Plagiarism Policy**

### **1. Introduction:**

JSST-RL is dedicated to upholding the highest standards of scholarly integrity and ethical conduct in research. Plagiarism, in any form, compromises the credibility and academic rigor of scholarly work. This policy outlines the expectations, guidelines, and consequences related to plagiarism within JSST-RL.

### **2. Definition of Plagiarism:**

Plagiarism is the act of presenting someone else's ideas, words, data, or intellectual property as one's own without proper acknowledgment or permission. This includes, but is not limited to, copying and pasting text from sources without citation, paraphrasing without proper attribution, and submitting someone else's work as one's own.

### **3. Plagiarism Checking:**

All submitted manuscripts will undergo a plagiarism check using industry-standard plagiarism detection tools. The similarity index should not exceed 15%, excluding references and technical terms.

### **4. Author's Responsibility:**

Authors are solely responsible for ensuring the originality and authenticity of their submitted work. Proper citation and referencing of all sources, including their own previous work, must be done to prevent plagiarism.

### **5. Editorial Review:**

The editorial team will conduct a comprehensive review of submitted manuscripts, including a plagiarism check. Manuscripts with a similarity index exceeding 15% will be subject to further evaluation, and appropriate action will be taken in accordance with this policy.

### **6. Consequences of Plagiarism:**

a. **Minor Plagiarism:** The manuscript may be returned to the author for proper citation and revision. Repeated instances may lead to rejection.

b. **Substantial Plagiarism:** The manuscript will be rejected, and the author will be notified. Repeated offenses may result in the author being barred from future submissions.

c. **Plagiarism Discovered After Publication:** If plagiarism is identified post-publication, the article will be retracted, and appropriate public notification will be made. The author may be banned from submitting to JSST-RL in the future.

### **7. Appeals:**

Authors have the right to appeal decisions related to plagiarism. Appeals should be made in writing, addressing the concerns raised by the editorial team. Appeals will be reviewed by the editorial board, and decisions will be communicated to the author.

### **8. Conclusion:**

JSST-RL is committed to maintaining the highest standards of academic integrity. Authors, reviewers, and editors are expected to adhere to the principles outlined in this plagiarism policy, ensuring the credibility and authenticity of published research in our journal.